



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

**Weekly Market Bulletin**

**05<sup>th</sup> February – 09<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 round potato and sorghum decreased by 12.5% and 6.7% respectively. while prices of maize, rice, beans, bulrush millet and finger millet remained constant.

**Horticulture:** The period of 02<sup>nd</sup> – 07<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 prices for horticultural crops in various markets have changed at different rates. Price of green pepper increased by 1.4% while price of onions, pineapple, tomato and watermelon decreased by 4.1%, 3.2%, 2.6% and 0.5% respectively and price of cucumber remain constant.

**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	29Jan - 02February 2024	Current week	05 -09 February 2024					
	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
<b>National Average</b>	Current	700	2,400	2,500	1500	1600	1700	800
	Previous	700	2,400	2,500	1600	1600	1,700	900
	<b>Change</b>	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 6.7%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 12.5%

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	2,700	2,900	700	-	-	800
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%			▶ 0.0%
Arusha	Current	700	2,700	2,000	1,400	-	1,500	800
	Previous	700	2,600	2,500	1,600	1,700	1,600	900
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▲ 3.7%	▼ 25.0%	▼ 14.3%		▼ 6.7%	▼ 12.5%
Dar es Salaam	Current	1,000	2,400	3,000	1,100	-	-	-
	Previous	900	2,500	2,900	1,000	1,200	1,700	700
	Change	▲ 10.0%	▼ 4.2%	▲ 3.3%	▲ 9.1%			
Lindi	Current	1,000	2,800	2,700	2,500	2,900	1,900	700
	Previous	1,000	2,700	2,900	2,800	2,900	1,900	700
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▲ 3.6%	▼ 7.4%	▼ 12.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Morogoro	Current	800	2,600	2,800	1,100	-	-	600
	Previous	1,000	2,300	2,700	1,000	1,800	2,200	700
	Change	▼ 25.0%	▲ 11.5%	▲ 3.6%	▲ 9.1%			▼ 16.7%
Tanga	Current	900	2,400	2,500	-	1,200	1,500	600
	Previous	900	2,400	2,600	1,000	1,500	1,700	700
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 4.0%		▼ 25.0%	▼ 13.3%	▼ 16.7%
Mtwara	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Previous	800	2,500	2,800	-	-	-	1,000
Iringa	Current	600	2,400	2,500	1,300	-	-	700
	Previous	600	2,400	2,500	1,300	-	-	700
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%			▶ 0.0%
Ruvuma	Current	600	2,300	-	-	-	-	500
	Previous	500	2,400	2,400	-	-	-	500
	Change	▲ 16.7%	▼ 4.3%					▶ 0.0%
Tabora	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Previous	800	2,400	2,600	-	-	-	800
	Change							
Rukwa	Current	700	2,200	1,900	-	-	800	-
	Previous	700	2,200	2,000	-	-	700	-
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 5.3%				

Region	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
Kigoma	Current	800	2,300	-	1,000	-	-	800
	Previous	800	-	2,400	-	-	-	-
	<b>Change</b>	▶ 0.0%	▲ 100.0%					▲ 100.0%
Shinyanga	Current	800	2,100	2,100	-	-	-	800
	Previous	800	2,000	2,100	-	-	-	800
	<b>Change</b>	▶ 0.0%	▲ 4.8%	▶ 0.0%				▶ 0.0%
Mwanza	Current	800	2,300	2,100	1,500	-	-	-
	Previous	800	2,400	2,400	1,500	-	-	800
	<b>Change</b>	▶ 0.0%	▼ 4.3%	▼ 14.3%	▶ 0.0%			#DIV/0!
Kagera	Current	800	2,800	2,300	1,700	-	-	800
	Previous	800	2,800	2,300	1,700	-	-	800
	<b>Change</b>	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%			▶ 0.0%
Mara	Current	600	2,200	2,600	1,100	2,000	2,000	1,000
	Previous	600	2,400	2,600	1,100	2,000	2,000	1,100
	<b>Change</b>	▶ 0.0%	▼ 9.1%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▼ 10.0%
Manyara	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Previous	600	2,800	2,800	-	1,400	-	1,000
Njombe	Current	600	2,400	2,200	-	-	1,200	500
	Previous	600	2,500	2,400	1,000	-	1,200	500
	<b>Change</b>	▶ 0.0%	▼ 4.2%	▼ 9.1%			▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%
Katavi	Current	700	2,000	2,300	3,000	-	-	1,600
	Previous	700	2,100	2,300	3,000	-	2,900	2,300
	<b>Change</b>	▶ 0.0%	▼ 5.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%			▼ 43.8%
Mbeya	Current	600	2,200	2,300	-	-	-	-
	Previous	600	2,100	2,300	-	-	-	-
	<b>Change</b>	▶ 0.0%	▲ 4.5%	▶ 0.0%				
Singida	Current	600	2,100	2,400	500	400	900	-
	Previous	700	2,800	2,900	300	600	800	-
	<b>Change</b>	▼ 16.7%	▼ 33.3%	▼ 20.8%	▲ 40.0%		▲ 11.1%	
Geita	Current	700	2,100	3,000	-	-	-	2,500
	Previous	800	2,200	3,100	2,600	-	-	-
	<b>Change</b>	▼ 14.3%	▼ 4.8%	▼ 3.3%				
Songwe	Current	600	-	2,400	-	-	-	-
	Previous	600	2,500	2,200	-	-	-	2,200
	<b>Change</b>	▶ 0.0%		▲ 8.3%				
Simiyu	Current	800	-	2,600	-	-	-	-

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 02<sup>nd</sup> – 07<sup>th</sup> February, 2024

Region	Tomato (40 Kg Crate)	Onion (100 Kg Sack)	Watermelon (Kg)	Pineapple (Kg)	Green Pepper (50 Kg Sack)	Cucumber (100 Kg Sack)
Nairobi	45,833	291,867	807	1,082	115,133	163,167
Mombasa	3,025	14,014	30		4,500	6,500
Zanzibar	91,364	300,758			103,106	42,800
Dar es salaam	52,222	315,741	537	300	160,148	129,259
Morogoro	67,500	217,500	575	700	40,208	87,500
Dodoma	27,543		580		58,000	83,333
Mwanza	42,708	245,833	625	1,063	33,750	70,000
Arusha	40,750	300,000	963	625	83,000	172,000
Tanga	55,000	218,889	600	633	41,667	90,000
Mbeya	49,600	177,000	910	934	51,000	121,600
<b>Current week average</b>	<b>49,778</b>	<b>231,289</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>70,279</b>	<b>98,092</b>
<b>Previous average</b>	<b>51,098</b>	<b>241,059</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>69,299</b>	<b>98,120</b>
<b>Change</b>	<b>▼ 2.6%</b>	<b>▼ 4.1</b>	<b>▼ 0.5%</b>	<b>▼ 3.6%</b>	<b>▲ 1.4%</b>	<b>▶ 0.0%</b>

Source: TAHA, 2024

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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