



United Republic of Tanzania
Ministry of Agriculture
Agricultural Marketing Section

Weekly Market Bulletin

22nd – 26th May, 2023

Key Messages

Food crops: Our apologies, Wholesale prices for food crops for this week are not available publically due to unavoidable circumstances.

Horticulture: The period of 05th – 10th May, 2023 prices for horticultural crops in various markets have changed at different rates. Prices of pineapple, cucumber, green pepper, tomatoes, onions and watermelon increased by 3.5%, 3.4%, 1.5%, 0.8%, 0.4% and 0.2% respectively.

Cocoa: Total sales were 9,812,866 kilograms with a total value of TZS 44.99 Billion for the week ended 22nd May, 2023.

Tobacco: Until 14th May, 2023 trade season total sales of tobacco were 22,837,741.04 kilograms with a total value of USD 51.72 million.

Coffee: Total sales were 79,319,407 kilograms with a total value of USD 225.96 million for the week ended 27th April, 2023.

Cashew nut: Until 28th March, 2023 trade season total sales of raw cashew nut was 176,686,889 kilograms with a total value of TZS 328 billion.

Table 1: Average Retail prices (TZS) for Horticulture products for a week of 19th - 24th May, 2023

Region	Tomato (40 Kg Crate)	Onion (100 Kg Sack)	Watermelon (Kg)	Pineapple (Kg)	Green Pepper (50 Kg Sack)	Cucumber (100 Kg Sack)
Nairobi	41,067	168,667	865	880	37,400	143,000
Zanzibar	76,111	194,074	900	1,300	87,222	82,500
Dar es salaam	48,333	200,000	500	400	44,444	123,333
Morogoro	39,750	117,500	600	950	62,500	83,333
Dodoma	34,333	133,333	500	1,567	58,333	60,000
Mwanza	42,667	116,667	583	1,333	27,667	58,667
Arusha	33,667	160,000	700	633	29,167	116,667
Tanga	49,000	95,714	567	1,000	32,857	65,286
Lindi	39,750	117,500	600	950	62,500	83,333
Mtwara	33,667	160,000	700	633	29,167	116,667
Mbeya	46,750	93,333	620	1,163	50,750	123,000
Current week average	44,099	141,526	649	983	47,455	95,981
Previous average	43,769	140,914	648	949	46,755	92,834
Change	▲ 0.8%	▲ 0.4%	▲ 0.2%	▲ 3.5%	▲ 1.5%	▲ 3.4%

Source: TAHA, 2023

Table 2: Cocoa sales for 2022/23 trade season ending 08nd May, 2023

LGAs			Amount sold (Kgs)	Average price (TZS/Kgs)	Total (TZS)
Kyela (Kg)	Busokelo (Kgs)	Rungwe (Kgs)			
7,663,400	1,579,501	569,965	9,812,866	4,720.98	44,990,968,485.00

Source: Tanzania Cooperative Development Commission, 2023

Table 3: Coffee sales (by varieties) for 2022/23 trade season ending 27th April, 2023

Type of Coffee	Auction		Direct exports		Local roast		Total	
	KGS	USD	KGS	USD	KGS	USD	KGS	USD
Mild Arabika	8,445,405	28,634,540	24,836,867	103,880,856	120,299	288,315	33,402,571	132,803,711
Hard Arabika	42,130	149,658	3,978,300	8,157,837	-	-	4,020,430	8,307,476
Robusta	2,258,168	5,424,739	38,961,510	78,234,873	676,728	1,193,864	41,896,406	84,853,477
Total	10,745,703	34,208,938	67,776,677	190,273,566	797,027	1,482,179	79,319,407	225,964,683

Source: Tanzania Coffee Board, 2023

Table 4: Raw Cashew nut sales for 2022/23 trade season ending 28th March, 2023

Union	Amount (Kgs)	Maximum price (TZS)	Minimum price (TZS)	Value (TZS)
TANECU	33,518,494	2,012	1,604	63,447,865,104
MAMCU	59,609,667	2,200	1,680	111,449,764,229
Lindi Mwambao	14,622,801	1,851	1,672	25,590,331,828
RUNALI	42,440,859	2,005	1,600	81,187,464,564
CORECU	10,759,505	1,900	1,520	18,796,295,755
TAMCU	15,218,006	1,905	1,600	26,929,210,718
UKICU	153,959	1,721	1,720	264,846,120
TACACU	339,519	1,751	1,719	569,336,325
DOMASICA	24,079	1,720		40,164,540
Jumla	176,686,889	2,200	1,520	328,275,279,183

Source: Tanzania Cashew Board, 2023

Table 5: Tobacco sales for 2022/23 trade season ending 14th May, 2023

Tobacco type	Company	Contracted volume (kg)	EVALUATED MARKETS (CUMMULATIVE)			
			Belo	Kg	Value (USD)	Average price (USD/KG)
VFC	Alliance One Tobacco Tanzania Ltd	23,248,660	106,059	5,370,010.13	11,783,717.22	2.19
	JTI Leaf Services Ltd	14,977,000	75,007	3,822,597.87	9,446,097.64	2.47
	Premium Active Tanzania Ltd	21,874,800	32,629	1,274,438.00	2,983,736.00	2.34
	Mkwawa Leaf Tobacco Ltd	45,581,830	170,447	8,686,073.00	19,736,156.00	2.27
	Magefa Growers Ltd	7,848,280	23,530	1,150,126.73	2,408,013.72	2.09
	Voedsel Tobacco Limited	15,423,078	32,290	1,751,767.31	4,021,425.85	2.30
	G4 Agro Limited	993,000	694	34,288.43	82,095.99	2.39
	Biexen Agro Limited	25,000				
	Serengeti (AOTTL&MGL)	1,912,074	14,969	748,439.57	1,259,737.42	1.68
SUB TOTAL VFC		131,883,722	455,625	22,837,741	51,720,980	2.26
DFC	Magefa Growers Ltd	400,000				
	Premium Active Tanzania Ltd	800,000				
	SUB TOTAL VFC	1,200,000				
BURLEY	Voedsel Tobacco Limjited	5,000,000				
DAC	Premium Active Tanzania Ltd	155,000				
GRAND TOTAL		138,238,722	455,625	22,837,741.04	51,720,979.84	2.26

Source: Tanzania Tobacco Board, 2023

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, 2022

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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