



**United Republic of Tanzania  
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Weekly Market Bulletin

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**Key Messages**

**Food crops:** Wholesale prices for food crops have changed at different rates compared to price levels last week. Prices of bulrush millet, beans, maize and rice have increased by an average of 4.5%, 3.0%, 2.7% and 1.6% respectively, while average price of sorghum, finger millet and round potatoes have decreased by 1.9%, 1.5% and 0.9% respectively.

**Horticulture:** The period of 25<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> August, 2022 price for horticultural crops changed at different rates. Prices of onions, green pepper and pineapple have increased by 4.2%, 2.3% and 1.6% respectively, while prices for watermelon, cucumber and tomato have decreased by 12.1%, 3.3% and 2.1% respectively.

**Cocoa:** Total sales were 1,872,641 kilograms with a total value of TZS 7.5 billion for the week ended 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2022.

**Cotton:** Total sales were 137,371,468 kilograms for week ended 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2022.

**Tobacco:** Total sales were 60,631,133 kilograms with a total value of USD 108 million for the week ended 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2022.

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

Previous week	15 - 19 August, 2022	Current week	22 - 26 August, 2022					
<b>National Average</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Maize</b>	<b>Rice</b>	<b>Beans</b>	<b>Sorghum</b>	<b>Bulrush millet</b>	<b>Finger millet</b>	<b>Round Potato</b>
	Current	91,800	212,300	214,500	118,200	125,300	157,200	81,500
	Previous	89,300	209,000	208,000	120,400	119,600	159,500	82,200
	<b>Change</b>	<b>▲2.7%</b>	<b>▲1.6%</b>	<b>▲3.0%</b>	<b>▼1.9%</b>	<b>▲4.5%</b>	<b>▼1.5%</b>	<b>▼0.9%</b>

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	91,000	240,500	255,000	68,500	85,500	129,500	79,000
	Previous	89,300	236,800	221,300	68,500	85,500	129,500	79,000
	Change	▲1.9%	▲1.5%	▲13.2%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%
Arusha	Current	99,000	225,000	200,000	77,500	77,500	124,500	77,500
	Previous	99,000	225,000	200,000	71,000	72,500	122,500	72,500
	Change	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▲8.4%	▲6.5%	▲1.6%	▲6.5%
Dar es Salaam	Current	107,500	220,000	230,000	110,000	115,000	175,000	100,000
	Previous	120,000	220,000	230,000	110,000	115,000	175,000	100,000
	Change	▼11.6%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%
Morogoro	Current	89,500	230,000	235,000	160,000	165,000	177,500	87,500
	Previous	89,500	215,000	235,000	160,000	165,000	177,500	87,500
	Change	▶0.0%	▲6.5%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%
Tanga	Current	125,000	235,000	235,000	130,000	150,000	200,000	70,000
	Previous	105,500	205,000	200,000	102,300	102,500	153,500	77,500
	Change	▲15.6%	▲12.8%	▲14.9%	▲21.3%	▲31.7%	▲23.3%	▼10.7%
Mtwara	Current	85,000	217,500	232,500	100,000	-	180,000	72,500
	Previous	78,000	210,000	212,500	100,000	-	180,000	72,500
	Change	▲8.2%	▲3.4%	▲8.6%	▶0.0%		▶0.0%	
Iringa	Current	73,500	195,000	200,000	100,000	150,000	150,000	61,000
	Previous	73,500	195,000	200,000	100,000	150,000	150,000	60,000
	Change	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▲1.6%
Ruvuma	Current	67,500	200,000	205,000	-	-	115,000	79,000
	Previous	62,000	200,000	185,000	-	-	125,000	77,500
	Change	▲8.1%	▶0.0%	▲9.8%				▲1.9%
Tabora	Current	83,800	207,500	225,000	145,000	-	185,000	95,000
	Previous	82,500	205,000	225,000	145,000	-	185,000	95,000
	Change	▲1.6%	▲1.2%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%		▶0.0%	▶0.0%
Rukwa	Current	70,000	175,000	190,000	-	-	167,500	68,800
	Previous	61,800	172,500	190,000	-	-	170,000	72,500
	Change	▲11.7%	▲1.4%	▶0.0%			▼1.5%	▼5.4%
Kigoma	Current	95,500	220,000	215,000	95,000	100,000	160,000	-
	Previous	97,300	210,000	210,000	160,000	100,000	180,000	90,000
	Change	▼1.9%	▲4.5%	▲2.3%	▼68.4%	▶0.0%	▼12.5%	

Region	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
Kagera	Current	106,500	217,000	200,000	160,000	155,000	155,000	80,000
	Previous	107,500	217,500	200,000	160,000	155,000	155,000	80,000
	Change	▼ 0.9%	▼ 0.2%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Mara	Current	112,500	175,000	145,000	122,500	155,000	156,300	110,000
	Previous	110,000	175,000	145,000	120,000	150,000	155,000	110,000
	Change	▲ 2.2%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 2.0%	▲ 3.2%	▲ 0.8%	▶ 0.0%
Manyara	Current	96,000	230,000	235,000	100,000	100,000	125,000	127,500
	Previous	89,300	220,000	240,000	100,000	100,000	125,000	117,500
	Change	▲ 7.0%	▲ 4.3%	▼ 2.1%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 7.8%
Katavi	Current	87,500	182,500	210,000	-	-	-	70,000
	Previous	87,500	187,500	215,000	-	-	-	75,000
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▼ 2.7%	▼ 2.4%				▼ 7.1%
Mbeya	Current	79,000	227,500	219,000	168,000	-	-	44,000
	Previous	78,000	227,500	245,000	168,000	-	-	68,000
	Change	▲ 1.3%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 11.9%	▶ 0.0%			▼ 54.5%

Source: Ministry of Investment, Industry and Trade

**Table 3: Average Retail prices (TZS) for Horticulture products for a week of 25<sup>th</sup> –31<sup>st</sup> Aug, 2022**

Region	Tomato (40 Kg Crate)	Onion (100 Kg Sack)	Watermelon (Kg)	Pineapple (Kg)	Green Pepper (50 Kg Sack)	Cucumber (100 Kg Sack)
Nairobi	52,800	96,800	660	550	92,400	77,000
Mombasa	42,533	99,000	880		88,000	88,000
Zanzibar	31,667	98,333	800	933	131,667	80,000
Dar es salaam	30,800	100,000	580	480	120,000	138,000
Morogoro	36,000	106,667	450	1,000	72,222	70,000
Dodoma	25,000	100,000	667	783	71,111	48,333
Shinyanga	25,000	75,000	500	500	35,417	60,000
Mwanza	42,500	100,000	550	1,000	31,500	55,000
Arusha	20,000	94,444	633	800	40,000	56,667
Tanga	38,000	142,000	800	1,000	34,000	62,000
Lindi	20,000	94,444	633	800	40,000	56,667
Mbeya	49,000	85,000	560	873	48,667	126,000
Current average	34,442	99,307	643	793	67,082	76,472
Previous average	35,375	95,275	731	780	65,550	79,042
<b>Change</b>	▼ 2.6	▲ 4.2	▼ 12.1	▲ 1.6	▲ 2.3	▼ 3.3

Source: TAHA, 2022.

**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 4: Cocoa sales for 2022/23 trade season ending 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2022**

LGA			Amount sold (Kg)	Average price (TZS/Kg)	Total (TZS)
Kyela (Kg)	Busokelo (Kg)	Rungwe (Kg)			
1,505,420	275,240	91,981	1,872,641	4,033.18	7,512,152,040

Source: Tanzania Cooperative Development Commission, 2022.

**Table 5: Cotton sales for 2021/22 trade season week ending 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2022**

SALES			TRANSPOTATION		
Previous weeks (KGS)	Current week (KGS)	Total (KGS)	Previous weeks (KGS)	Current week (KGS)	Total (KGS)
129,972,323	7,399,145	137,371,468	129,389,719	7,506,962	136,896,681

Source: Tanzania Cotton Board, 2022.

**Table 6: Tobacco sales for 2022/2023 trade season ending 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2022**

Tobacco Type	Company	Contracted volume (Kg)	Evaluated market (Cummulative)			
			Belo	Kg	Value (USD)	Average price (USD/Kg)
VFC	Alliance One Tobacco Tanzania Ltd	25,212,135	500,981	22,391,269.02	38,299,107.30	1.71
	JTI Leaf Services Ltd	14,250,000	283,184	13,555,447.65	25,809,795.72	1.90
	Premium Active Tanzania Ltd	17,500,000	308,720	13,739,608.10	24,429,296.96	1.78
	Mkwawa Leaf Tobacco Ltd	7,203,865	166,803	7,386,351.29	14,288,638.16	1.93
	Magafa Growers Ltd	6,033,014	72,074	3,085,312.17	4,847,808.10	1.57
<b>SUB TOTAL VFC</b>		<b>70,199,014</b>	<b>1,331,762</b>	<b>60,157,988.23</b>	<b>107,674,646.24</b>	<b>1.79</b>
DFC	Premium Active Tanzania Ltd	500,000	9,093	473,145.29	710,796.07	1.50
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>70,699,014</b>	<b>1,340,855</b>	<b>60,631,133.52</b>	<b>108,385,442.31</b>	<b>1.79</b>

Source: Tobacco Board of Tanzania, 2022.

**Table 7: 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](https://exts.kilimo.go.tz) then select the service

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