



**United Republic of Tanzania
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Agricultural Marketing Section**

Weekly Market Bulletin

25th March- 29th March, 2024

Key Messages

Food crops: wholesale prices for food crops has remained the same as previous week.

Horticulture: The period of 15th – 20th March, 2024 prices for horticultural crops in various markets have changed at different rates. Price of cucumber, green pepper, onions and watermelon increased by 22.4%, 17.4%, 4.9% and 0.6% while price of, pineapple and tomato decreased by 17.3% and 5.4% respectively.

Cocoa: Total sales were 9,729,230 kilograms with a total value of TZS 98.5 billion for the week ended 25th March, 2024.

Cashew nut: Until 05th 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	18 March -22 March 2024	Current week	25 March -29 March 2024					
National Average	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
	Current	700	2,300	2,300	1,400	1,400	1,600	900
	Previous	700	2,300	2,300	1,400	1,400	1,600	900
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 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	500	2,700	2,700	700	900	1,200	900
	Previous	500	2,600	2,800	700	600	1,400	900
	Change	► 0.0%	▲ 3.8%	▼ 3.6%	► 0.0%	▲ 50.0%	▼ 14.3%	► 0.0%
Arusha	Current	600	2,800	-	1,400	-	1,600	900
	Previous	700	2,900	1,900	1,400	1,600	1,600	800
	Change	▼ 14.3%	▼ 3.4%	▼ 100.0%	► 0.0%		► 0.0%	▲ 12.5%
Dar es Salaam	Current	900	2,400	2,800	1,100	1,100	1,800	1,100
	Previous	1,000	2,300	2,900	1,100	-	-	1,000
	Change	▼ 10.0%	▲ 4.3%	▼ 3.4%	► 0.0%	► 0.0%		▲ 10.0%
Lindi	Current	1,000	3,100	2,900	2,500	2,900	1,900	700
	Previous	1,000	3,100	2,900	2,500	2,900	1,900	800
	Change	► 0.0%	► 0.0%	► 0.0%	► 0.0%	► 0.0%	► 0.0%	▼ 12.5%
Morogoro	Current	600	2,500	2,700	1,600	-	-	700
	Previous	800	2,900	2,700	1,700	-	-	700
	Change	▼ 25.0%	▼ 13.8%	► 0.0%	▼ 5.9%			► 0.0%
Tanga	Current	700	2,200	-	-	-	-	-
	Previous	900	2,200	2,300	1,100	-	1,500	-
	Change	▼ 22.2%	► 0.0%					
Mtwara	Current	700	2,600	2,600	1,500	-	-	-
	Previous	700	2,600	2,600	1,500	-	-	-
	Change	► 0.0%	► 0.0%	► 0.0%	► 0.0%			
Iringa	Current	700	2,400	2,300	1,400	1,700	1,500	700
	Previous	700	2,400	2,300	1,400	1,700	1,500	600
	Change	► 0.0%	► 0.0%	► 0.0%	► 0.0%	► 0.0%	► 0.0%	▲ 16.7%
Ruvuma	Current	-	2,200	-	-	-	-	-
	Previous	500	2,400	1,900	-	-	1,600	700
	Change		▼ 8.3%					
Tabora	Current	600	2,000	2,400	-	-	-	800
	Previous	800	2,100	2,400	-	-	-	800
	Change	▼ 25.0%	▼ 4.8%	► 0.0%				► 0.0%
Rukwa	Current	500	2,000	1,600	-	-	800	-
	Previous	500	2,100	1,500	-	-	-	800
	Change	► 0.0%	▼ 4.8%	▲ 6.7%				▼ 100.0%
Kigoma	Current	-	2,300	2,300	-	600	1,900	700
	Previous	600	2,200	2,200	1,300	500	2,000	700
	Change	► 0.0%	► 0.0%	► 0.0%	► 0.0%	► 0.0%	► 0.0%	► 0.0%

Region	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
Shinyanga	Current	600	1,900	2,300	1,200	1,000	1,700	-
	Previous	-	-	-	1,200	-	-	-
	Change				► 0.0%			
Mwanza	Current	-	2,100	-	-	-	-	-
	Previous	600	2,200	2,200	1,500	1,300	1,600	900
	Change	► 0.0%	► 0.0%	► 0.0%	► 0.0%	► 0.0%	► 0.0%	► 0.0%
Kagera	Current	600	2,600	1,800	1,600	1,700	1,700	700
	Previous	500	2,600	1,800	1,600	1,700	1,700	700
	Change	▲ 20.0%	► 0.0%	► 0.0%	► 0.0%	► 0.0%	► 0.0%	► 0.0%
Mara	Current	500	1,900	2,400	1,700	1,800	1,800	1,200
	Previous	500	1,700	2,300	1,600	1,500	-	1,000
	Change	► 0.0%	▲ 11.8%	▲ 4.3%	▲ 6.3%	▲ 20.0%		▲ 20.0%
Manyara	Current	600	2,600	2,500	-	-	1,800	1,000
	Previous	1,000	2,700	2,200	-	-	2,300	1,100
	Change	▼ 40.0%	▼ 3.7%	▲ 13.6%			▼ 21.7%	▼ 9.1%
Njombe	Current	500	2,200	1,900	900	-	1,300	600
	Previous	500	2,300	1,800	1,000	-	1,200	500
	Change	► 0.0%	▼ 4.3%	▲ 5.6%	▼ 10.0%		▲ 8.3%	▲ 20.0%
Katavi	Current	400	1,700	1,900	1,000	-	1,300	2,000
Mbeya	Current	500	1,900	1,900	-	-	-	-
	Previous	500	1,900	2,300	-	-	-	-
	Change	► 0.0%	► 0.0%	▼ 17.4%				
Geita	Current	400	1,900	2,600	1,700	-	-	900
	Previous	500	2,000	2,700	1,700	-	-	900
	Change	▼ 20.0%	▼ 5.0%	▼ 3.7%	► 0.0%			► 0.0%
Songwe	Current	400	2,400	-	-	-	-	-
	Previous	500	2,400	1,800	-	-	-	-
	Change	▼ 20.0%	► 0.0%					

Region	Week	Maize	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Bulrush millet	Finger millet	Round Potato
Simiyu	Current	600	1,900	2,600	900	1,900	1,900	1,300
	Previous	600	1,900	2,600	-	1,900	1,900	1,200
	Change	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%		▶ 0.0%	▶ 0.0%	▲ 8.3%
Pwani	Current	2,400		-	-	-	-	-
	Previous	900	2,400	2,700	1,400	-	-	1,900
	Change	▲ 166.7%						

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 15th - 20th March, 2024

Region	Tomato (40 Kg Crate)	Onion (100 Kg Sack)	Watermelon (Kg)	Pineapple (Kg)	Green Pepper (50 Kg Sack)	Cucumber (100 Kg Sack)
Nairobi	50000	330000	953	1100	64533	205333
Mombasa	43267	366667	660		69667	154000
Zanzibar	92500	401250	150	1200	157500	70000
Dar es salaam	83571	463095	733	500	104286	49667
Dodoma	90000	395333			121667	73667
Mwanza	37000	352778	583	833	30000	70000
Arusha	50000	416667	767	517	68333	140000
Tanga	52000	350333	600	660	44000	86000
Mbeya	49667	227775	1133	967	50667	121333
Current week average	61445	367100	866	722	78961	107778
Previous average	64925	349809	861	874	67258	104981
Change	▼ 5.4%	▲ 4.9%	▲ 0.6%	▼ 17.3%	▲ 17.4%	▲ 22.4%

Source: TAHA, 2024

Table 4: Cocoa sales for 2023/24 trade season ending 18th March, 2024

LGAs			Amount sold (Kgs)	Average price (TZS/Kgs)	Total (TZS)
Kyela (Kg)	Busokelo (Kgs)	Rungwe (Kgs)			
7,153,650	1,862,980	712,600	9,729,230	9708.8	98,466,915,470.0

Source: Tanzania Cooperative Development Commission, 2024

Table 5: Raw Cashew nut sales for 2023/24 trade season ending 05th 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
Total	241,477,696	2,040	1,445	432,771,271,816

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 then select the service
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