



**United Republic of Tanzania  
Ministry of Agriculture  
Agricultural Marketing Section**

**Weekly Market Bulletin**

**18<sup>th</sup> March- 22<sup>th</sup> March, 2024**

**Key Messages**

**Food crops:** wholesale prices for food crops this week have been varying at different rates compared to price level last week. Price of finger millet increased by 6.3% while price of maize, rice, beans, sorghum, bulrush millet and round potato remained constant.

**Horticulture:** The period of 08<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 prices for horticultural crops in various markets have changed at different rates. Price of tomato increased by 18.8% while price of cucumber, green pepper, pineapple, onions and watermelon decreased by 22.4%, 17.5%, 6.4%, 0.6% and 0.4% respectively.

**Cocoa:** Total sales were 9,589,440 kilograms with a total value of TZS 95 billion for the week ended 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2024.

**Cashew nut:** Until 05<sup>th</sup> January 2023/24 trade season total sales of raw cashew nut was 241,477,696 kilograms with a total value of TZS 433 billion.

**Table 1: National weekly average wholesale prices (TZS/kg)**

Previous week	11 March -15 March 2024	Current week	18 March -22 March 2024					
	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
<b>National Average</b>	Current	700	2,300	2,300	1,400	1,400	1,600	900
	Previous	700	2,300	2,300	1,400	1,400	1,500	900
	<b>Change</b>	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 6.3%	▶ 0.0%

Table 2: Regional weekly average wholesale market prices (TZS/ kg)

Region	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
Dodoma	Current	500	2,600	2,800	700	600	1,400	900
	Previous	600	2,400	2,700	700	900	1,300	900
	Change	▼20.0%	▲7.7%	▲3.6%	▶0.0%	▼50.0%	▲7.1%	▶0.0%
Arusha	Current	700	2,900	1,900	1,400	1,600	1,600	800
	Previous	700	2,800	2,200	1,600	-	1,600	900
	Change	▶0.0%	▲3.4%	▼15.8%	▼14.3%	▲100.0%	▶0.0%	▼12.5%
Dar es Salaam	Current	1,000	2,300	2,900	-	-	-	1,000
	Previous	1,000	2,400	2,800	1,100	1,100	1,700	1,000
	Change	▶0.0%	▼4.3%	▲3.4%				▶0.0%
Lindi	Current	1,000	3,100	2,900	2,500	2,900	1,900	800
	Previous	1,000	3,000	2,900	2,500	2,900	1,900	800
	Change	▶0.0%	▲3.2%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%
Morogoro	Current	800	2,900	2,700	1,700	-	-	700
	Previous	700	2,600	2,700	1,500	1,800	1,800	700
	Change	▲12.5%	▲10.3%	▶0.0%	▲11.8%			▶0.0%
Tanga	Current	600	2,200	2,300	1,000	-	1,500	-
	Previous	900	2,400	2,400	1,000	-	1,500	-
	Change	▼50.0%	▼9.1%	▼4.3%	▶0.0%		▶0.0%	
Mtwara	Current	700	2,600	2,600	1,500	-	-	-
	Previous	800	2,800	2,900	1,900	-	-	1,100
	Change	▼14.3%	▼7.7%	▼11.5%	▼26.7%			
Iringa	Current	700	2,400	2,300	1,400	1,700	1,500	600
	Previous	800	2,400	2,300	1,300	1,700	1,500	600
	Change	▼14.3%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▲7.1%			▶0.0%
Ruvuma	Current	500	2,400	1,900	-	-	1,600	700
	Previous	600	2,300	2,200	-	-	1,500	700
	Change	▼20.0%	▲4.2%	▼15.8%			▲6.3%	▶0.0%
Tabora	Current	800	2,100	2,400	-	-	-	800
	Previous	700	2,100	2,300	-	-	-	800
	Change	▲12.5%	▶0.0%	▲4.2%				▶0.0%
Rukwa	Current	500	2,100	1,500	-	-	800	800
	Previous	400	2,100	1,500	-	-	700	800
	Change	▲20.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%			▲12.5%	▶0.0%

Region	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
Kigoma	Current	600	2,200	2,200	1,300	700	2,000	700
	Previous	600	2,300	2,300	700	500	1,900	700
	<b>Change</b>	▶ 0.0%	▼ 4.5%	▼ 4.5%	▲ 46.2%	▲ 28.6%	▲ 5.0%	▶ 0.0%
Shinyanga	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Previous	600	1,900	2,100	-	-	-	900
Mwanza	Current	600	2,200	2,200	1,500	1,300	1,600	900
	Previous	600	2,200	-	1,500	1,400	1,600	900
	<b>Change</b>	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 100.0%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 7.7%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Kagera	Current	500	2,600	1,800	1,600	1,700	1,700	700
	Previous	600	2,600	1,800	1,700	1,700	1,700	700
	<b>Change</b>	▼ 16.7%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 5.9%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Mara	Current	500	1,700	2,300	1,600	1,500	1,500	1,000
	Previous	500	2,100	2,300	1,600	1,500	1,600	1,000
	<b>Change</b>	▶ 0.0%	▼ 23.5%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 6.7%	▶ 0.0%
Manyara	Current	1,000	2,700	2,200	-	-	2,300	1,100
	Previous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Change</b>	▲ 100.0%	▲ 100.0%	▲ 100.0%				▲ 100.0%
Njombe	Current	500	2,300	1,900	1,000	-	1,200	500
	Previous	600	2,400	1,800	900	-	1,200	500
	<b>Change</b>	▼ 20.0%	▼ 4.3%	▲ 5.3%	▲ 10.0%		▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Katavi	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Previous	600	1,800	1,900	1,800	-	1,300	1,800
	<b>Change</b>							
Mbeya	Current	500	1,900	2,300	-	-	-	-
	Previous	500	2,000	2,300	-	-	-	-
	<b>Change</b>	▶ 0.0%	▼ 5.3%	▶ 0.0%				
Singida	Current	-	-	-	500	-	-	-
	Previous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Change</b>				▲ 100.0%			
Geita	Current	500	2,000	2,700	1,700	-	-	900
	Previous	500	2,000	2,900	1,700	-	-	-
	<b>Change</b>	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 7.4%	▶ 0.0%			▲ 100.0%

Region	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
Songwe	Current	500	2,400	1,600	-	-	-	-
	Previous	600	2,600	1,800	-	-	-	-
	Change	▼ 20.0%	▼ 8.3%	▼ 12.5%				
Simiyu	Current	600	1,900	2,500	800	1,900	1,900	1,200
	Previous	600	1,800	2,600	1,200	1,900	1,800	1,300
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▲ 5.3%	▼ 4.0%	▼ 50.0%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 5.3%	▼ 8.3%
Pwani	Current	900	2,400	2,700	1,400	-	-	1,900
	Previous	1,100	2,400	2,700	1,400	1,700	2,000	1,900
	Change	▼ 22.2%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%			▶ 0.0%

Source: Ministry of Agriculture, 2024

**Notes:**

- ✓ Unit of measurement: for food crops are in TZS per 100kg.
- ✓ The symbols (▲▼▶) depict the direction of price changes. (▲) price increased; (▼) price decreased; (▶) no change in price.
- ✓ (-) means data not available.

Table 3: Average Retail prices (TZS) for Horticulture products for a week of 08<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2024

Region	Tomato (40 Kg Crate)	Onion (100 Kg Sack)	Watermelon (Kg)	Pineapple (Kg)	Green Pepper (50 Kg Sack)	Cucumber (100 Kg Sack)
Nairobi	63,800	316,800	1,045	1,320	63,800	198,000
Mombasa	57,200	339,625	660		63,250	126,500
Zanzibar	102,500	355,417	1,400	1,200	142,500	70,000
Dar es salaam	71,667	456,944	767	567	77,778	48,250
Morogoro	70,000	300,000	600	800	44,444	83,333
Dodoma	71,667	426,667			91,389	68,056
Mwanza	43,333	350,000	750	1,000	31,667	73,333
Arusha	62,500	400,000	775	525	60,000	175,000
Tanga	58,333	309,722	550	600	45,000	83,333
Mbeya	48,250	242,917	1,200	978	52,750	124,000
<b>Current week average</b>	64,925	349,809	861	874	67,258	104,981
<b>Previous average</b>	54,650	351,942	864	933	81,561	135,242
<b>Change</b>	▲ 18.8%	▼ 0.6%	▼ 0.4%	▼ 6.4%	▼ 17.5%	▼ 22.4%

Source: TAHA, 2024

**Table 4: Cocoa sales for 2023/24 trade season ending 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2024**

LGAs			Amount sold (Kgs)	Average price (TZS/Kgs)	Total (TZS)
Kyela (Kg)	Busokelo (Kgs)	Rungwe (Kgs)			
7,020,650	1,857,030	711,760	9,589,440	9,708.80	95,041,920,680

Source: Tanzania Cooperative Development Commission, 2024

**Table 5: Raw Cashew nut sales for 2023/24 trade season ending 05<sup>th</sup> January, 2024**

Union	Amount (Kgs)	Maximum price (TZS)	Minimum price (TZS)	Value (TZS)
TANECU	74,181,716	2,150	1,500	133,770,196,698
MAMCU	63,038,792	2,135	1,250	106,056,915,122
Lindi Mwambao	15,137,180	2,075	1,500	26,323,818,200
RUNALI	52,553,442	2,190	1,550	102,397,788,753
CORECU	10,546,233	2,120	1,400	18,646,882,860
TAMCU	26,020,333	2,032	1,345	45,575,670,183
UKICU	179,920	1,580	1,570	284,016,800
<b>Total</b>	<b>241,477,696</b>	<b>2,040</b>	<b>1,445</b>	<b>432,771,271,816</b>

Source: Tanzania Cashew Board, 2024

**Table 6: Planting and harvesting time for better market price for horticultural crops**

Commodity	The appropriate harvesting time	The inappropriate harvesting time	Proper time for planting
Onions	Feb- July	July- Nov	Sept- Dec
Tomatoes	Jan- May	Jun- Dec	Sept- Dec
Green pepper	Feb- Apr.	Jun- Jan.	Oct – Nov
Carrot	Oct- Mar.	Apr- Sept	July- Oct
Cucumber	Feb- May	May- Jan	Dec- Jan
Round potatoes	March- Jun	Jul- Jan	Dec- Feb
Watermelon	Mar- Apr. Oct-Dec	May- Sept, Dec- Feb	Jan- Feb, Aug- Sept
Sweet pepper	Jun- Nov	Dec- May	Feb- March
Ginger	Apr- Jul	Aug - Mar	Dec- Feb

Source: TAHA, 2023

### Important updates

- ✓ The Ministry of Agriculture has established an online market platform (M-Kilimo) to facilitate market access by farmers and traders through their mobile phones, how to access services; -
    - ❖ USSD: Dial \*152\*00# select No. 7 then Na. 2 then follow the instructions
    - ❖ Website: open [exts.kilimo.go.tz](https://exts.kilimo.go.tz) then select the service
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