

This report shows market activities across the East Africa region's selected main grain markets from **5th to 9th December, 2016**. The monitoring is carried out by Eastern Africa Grain Council (EAGC) monitors based in all the 5 EAC on a daily basis. Monitoring is also done in South Sudan and Malawi. In Malawi, we do monitoring through partnership with Agricultural Commodity Exchange for Africa.

The report helps stakeholders and users to have a general overview of the market price trends across the region. This is a service of EAGC primarily to its members and other interested stakeholders. The full market data of daily wholesale and Retail market prices is available in www.ratin.net

GRAIN NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

Regional: The East African Business Council (EABC) Trade Economist, Mr Adrian Njau, said that most traders were uninformed of their rights stated on the EAC treaties. "Business people operating in the region should not overlook the procedures needed to penetrate the regional markets, but make effective use of the duty-free access to sell their products," he said. Kenyan millers have questioned the application of the EAC tax regime by the authorities which allow wheat from Tanzania to enter Kenya market tax free

Tanzania: According to Indian Deputy High Commissioner to Tanzania, Robert Shetkintong, his country was importing an average of six million tonnes a year to meet growing demand for the nutritious food crop. He said for Tanzania to seize the opportunity must improve quality thereby using modern farming technology. "We're expecting a delegate from India very soon to arrive in Tanzania to share moment and experience with their counterparts on improving pulses production," he said.

Rwanda: The senators in the committee in charge of economic development and finance met with members of the Private Sector Federation's chamber of agriculture. They said that

despite proper policies in place like land consolidation and crop intensification, among others, there has been lack of an efficient organisational mechanism, which have kept many subsistent farmers in isolated agriculture practices yielding so little.

Kenya: Seed manufacturers have stepped up efforts to rid the sector of fake products that are not only denying them revenue but also offering farmers poor yields. During a recent seeds sector conference in Nairobi, several technologies to fight the counterfeit merchants were showcased and their success highlighted.

REGIONAL MARKET ANALYSIS

TANZANIA

Table 1: Summary of weekly grain prices in Tanzania

Weekly Average Wholesale Grain Prices in Tanzania on (\$/MT)						
	Rice		Beans		Maize	
	Previous	Current	Previous	Current	Previous	Current
Dar es Salaam	611	628	846	844	376	375
Arusha	752	762	799	809	353	357
Iringa	611	657	752	750	282	281

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Maize, Beans and Rice : Table 1 above shows summary average whole sale prices of grain in three Tanzania markets within two weeks.

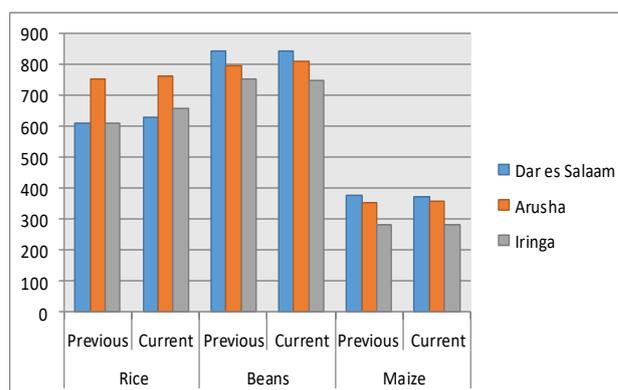
Wholesale prices of **Beans** increased by 0.23% (\$2/MT) in Dar es Salaam as a result of increase in demand in the markets. In Iringa, prices were relatively stable with a marginal increase of 0.26% (\$2/MT). Reports showed a slight increase in Arusha markets. The demand of the commodity is low as big consumers such as schools are still in recess. Prices are expected to remain relatively stable in the coming weeks.

Prices of **Rice** increased in all EAGC RATIN monitored markets. Dar markets recorded a 2.6% (\$ 17/MT) increase. In Arusha and Iringa markets, there was a gain of 1.33% (\$10/MT) and 7.52% (\$46/MT) respectively. The demand for the

commodity is peaking as we head into the festive season. Prices are still expected to go up in the coming weeks.

For **maize**, prices were relatively stable in all markets with marginal changes observed. There was a \$1/MT decrease in Dar markets. In Arusha and Iringa, there was a 1.13% (\$4/MT) gain and 0.13% (\$1/MT) loss respectively. The price are expected to remain stable till the end of the year when harvest from *vuli* season gets into the market.

Graph 1: Summary of weekly wholesale prices in (USD/MT)



R W A N D A

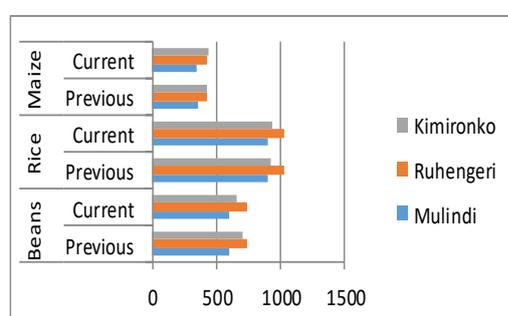
Table 3: Summary Average wholesale Grain prices in Rwanda

	Beans		Rice		Maize	
	Previous	Current	Previous	Current	Previous	Current
Mulindi	597	597	899	899	357	346
Ruhengeri	736	735	1030	1029	429	429
Kimironko	702	654	924	940	431	435

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Reports from EAGC RATIN monitored markets for all grains indicated changes in prices. For **rice**, prices were relatively stable in Mulindi and Ruhengeri markets. In Kimironko, prices went up by 1.73% (\$16/MT). The prices are expected to increase in the coming weeks as demand peaks heading into the festive season.

Graph 2 Summary of average wholesale prices Rwanda (USD/MT)



For **beans**, prices were stable in Mulindi and Ruhengeri markets indicative of market equilibrium. There was a significant decrease of

6.8% (\$48/MT) in Kimironko market. The prices are expected to go down as harvest from *Season A* crop in Eastern and Southern areas was affected by low rains impacting negatively the supply to the market.

Maize: The prices were stable in Ruhengeri. There was a slight increase of 0.92% (\$4/MT) in Kimironko and a decrease of 3% (\$9/MT) was noted in Mulindi market. Currently, the country is at the lean period of production therefore, prices are expected to go up in the coming weeks.

Table 4: Summary of wholesale prices of Millet and Wheat in Rwanda (USD/MT)

	Millet		Wheat	
	Previous	Current	Previous	Current
Ruhengeri	797	796	675	674
Kimironko	905	886	684	689
Mulindi	690	707	721	727

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The price of **Millet** in EAGC RATIN monitored markets had a loss of 2% (\$9/MT) in Kimironko market. In Ruhengeri, the prices were relatively stable whereas in Mulindi market, there was a 2.5% (\$17/MT) increase.

For **wheat**, the prices were stable in Ruhengeri markets. In Kimironko and Mulindi, there was an increase of 0.7% (\$4/MT) and 0.8% (\$6/MT) respectively. Prices are expected to go down as there is oversupply reported in the global markets and Rwanda is a net importer of the commodity.

U G A N D A

Table 5: Summary of Monthly grain prices in Uganda for Beans Maize and Rice

Weekly average wholesale grain prices in Uganda (USD/MT)						
	Maize		Beans		Rice	
	Previous	Current	Previous	Current	Previous	Current
Kampala	369	371	699	698	783	838
Masindi	280	279	615	670	783	782
Kasese	264	280	723	700	974	980

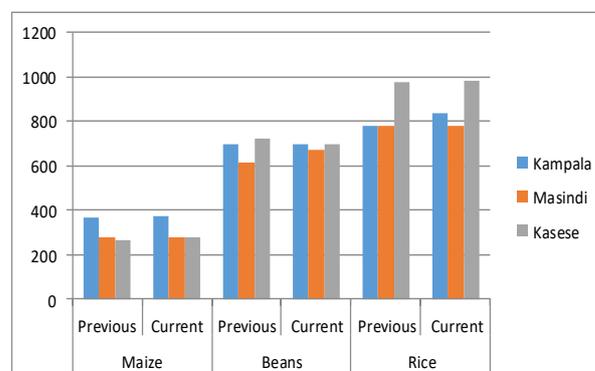
Reports from EAGC RATIN monitored markets for **Maize** indicated relative stable prices in Masindi market. In Kampala markets, there was a marginal increase of 0.5% (\$2/MT) indicative of relative stability. However in Kasese market, a 6% (\$16/MT) increase was recorded making it the best performing market in that front. Prices are expected to go down as supplies from second season from Southern Uganda gets into the market.

A significant increase of prices of **beans** was reported in Masindi market, it gained 9% (\$55/MT) from last weeks average. In Kampala, prices changed marginally as a 0.14% (\$1/MT) decrease was reported. In Kasese market, a decrease of 3.8% (\$23/MT) was recorded. Prices are expected to go down in the coming weeks as

supply of the commodity to the markets increases from Second Season harvest which is ongoing.

Price of **Rice** increased significantly in Kampala markets, there was a 7.02% (\$55/MT) gain recorded from previous week's average. In Masindi market, prices were relatively stable and in Kasese, a 0.6% (\$4/MT) increase was noted. Prices are expected to increase in the coming weeks as demand is expected to go up heading into the festive season..

Graph 3. Summary of average wholesale prices Uganda (USD/MT)



KENYA

Table 6: Summary of Average grain prices in Kenya

	Beans		Rice		Maize	
	Previous	Current	Previous	Current	Previous	Current
Eldoret	680	669	1420	1361	270	284
Nairobi	-	-	1201	1198	320	319
Kisumu	600	615	900	898	350	349
Nakuru	555	554	720	739	277	277

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Bean and Maize: Price of **maize** was firm in Nakuru. However, Nairobi and Kisumu markets had relative stability as marginal changes were recorded. Eldoret had a significant increase with prices increasing by 5% (\$14/MT) from previous week's average. The prices are expected to go down as there is guaranteed supply from the long rains harvest. The price of **beans** increased marginally in Kisumu by 2.5% (\$15/MT) and this was indicative of increase in demand. In Eldoret and Nakuru markets, the prices decreased by 1.6% (\$19/MT) and 0.8% (\$1/MT) respectively. Prices are expected to remain stable in the coming weeks but will increase when schools open in January.

Rice prices declined in most of the monitored markets. The only increase noted was in Nakuru markets where a 2.6% (\$19/MT) was recorded. In Kisumu, prices went down by 0.2% (\$2/MT) indicative of increase in supply of the commodity. Nairobi and Eldoret market recorded marginal decrease of 0.2% (\$3/MT) and 4% (\$59/MT) respectively.

Graph 4: Summary of weekly grain prices of Beans, Rice and Maize in Kenya

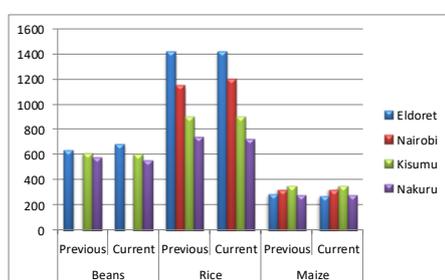


Table 7: Summary of average grain prices for Millet, Sorghum and Wheat

	Millet		Sorghum		Wheat	
	Previous	Current	Previous	Current	Previous	Current
Eldoret	800	798	380	376	410	419
Nairobi	440	442	560	579	440	439
Nakuru	500	699	333	333	333	333
Kisumu	700	699	350	349	-	..

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Millet and Sorghum: As shown in table 7, the price of **sorghum** decreased in Eldoret by 1.05% (\$16/MT). Equally, there was a marginal decrease in Kisumu market, prices went down by 0.2% (\$1/MT) indicative of relative stability. There were no changes recorded in Nakuru markets. Prices are expected to go up in the coming weeks as stocks from the long rain harvest diminish and the markets will rely on imports from neighboring countries.

Millet recorded significant increase of 39.8% (\$199/MT) in Nakuru markets and in Nairobi, the increase was marginal as only 0.4% (\$2/MT) was gained from previous week average. Other markets lost value marginally from previous week's average, Eldoret prices reduced by 0.3% (\$2/MT) and in Kisumu, there was a 0.14 (\$/MT) decrease. The prices suggest relative stability in the two markets.

The changes were marginal for most commodity but demand for wheat and rice is expected to increase regionally during the festive season.

CONCLUSION

- Prices from the EAGC monitored markets show a decline in price of Wheat in all markets across the region. Supply of the commodity has increased as earlier reports by the ministry of Agriculture (Kenya) indicated an oversupply from the world market.
- Regionally, the demand for rice and wheat is expected to still increase heading into the festive season therefore, prices will go up in the coming weeks. However, wheat prices will stabilize as the demand closes on supply.
- Rwanda, Tanzania and some parts of Uganda are going through a lean season for most of the key staples, therefore prices will still increase till end of the month.

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