



United Republic of Tanzania
Ministry of Agriculture
Agricultural Marketing Section

Weekly Market Bulletin

20th - 24th January, 2025

Key Messages

Food crops: Wholesale prices for food crops this week have been varying at different rates compared to price levels of last week. Price of finger millet increased by 4.5% while prices of sorghum and beans decreased by 6.7% and 3.4% respectively. Prices of maize, rice, bulrush millet, and round potato remained unchanged.

Cocoa: Until 13th January 2024/2025 trade season, total sales of cocoa were 6,409,200 kilograms with a total value of TZS 126 billion.

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

| Previous week | 13 - 17 January, 2025 | | Current week | 20 - 24 January, 2025 | | | | |
|------------------|-----------------------|--------|--------------|-----------------------|---------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| National Average | Week | Maize | Rice | Beans | Sorghum | Bulrush millet | Finger millet | Round Potato |
| | Current | 700 | 2,000 | 2,800 | 1,400 | 1,600 | 2,300 | 1,000 |
| | Previous | 700 | 2,000 | 2,900 | 1,500 | 1,600 | 2,200 | 1,000 |
| | Change | ▶ 0.0% | ▶ 0.0% | ▼ 3.4% | ▼ 6.7% | ▶ 0.0% | ▲ 4.5% | ▶ 0.0% |

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

| Region | Week | Maize | Rice | Beans | Sorghum | Bulrush millet | Finger millet | Round Potato |
|---------------|----------|--------|--------|-------|---------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Arusha | Current | 800 | 2,700 | 2,700 | 1,000 | 800 | 1,800 | 1,000 |
| | Previous | 700 | 3,000 | 2,800 | 1,000 | - | 1,700 | 900 |
| | Change | ▲14.3% | ▼10.0% | ▼3.6% | ►0.0% | | ▲5.9% | ▲11.1% |
| Dar es Salaam | Current | 900 | 2,100 | 3,300 | - | - | - | 1,200 |
| | Previous | - | 2,300 | 3,300 | - | 2,200 | - | 700 |
| | Change | | ▼8.7% | ►0.0% | | | | ▲71.4% |
| Morogoro | Current | 900 | 2,200 | 3,100 | 1,500 | - | - | 800 |
| | Previous | 800 | 2,000 | 3,100 | 1,500 | - | - | 800 |
| | Change | ▲12.5% | ▲10.0% | ►0.0% | ►0.0% | | | ►0.0% |
| Iringa | Current | 800 | 2,400 | 2,900 | 1,400 | 1,800 | 2,800 | 800 |
| | Previous | 500 | - | 3,000 | 1,400 | 1,800 | 2,800 | 800 |
| | Change | ▲60.0% | | ▼3.3% | ►0.0% | ►0.0% | ►0.0% | ►0.0% |
| Ruvuma | Current | 700 | 2,000 | - | - | - | - | 700 |
| | Previous | 600 | 2,000 | - | - | - | - | 700 |
| | Change | ▲16.7% | ►0.0% | | | | | ►0.0% |
| Tabora | Current | 700 | 1,500 | 2,800 | 1,700 | 1,900 | 1,900 | 900 |
| | Previous | 1,100 | 1,500 | 3,000 | 1,700 | 1,900 | 1,900 | 1,000 |
| | Change | ▼36.4% | ►0.0% | ▼6.7% | ►0.0% | ►0.0% | ►0.0% | ▼10.0% |
| Rukwa | Current | 700 | 2,100 | 2,800 | - | 2,000 | 2,000 | 900 |
| | Previous | 700 | 2,100 | 2,900 | - | - | 1,900 | 900 |
| | Change | ►0.0% | ►0.0% | ▼3.4% | | | ▲5.3% | ►0.0% |
| Kigoma | Current | 800 | 1,600 | 2,000 | 1,000 | - | - | - |
| | Previous | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Change | | | | | | | |
| Shinyanga | Current | 900 | 1,600 | 2,600 | 1,500 | 1,100 | 2,500 | 1,100 |
| | Previous | 800 | 1,600 | 2,600 | 1,600 | 1,000 | 2,500 | 1,000 |
| | Change | ▲12.5% | ►0.0% | ►0.0% | ▼6.3% | ▲10.0% | ►0.0% | ▲10.0% |
| Mwanza | Current | 800 | 1,900 | 2,700 | 1,300 | 1,300 | 1,900 | 1,000 |
| | Previous | 900 | 2,000 | 2,800 | 1,500 | 1,300 | 1,900 | 1,200 |
| | Change | ▼11.1% | ▼5.0% | ▼3.6% | ▼13.3% | ►0.0% | ►0.0% | ▼16.7% |
| Kagera | Current | 900 | 2,300 | 2,600 | 1,400 | 1,500 | 2,800 | 900 |
| | Previous | 800 | 1,800 | 2,800 | 1,400 | 1,500 | 2,100 | 1,100 |
| | Change | ▲12.5% | ▲27.8% | ▼7.1% | ►0.0% | ►0.0% | ▲33.3% | ▼18.2% |

| Region | Week | Maize | Rice | Beans | Sorghum | Bulrush millet | Finger millet | Round Potato |
|--------|----------|---------|---------|--------|---------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Njombe | Current | 700 | 1,600 | 2,500 | 1,000 | - | 2,300 | 600 |
| | Previous | 900 | 2,100 | 2,500 | 900 | - | 2,300 | 600 |
| | Change | ▼ 22.2% | ▼ 23.8% | ► 0.0% | ▲ 11.1% | | ► 0.0% | ► 0.0% |
| Geita | Current | 800 | 1,700 | 3,100 | 1,600 | - | - | 1,200 |
| | Previous | 700 | 2,100 | 3,000 | 1,400 | 1,800 | 2,800 | 800 |
| | Change | ▲ 14.3% | ▼ 19.0% | ▲ 3.3% | ▲ 14.3% | | | ▲ 50.0% |
| Songwe | Current | 600 | 2,300 | 2,800 | - | - | - | - |
| | Previous | 600 | 2,300 | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Change | ► 0.0% | ► 0.0% | | | | | |
| Simiyu | Current | 700 | 1,600 | 3,100 | 1,900 | 1,900 | 2,600 | 1,400 |
| | Previous | 700 | 1,500 | 3,100 | 1,900 | 1,900 | 2,300 | 1,500 |
| | Change | ► 0.0% | ▲ 6.7% | ► 0.0% | ► 0.0% | ► 0.0% | ▲ 13.0% | ▼ 6.7% |

Source: Ministry of Agriculture, 2025

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: Cocoa sales for 2024/2025 trade season ending 13th January, 2025

| LGAs | | | | Amount sold (Kgs) | Average price (TZS/Kgs) | Total (TZS) |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Kyela (Kg) | Busokelo (Kgs) | Rungwe (Kgs) | Ileje (Kgs) | | | |
| 4,729,550 | 1,118,600 | 543,480 | | 6,409,200 | 20,682.36 | 125,984,044,620 |

Source: Tanzania Cooperative Development Commission, 2025

Table 4: 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, 2024

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
- ✓ This weekly marketing bulletin can be accessed at www.kilimo.go.tz

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