



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

**Weekly Market Bulletin**

**22<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> January, 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 6.7% while price of maize, rice, beans, sorghum, bulrush millet and round potato remained constant.

**Horticulture:** The period of 19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 prices for horticultural crops in various markets have changed at different rates. Price of watermelon, onions, pineapple and cucumber increased by 2.9%, 2%, 0.9% and 0.5% respectively while prices of green pepper decreased by 0.8% and price of tomato remain constant.

**Cocoa:** Total sales were 8,344,560 kilograms with a total value of TZS 74 billion for the week ended 22<sup>th</sup> January, 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	15-19 January 2024		Current week		22 -26 January 2024			
	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
<b>National Average</b>	Current	800	2,400	2,600	1,700	1,700	1,500	800
	Previous	800	2,400	2,600	1,700	1,700	1,400	800
	<b>Change</b>	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 6.7%	▶ 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	700	2,500	2,900	-	800	-	800
	Previous	700	2,700	2,900	-	-	-	800
	<b>Change</b>	▶ 0.0%	▼ 8.0%	▶ 0.0%				▶ 0.0%
Arusha	Current	700	2,600	2,700	1,700	-	1,600	900
	Previous	700	2,800	2,700	1,500	1,700	1,600	900
	<b>Change</b>	▶ 0.0%	▼ 7.7%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 11.8%		▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Dar es Salaam	Current	900	2,500	3,000	1,100	1,200	1,700	800
	Previous	900	2,700	3,000	1,300	1,200	1,500	800
	<b>Change</b>	▶ 0.0%	▼ 8.0%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 18.2%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 11.8%	▶ 0.0%
Lindi	Current	1,000	2,800	2,900	3,000	2,900	1,900	800
	Previous	1,000	2,800	2,900	3,000	-	-	800
	<b>Change</b>	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%			▶ 0.0%
Morogoro	Current	800	2,200	2,700	1,100	1,800	2,300	700
	Previous	700	2,500	2,800	1,300	-	-	600
	<b>Change</b>	▲ 12.5%	▼ 13.6%	▼ 3.7%	▼ 18.2%			▲ 14.3%
Tanga	Current	1,000	2,400	2,500	1,100	1,500	1,700	800
	Previous	1,000	2,300	2,500	900	-	-	900
	<b>Change</b>	▶ 0.0%	▲ 4.2%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 18.2%			▼ 12.5%
Mtwara	Current	800	2,500	2,800	2,100	-	-	1,000
	Previous	800	2,400	2,800	-	-	-	800
	<b>Change</b>	▶ 0.0%	▲ 4.0%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 100.0%			▲ 20.0%
Iringa	Current	600	2,500	2,500	1,300	-	-	600
	Previous	600	2,500	2,500	1,300	-	-	600
	<b>Change</b>	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%			▶ 0.0%
Ruvuma	Current	500	2,400	2,500	-	-	-	500
	Previous	600	2,200	2,300	-	-	-	500
	<b>Change</b>	▼ 20.0%	▲ 8.3%	▲ 8.0%				▶ 0.0%
Tabora	Current	-	2,400	2,500	-	-	-	800
	Previous	800	2,500	2,700	1,500	-	-	900
	<b>Change</b>	▶ 0.0%	▼ 4.2%	▼ 8.0%				▼ 12.5%

Region	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
Rukwa	Current	700	2,200	2,100	-	-	700	-
	Previous	700	2,200	2,300	-	-	700	-
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 9.5%				
Kigoma	Current	800	2,300	2,300	1,000	-	-	700
	Previous	800	2,100	2,300	1,000	-	-	700
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▲ 8.7%	▶ 0.0%				▶ 0.0%
Shinyanga	Current	800	2,000	2,100	-	-	-	900
	Previous	800	2,200	2,200	-	-	-	900
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▼ 10.0%	▼ 4.8%				▶ 0.0%
Mwanza	Current	900	2,400	2,700	1,500	-	-	900
	Previous	800	2,400	2,500	1,500	-	-	900
	Change	▲ 11.1%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 7.4%	▶ 0.0%			▶ 0.0%
Kagera	Current	800	2,500	2,200	1,700	-	-	800
	Previous	900	2,700	2,200	1,700	1,700	1,700	800
	Change	▼ 11.1%	▼ 7.4%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%			▶ 0.0%
Mara	Current	800	2,300	2,700	-	-	-	-
	Previous	800	2,300	2,600	1,300	2,000	2,000	1,000
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 3.7%				
Manyara	Current	-	-	-	-	-	1,800	-
	Previous	800	2,700	3,000	1,400	-	-	1,000
Njombe	Current	600	2,700	2,300	1,000	-	1,200	400
	Previous	600	2,600	2,200	1,000	-	1,100	400
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▲ 3.7%	▲ 4.3%	▶ 0.0%		▲ 8.3%	▶ 0.0%
Katavi	Current	600	2,100	2,300	2,900	-	2,000	2,300
	Previous	600	2,100	2,500	2,800	-	1,100	1,900
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 8.7%	▲ 3.4%			▲ 17.4%
Mbeya	Current	-	2,300	-	-	-	-	-
	Previous	700	2,100	2,100	-	-	-	-
	Change		▲ 8.7%					
Singida	Current	700	2,600	2,600	-	-	800	-
	Previous	700	2,400	-	-	-	800	-
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▲ 7.7%				▶ 0.0%	

Region	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
Geita	Current	900	2,200	3,100	2,700	-	-	-
	Previous	1,000	2,200	3,100	2,700	-	-	-
	<b>Change</b>	▼ 11.1%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%			
Songwe	Current	600	2,400	2,100	-	-	-	-
	Previous	600	2,500	1,900	-	-	-	-
	<b>Change</b>	▶ 0.0%	▼ 4.2%	▲ 9.5%				
Pwani	Current	-	2,400	2,900	1,400	2,000	-	700
	Previous	-	2,700	3,100	2,500	-	2,500	700
	<b>Change</b>		▼ 12.5%	▼ 6.9%	▼ 78.6%			▶ 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 19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2024**

Region	Tomato (40 Kg Crate)	Onion (100 Kg Sack)	Watermelon (Kg)	Pineapple (Kg)	Green Pepper (50 Kg Sack)	Cucumber (100 Kg Sack)
Nairobi	48,400	359,040	862	1,232	82,280	149,600
Mombasa	2,958	15,000	30		3,917	4,167
Zanzibar	96,250	282,500			95,208	42,800
Dar es salaam	53,889	345,556	528	289	153,704	138,889
Morogoro	70,000	206,667	567	733	39,722	83,333
Mwanza	38,472	244,444	642	1,042	32,500	68,333
Arusha	43,600	308,333	910	610	85,000	163,333
Tanga	53,333	215,556	567	617	46,667	100,000
Mbeya	46,375	153,333	1,085	935	52,250	124,000
<b>Current week average</b>	50,364	236,714	577	606	65,694	97,162
<b>Previous average</b>	50,348	232,047	560	601	66,206	96,635
<b>Change</b>	▶ 0.0%	▲ 2.0%	▲ 2.9%	▲ 0.9%	▼ 0.8%	▲ 0.5%

Source: TAHA, 2023

**Table 4: Cocoa sales for 2023/24 trade season ending 22<sup>th</sup> January, 2024**

LGAs			Amount sold (Kgs)	Average price (TZS/Kgs)	Total (TZS)
Kyela (Kg)	Busokelo (Kgs)	Rungwe (Kgs)			
5,917,940.0	1,729,210.0	697,410	8,344,560	8,857.38	74,298,622,300.0

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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