



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

Weekly Market Bulletin

23th -27th October,2023

Key Messages

Food crops: Wholesale prices for food crops this week have been varying at different rates compared to price levels last week. Price of round potato, finger millet and beans increased by 2.9%, 0.3% and 0.3% respectively, while price of sorghum, maize, rice and bulrush millet decreased by 4.5%, 2.0%, 1.8% and 0.2% respectively.

Horticulture: The period of 20th – 25th October, 2023 prices for horticultural crops in various markets have changed at different rates. Price of watermelon, tomato, cucumber and pineapple increased by 4.9%, 2.7%, 1.4% and 0.1% respectively while prices of onions and green pepper decreased by 2.8% and 2.2% respectively.

Cocoa: Total sales were 4,493,790 kilograms with a total value of TZS 37 billion for the week ended 23th October, 2023.

Table 1: National weekly average wholesale prices (TZS/100 kg bag)

Previous week	16-20 oct,2023		Current week	23-27 oct,2023				
	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
	Current	88,300	260,500	268,000	130,100	138,700	155,700	83,800
	Previous	90,100	265,100	267,100	136,000	139,000	155,300	81,400
	Change	▼2.0%	▼1.8%	▲0.3%	▼4.5%	▼0.2%	▲0.3%	▲2.9%

Table 2: Regional weekly average wholesale market prices (TZS/100 kg bag)

Region	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
Dodoma	Current	74,000	265,000	287,500	76,000	72,000	121,500	70,000
	Previous	86,300	265,000	285,000	78,300	75,500	119,000	70,000
	Change	▼16.6%	▶0.0%	▲0.9%	▼3.0%	▼4.9%	▲2.1%	▶0.0%
Arusha	Current	75,000	305,000	235,000	77,500	97,500	91,000	85,000
	Previous	79,000	305,000	235,000	77,500	97,500	91,000	85,000
	Change	▼5.3%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%
Dar es Salaam	Current	100,000	210,000	290,000	180,000	180,000	210,000	-
	Previous	100,000	210,000	290,000	180,000	180,000	210,000	-
	Change	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	
Morogoro	Current	77,000	330,000	310,000	147,500	125,000	155,000	77,300
	Previous	77,200	320,000	295,000	147,500	125,000	155,000	69,300
	Change	▼0.3%	▲3.0%	▲4.8%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▲10.3%
Tanga	Current	110,000	230,000	260,000	130,000	100,000	180,000	75,000
	Previous	105,000	230,000	260,000	115,000	105,000	180,000	70,000
	Change	▲4.5%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▲11.5%	▼5.0%	▶0.0%	▲6.7%
Mtwara	Current	82,500	275,000	320,000	150,000	100,000	120,000	50,000
	Previous	82,500	275,000	320,000	150,000	105,000	127,500	50,000
	Change	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▼5.0%	▼6.3%	▶0.0%
Iringa	Current	80,000	250,000	270,000	150,000	190,000	157,500	57,500
	Previous	75,000	250,000	270,000	150,000	190,000	157,500	57,500
	Change	▲6.3%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%
Ruvuma	Current	62,500	305,000	265,000	60,000	-	80,000	95,000
	Previous	62,500	305,000	265,000	-	-	80,000	97,000
	Change	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%				▼2.1%
Tabora	Current	96,000	230,000	282,500	160,000	-	195,000	95,000
	Previous	100,000	230,000	290,000	160,000	-	195,000	95,000
	Change	▼4.2%	▶0.0%	▼2.7%	▶0.0%		▶0.0%	▶0.0%
Rukwa	Current	72,500	220,000	185,000	-	-	140,000	67,500
	Previous	70,000	220,000	185,000	-	-	132,500	67,500
	Change	▲3.4%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%			▲5.4%	▶0.0%
Shinyanga	Current	102,500	250,000	255,000	110,000	95,000	190,000	97,500
	Previous	102,500	250,000	272,500	110,000	95,000	190,000	97,500
	Change	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▼6.9%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%
Mwanza	Current	105,000	285,000	300,000	-	180,000	-	100,000
	Previous	107,500	285,000	300,000		180,000	-	100,000
	Change	▼2.4%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%		▶0.0%		▶0.0%

Region	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
Kagera	Current	102,500	280,000	235,000	175,000	175,000	160,000	87,500
	Previous	109,500	262,500	245,000	185,000	165,000	155,000	87,500
	Change	▼6.4%	▲6.7%	▼4.1%	▼5.4%	▲6.1%	▲3.2%	▶0.0%
Mara	Current	98,000	200,000	200,000	130,000	250,000	250,000	100,000
	Previous	98,000	200,000	200,000	130,000	250,000	250,000	100,000
	Change	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%
Manyara	Current	102,000	280,000	230,000	85,000	110,000	110,000	92,500
	Previous	104,500	280,000	225,000	85,000	110,000	110,000	90,000
	Change	▼2.5%	▶0.0%	▲2.2%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▲2.7%
Kilimanjaro	Current	92,500	300,000	315,000			200,000	112,500
	Previous	105,000	350,000	300,000			200,000	85,000
	Change	▼13.5%	▼16.7%	▲4.8%			▶0.0%	▲24.4%
Mbeya	Current	80,000	250,000	250,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	80,000
	Previous	80,000	250,000	250,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	80,000
	Change	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%
Singida	Current	77,500	285,000	320,000	120,000	67,500	87,500	82,500
	Previous	77,500	285,000	320,000		67,500	87,500	82,500
	Change	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%		▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%

Source: Ministry of Industry and Trade, 2023

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 20th – 25th October, 2023

Region	Tomato (40 Kg Crate)	Onion (100 Kg Sack)	Watermelon (Kg)	Pineapple (Kg)	Green Pepper (50 Kg Sack)	Cucumber (100 Kg Sack)
Nairobi	55,000	272,800	924	1,078	77,000	55,000
Mombasa	35,413	184,813	664		49,800	74,700
Zanzibar	62,500	194,583	550	700	56,750	88,000
Dar es salaam	51,667	186,667	400	400	55,556	42,000
Morogoro	47,500	180,000	550	700	37,500	83,333
Mwanza	25,667	205,556	667	917	22,000	48,000
Arusha	35,000	230,000	833	583	46,667	73,333
Tanga	76,000	221,333	600	600	33,000	80,000
Mbeya	42,000	211,111	393	1,433	48,667	124,000
Current week average	47,906	213,358	629	816	48,680	73,129
Previous average	46,657	219,593	600	815	49,799	72,152
Change	▲ 2.7%	▼ 2.8%	▲ 4.9%	▲ 0.1%	▼ 2.2%	▲ 1.4%

Source: TAHA, 2023

Table 4: Cocoa sales for 2023/24 trade season ending 23th October, 2023

LGAs			Amount sold (Kgs)	Average price (TZS/Kgs)	Total (TZS)
Kyela (Kg)	Busokelo (Kgs)	Rungwe (Kgs)			
3,203,060	909,450	371,280	4,493,790	8,078.47	36,675,876,300

Source: Tanzania Cooperative Development Commission, 2023

Table 5: 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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