



**United Republic of Tanzania
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Weekly Market Bulletin

19th - 23th February, 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 sorghum and finger millet increased by 6.7% and 5.9% respectively while prices of bulrush millet and beans decreased by 7.1% and 4.3% respectively and price of maize, rice and round potato remained constant.

Horticulture: The period of 16th – 21th February, 2024 prices for horticultural crops in various markets have changed at different rates. Price of cucumber, pineapple and onions, increased 9.8%, 5.5%, and 5.0% respectively. While price of green pepper, tomato and watermelon decreased by 11.5%, 5.3%, 0.1% respectively.

Cocoa: Total sales were 8,852,270 kilograms with a total value of TZS 81 billion for the week ended 19th February, 2024.

Cashew nut: Until 05th 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	12 -16 February 2024		Current week	19 -23 February 2024				
	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
National Average	Current	700	2,300	2,300	1,500	1,400	1,700	900
	Previous	700	2,300	2,400	1,400	1,500	1,600	900
	Change	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▼4.3%	▲6.7%	▼7.1%	▲5.9%	▶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	600	2,600	2,800	700	700	1,200	800
	Previous	600	-	-	500	-	-	-
	Change	▶0.0%			▲28.6%			
Arusha	Current	700	2,900	1,900	1,300	-	1,200	800
	Previous	600	2,900	2,300	1,400	-	1,600	800
	Change	▲14.3%	▶0.0%	▼21.1%	▼7.7%		▼33.3%	▶0.0%
Dar es Salaam	Current	1,000	2,600	3,000	1,100	1,200	1,800	1,000
	Previous	900	2,400	2,900	1,000	1,200	-	900
	Change	▲10.0%	▲7.7%	▲3.3%	▲9.1%	▶0.0%		
Lindi	Current	1,000	2,800	2,900	2,500	2,900	1,900	800
	Previous	1,000	2,800	3,800	2,500	2,900	1,900	700
	Change	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▼31.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▲12.5%
Morogoro	Current	900	2,500	2,600	1,500	1,800	1,800	700
	Previous	900	2,400	2,700	1,600	1,800	1,800	800
	Change	▶0.0%	▲4.0%	▼3.8%	▼6.7%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▼14.3%
Tanga	Current	600	2,400	2,600	-	1,900	1,900	1,000
	Previous	900	2,400	2,600	1,300	-	2,000	1,000
	Change	▼50.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%			▼5.3%	▶0.0%
Iringa	Current	600	2,400	2,400	1,300	1,800	1,600	600
	Previous	600	2,400	2,500	1,300	-	-	600
	Change	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▼4.2%	▶0.0%			▶0.0%
Ruvuma	Current	500	2,300	2,200	-	-	-	700
	Previous	600	2,300	2,400	-	-	-	700
	Change	▼20.0%	▶0.0%	▼9.1%				▶0.0%
Tabora	Current	800	2,300	2,300	-	-	-	800
	Previous	700	2,400	2,600	-	-	-	800
	Change	▲12.5%	▼4.3%	▼13.0%				▶0.0%
Rukwa	Current	600	2,100	1,400	-	-	800	700
	Previous	600	2,200	1,600	-	-	700	-
	Change	▶0.0%	▼4.8%	▼14.3%			▲12.5%	

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Kigoma	Current	700	2,200	2,300	1,500	500	1,900	700
	Previous	800	2,200	2,400	1,000	-	-	700
	Change	▼ 14.3%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 4.3%	▲ 33.3%			▶ 0.0%
Shinyanga	Current	700	2,100	2,100	-	-	-	900
	Previous	800	2,000	2,000	-	-	-	800
	Change	▼ 14.3%	▲ 4.8%	▲ 4.8%				▲ 11.1%
Mwanza	Current	800	2,200	2,300	1,400	1,500	1,600	900
	Previous	800	2,100	2,100	1,400	-	-	800
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▲ 4.5%	▲ 8.7%	▶ 0.0%			▲ 11.1%
Kagera	Current	700	2,700	1,900	1,700	-	-	700
	Previous	700	2,800	2,000	1,600	-	-	800
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▼ 3.6%	▼ 5.0%	▲ 6.3%			▼ 12.5%
Mara	Current	500	2,100	2,400	1,100	2,000	2,000	1,100
	Previous	500	2,100	2,400	1,100	2,000	2,000	1,000
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 9.1%
Manyara	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Previous	600	2,800	2,800	-	-	-	1,000
	Change							
Njombe	Current	500	2,200	1,900	800	-	1,200	500
	Previous	600	2,500	2,200	800	-	1,200	500
	Change	▼ 20.0%	▼ 13.6%	▼ 15.8%	▶ 0.0%		▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Katavi	Current	800	1,800	2,200	2,800	-	3,000	1,800
	Previous	700	2,000	2,100	3,000	-	-	1,500
	Change	▲ 12.5%	▼ 11.1%	▲ 4.5%	▼ 7.1%			▲ 16.7%
Mbeya	Current	500	2,200	2,300	-	-	-	-
	Previous	500	2,200	2,300	-	-	-	-
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%				
Singida	Current	600	2,600	2,200	500	600	900	-
	Previous	600	2,100	2,100	500	400	900	-
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▲ 19.2%	▲ 4.5%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 33.3%	▶ 0.0%	
Geita	Current	600	1,900	2,800	2,400	-	-	-
	Previous	800	1,900	2,900	2,300	-	-	-
	Change	▼ 33.3%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 3.6%	▲ 4.2%			
Songwe	Current	500	2,900	1,400	-	-	-	-
	Previous	500	2,400	1,400	-	-	-	-
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▲ 17.2%	▶ 0.0%				
Simiyu	Current	700	2,000	2,500	1,100	1,900	1,900	1,200
	Previous	700	2,000	2,600	1,100	1,900	1,900	700
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 4.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 41.7%
Pwani	Current	1,300	2,400	3,000	1,700	1,900	1,800	1,800
	Previous	-	2,600	2,900	1,800	2,000	-	2,300
	Change	▲ 100.0%	▼ 8.3%	▲ 3.3%	▼ 5.9%	▼ 5.3%	▲ 100.0%	▼ 27.8%

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 16th - 21th February, 2024

Region	Tomato (40 Kg Crate)	Onion (100 Kg Sack)	Watermelon (Kg)	Pineapple (Kg)	Green Pepper (50 Kg Sack)	Cucumber (100 Kg Sack)
Nairobi	44,000	220,000	660	770	93,350	187,000
Mombasa	42,553	305,433	623	1500	88,000	154,000
Zanzibar	78,333	440,000			150,000	
Dar es salaam	50,833	454,722	633	500	165,972	45,667
Morogoro	55,000	280,000	600	800	41,667	83,333
Mwanza	43,333	325,000	1167	1417	36,667	92,000
Arusha	45,667	393,333	800	600	61,667	233,333
Mbeya	45,667	229,440	1183	863	49,333	120,667
Current week average	50,671	330,992	810	921	85,851	130,857
Previous average	53,496	315,350	810	873	96,993	119,188
Change	▼5.3%	▲5.0%	▼0.1%	▲5.5%	▼11.5%	▲9.8%

Source: TAHA, 2024

Table 4: Cocoa sales for 2023/24 trade season ending 19th February, 2024

LGAs			Amount sold (Kgs)	Average price (TZS/Kgs)	Total (TZS)
Kyela (Kg)	Busokelo (Kgs)	Rungwe (Kgs)			
6,358,380	1,788,710	705,180	8,852,270	9,339.42	81,326,900,410.00

Source: Tanzania Cooperative Development Commission, 2024

Table 5: Raw Cashew nut sales for 2023/24 trade season ending 05th 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
Total	241,477,696	2,040	1,445	432,771,271,816

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 then select the service

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