



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

**Weekly Market Bulletin**

29<sup>th</sup> January – 02<sup>th</sup> 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 finger millet increased by 5.9% while price of sorghum and bulrush millet decreased by 6.3% and 6.3% respectively. Prices of maize, rice, beans, and round potato remained constant.

**Horticulture:** The period of 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 prices for horticultural crops in various markets have changed at different rates. Price of green pepper, onions, tomato, pineapple and cucumber increased by 5.5%, 1.8%, 1.5%, 1.5% and 1.0% respectively while price of watermelon decreased by 2.3%.

**Cocoa:** Total sales were 8,453,900 kilograms with a total value of TZS 76 billion for the week ended 29<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	22 -26 January 2024		Current week	29 January -02 February 2024				
	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
<b>National Average</b>	Current	800	2,400	2,600	1,600	1,600	1,700	800
	Previous	800	2,400	2,600	1,700	1,700	1,600	800
	<b>Change</b>	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▼6.3%	▼6.3%	▲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	700	2,700	2,900	700	-	-	800
	Previous	700	2,500	2,900	-	800	-	800
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▲ 7.4%	▶ 0.0%				▶ 0.0%
Arusha	Current	700	2,600	2,500	1,600	1,700	1,600	900
	Previous	700	2,600	2,700	1,700	-	1,600	900
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 8.0%	▼ 6.3%		▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Dar es Salaam	Current	900	2,500	2,900	1,000	1,200	1,700	700
	Previous	900	2,500	3,000	1,100	1,200	1,700	800
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 3.4%	▼ 10.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 14.3%
Lindi	Current	1,000	2,700	2,900	2,800	2,900	1,900	700
	Previous	1,000	2,800	2,900	3,000	2,900	1,900	800
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▼ 3.7%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 7.1%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 14.3%
Morogoro	Current	900	2,300	2,700	1,000	1,800	2,200	700
	Previous	800	2,200	2,700	1,100	1,800	2,300	700
	Change	▲ 11.1%	▲ 4.3%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 10.0%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 4.5%	▶ 0.0%
Tanga	Current	900	2,400	2,600	1,000	1,500	1,700	700
	Previous	1,000	2,400	2,500	1,100	1,500	1,700	800
	Change	▼ 11.1%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 3.8%	▼ 10.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 14.3%
Mtwara	Current	800	2,500	2,800	-	-	-	1,000
	Previous	800	2,500	2,800	2,100	-	-	1,000
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%				▶ 0.0%
Iringa	Current	600	2,400	2,500	1,300	-	-	700
	Previous	600	2,500	2,500	1,300	-	-	600
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▼ 4.2%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%			▲ 14.3%
Ruvuma	Current	700	2,400	2,400	-	-	-	500
	Previous	500	2,400	2,500	-	-	-	500
	Change	▲ 28.6%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 4.2%				▶ 0.0%
Tabora	Current	800	2,400	-	-	-	-	800
	Previous	800	2,400	2,500	-	-	-	800
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%					▶ 0.0%

Region	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
Rukwa	Current	700	2,200	2,000	-	-	700	-
	Previous	700	2,200	2,100	-	-	700	-
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 5.0%				
Kigoma	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Previous	800	2,300	2,300	1,000	-	-	700
	Change							
Shinyanga	Current	800	2,000	2,100	-	-	-	800
	Previous	800	2,000	2,100	-	-	-	900
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%				▼ 12.5%
Mwanza	Current	800	2,400	2,400	1,500	-	-	800
	Previous	900	2,400	2,700	1,500	-	-	900
	Change	▼ 12.5%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 12.5%	▶ 0.0%			▼ 12.5%
Kagera	Current	800	2,800	2,300	1,700	-	-	800
	Previous	800	2,500	2,200	1,700	-	-	800
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▲ 12.0%	▲ 4.5%	▶ 0.0%			▶ 0.0%
Mara	Current	800	2,400	2,600	1,100	2,000	2,000	1,100
	Previous	800	2,300	2,700	-	-	-	-
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▲ 4.2%	▼ 3.8%				
Manyara	Current	600	2,800	2,800	-	1,400	-	1,000
	Previous	-	-	-	-	-	1,800	-
	Change				#DIV/o!			
Njombe	Current	600	2,500	2,400	1,000	-	1,200	500
	Previous	600	2,700	2,300	1,000	-	1,200	400
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▼ 8.0%	▲ 4.2%	▶ 0.0%		▶ 0.0%	▲ 20.0%
Katavi	Current	800	2,100	2,300	3,000	-	2,900	2,300
	Previous	600	2,100	2,300	2,900	-	2,000	2,300
	Change	▲ 25.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 3.3%			▶ 0.0%
Mbeya	Current	500	2,100	2,300	-	-	-	-
	Previous	-	2,300	-	-	-	-	-
	Change		▼ 9.5%					
Singida	Current	700	2,800	2,800	300	600	800	-
	Previous	700	2,600	2,600	-	-	800	-
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▲ 7.1%	▲ 7.1%			▶ 0.0%	

Region	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
Geita	Current	800	2,200	3,100	2,600	-	-	-
	Previous	900	2,200	3,100	2,700	-	-	-
	Change	▼12.5%	▶0.0%	▶0.0%	▼3.8%			
Songwe	Current	600	2,500	2,200	-	-	-	2,200
	Previous	600	2,400	2,100	-	-	-	-
	Change	▶0.0%	▲4.0%	▲4.5%				
Pwani	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Previous	-	2,400	2,900	1,400	2,000	-	700

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 26<sup>th</sup> – 31<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	329,120	825	1,173	88,440	154,000
Mombasa	3,133	14,514	30		4,250	5,667
Zanzibar	94,444	290,000			98,611	42,800
Dar es salaam	53,333	363,333	533	300	172,222	137,778
Morogoro	68,333	206,667	567	700	41,111	83,333
Mwanza	39,806	243,056	625	1,125	32,000	68,333
Arusha	42,600	331,250	864	579	85,625	182,500
Tanga	60,833	222,778	583	683	50,000	86,667
Mbeya	49,000	168,810	1,044	977	51,429	122,000
<b>Current week average</b>	51,098	241,059	564	615	69,299	98,120
<b>Previous average</b>	50,364	236,714	577	606	65,694	97,162
<b>Change</b>	▲1.5%	▲1.8%	▼2.3%	▲1.5%	▲5.5%	▲1.0%

Source: TAHA, 2023

**Table 4: Cocoa sales for 2023/24 trade season ending 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2024**

LGAs			Amount sold (Kgs)	Average price (TZS/Kgs)	Total (TZS)
Kyela (Kg)	Busokelo (Kgs)	Rungwe (Kgs)			
6,010,270	1,745,030	698,600	8,453,900	9,006.65	75,536,569,780

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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