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## EAGC-RATIN MARKET ANALYSIS REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING 12TH FEBRUARY 2016

This report analyses activities across the East Africa (EAC) region's selected main grain markets from **February 8th -12th 2016**. The monitoring is carried out by Eastern Africa Grain Council (EAGC) monitors based in all the 5 EAC countries on a daily basis. Monitors collect and transmit commodity prices and factors that trigger their price changes.

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### GRAIN NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CONTINENT

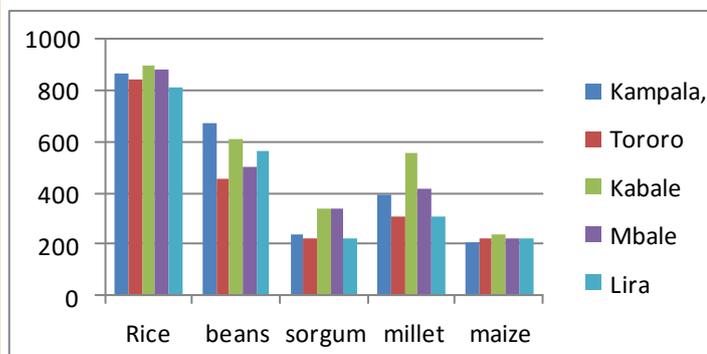
- UN agriculture agency (FAO) warns of threat to food security from overuse of antibiotics. The overuse of antibiotics and other antimicrobial agents is impacting rural livelihoods and food security, and requires globally coordinated efforts.
- Kenya: MPs urged to pass grain trade Bill. The Eastern Africa Grain Council (EAGC), says if enacted, the Warehouse Receipting System Bill will see farmers deliver their grain to certified warehouses and get receipts which they can use as collateral for loans from financial institutions.
- Kenya: Treasury seeks proposals to guide investments in infrastructure and agriculture. The National Treasury has invited proposals on the formulation of a financial policy that encourages investments in infrastructural and agricultural development.
- Tanzania: Local consumers will have the last say on whether the government should endorse or repel genetically engineered food from becoming part of the country's food chain. This according to the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Permanent Secretary, Dr Florence Turuka.
- Uganda: Farmers have tasked government to set up markets for their produce to ensure better prices by dealing directly with the buyers. The call was made during a National Farmers' Summit, which was held in Bwebajja, near Kampala.
- Farmers urged on intensive exploitation of marshlands. Farmers in Kigali have been urged to exploit marshlands in their areas to increase productivity. Tony Nsanganira, the Minister of State for Agriculture, advised the farmers during an assessment exercise of the progress made in developing the earmarked marshlands, located in the three districts of the City of Kigali.
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### REGIONAL MARKET ANALYSIS

#### U G A N D A

The week was characterized by decreased prices in millet, sorghum as harvest season begins. Beans reported price increase as the demand continues to increase. The supply is relatively low in the EAGC monitored markets. In the following week, we do not expect prices for maize to reduce because of the low yields per acre experienced by most farmers in the region. Rice prices remains high in Uganda especially at Kabale Market trading at 896 USD/MT

However, for the case of beans, the prices may remain high because of the low supplies in the market and high demand. This was as a result of the heavy rains during the season which greatly affected the level of yields.



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#### Average weekly wholesale prices in USD/MT in Uganda Markets

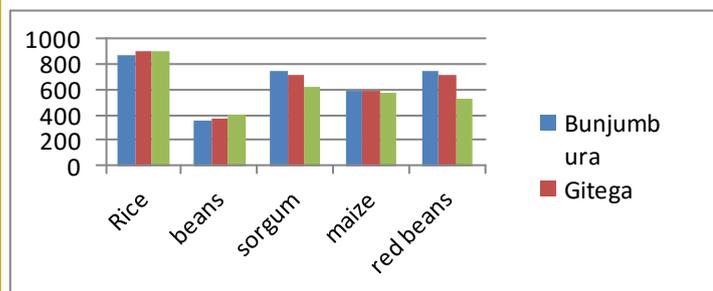
Table 1: Summary of weekly grain prices in Uganda

- Prices of rice were high in Kabale market trading at 896 USD/MT and low at Kampala trading at 868 USD/MT.
- Beans prices continues to escalate in Uganda across all monitored market due to high local and foreign demand. Kampala Market posted high trading prices at 672 USD/MT while in Mbale market prices were 504 USD/MT.
- Maize prices remained relative low in all markets. The country experienced high yields hence there is low demand locally.
- Millet and sorghum reported good demand as Kenya de-

## BURUNDI

The prices of grains across all the EAGC RATING monitored markets in Burundi remained constant at the beginning of the week and the end.

### Average weekly wholesale prices in USD/MT For Bunjumbura, Gitenga and Ngozi Markets



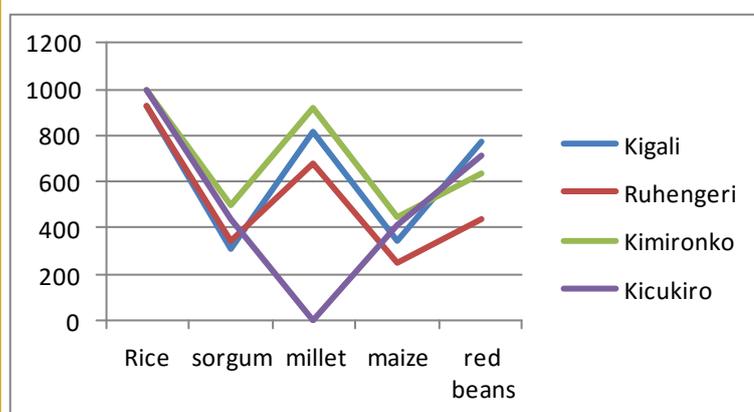
### Table 3: Summary Average Grain prices in Burundi

Reports from the EAGC RATING monitored markets indicated a price stability of maize in Gitenga market to trade at USD 584/MT. This could be attributed to increased demand in the market. The price of red beans reported price increase across all the markets with Bunjumbura market reporting the highest price increase trading at 747 USD /MT. The price increase could be as a result of an increased demand for red beans in the market.

Rice prices remained constantly high from Bunjumbura, Ngozi and Gitenga markets as monitored this week. The prices are expected to remain constant as the demand is still high in the coming weeks.

## RWANDA

### Table 3: Summary Weekly Average Grain prices in Rwanda



**Beans and Maize:** Reports from monitored markets indicated constant prices of beans in all markets with Kicukiro reporting the highest price to trade at USD 585/MT. This could be attributed to continued scarcity in the market. Beans is one of the major grains in Rwanda markets. Maize price in Kigali and Kimironko traded at USD 340/MT and USD 446/MT respectively whereas Ruhengeri prices recorded low trading at USD 245/MT. This could be attributed to an increased demand of beans. Red beans prices were high in Kigali and Kicukiro markets. These prices are expected to remain constant in the next week since market demand seems to be same.

**Wheat, Millet and Sorghum** As shown in the table 4 below the price of millet in the monitored market were high through out the week and remained constant across all the monitored markets with Kimironko trading at the highest price of USD 918/MT. The prices of millet relatively lower this month as compared to December 2015. This is attributed to high to low demand.

Reports from EAGC RATING monitored markets indicated price increase for wheat. Sorghum prices remained low. However, in Kimironko market, prices were high trading at 497 USD/MT. Farmers are expecting bumper harvest for the Maize and sorghum this season and therefore prices may reduce in the coming month.

Rice prices were also monitored in Ruhengeri, Kigali, Kimironko and Kicukiro this week. Kicukiro recorded average price of USD 1000/MT whereas Kimironko traded at USD 995/MT. The price for the rice is expected to remain the same in the next week since the demand is still high.

### Table 4: Summary Grain prices in the week ending on 12th February in Rwanda

RWANDA	Rice	sorghum	millet	maize	red beans
<b>Kigali/Nyabugogo</b>	925	312	816	340	776
<b>Ruhengeri</b>	925	340	680	245	435
<b>Kimironko</b>	993	497	918	446	632
<b>Kicukiro</b>	1000	435		414	714



## KENYA

**Table 5: Summary of whole sale prices in Kenya**

	Rice	Beans	Sorghum	Millet	Maize
<b>Kenya</b>					
Nairobi	1138	594	540	660	310
Kisumu	1050	643	280	650	280
Eldoret	1480	720	360	800	270
Nakuru	670	470	330	450	250

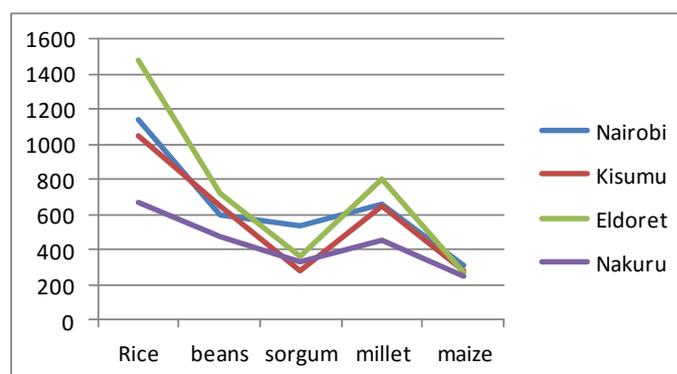
**Millet and Sorghum.** According to reports from the EAGC RATIN monitored markets, the price of maize reported average prices in all monitored markets . Sorghum traded highest at USD 540/MT in Nairobi and lowest trading at USD 280 /MT in Kisumu. These prices have remained the same in the

**Maize:** As shown in table 5 above, the price of Maize reported low across the markets except in Nairobi market as shown in table. Nakuru Market reported lowest price trading at USD 250/MT. This is attributed to low demand in the area. Nakuru region is a major source of Maize this season. Prices of Maize are expected to increase in the next few weeks as the demand increases.

The analysis for this week covers four major markets of Nairobi, Kisumu, Eldoret and Nakuru.

**Rice and Beans:** Reports from the EAGC RATIN monitored markets in Kenya indicated a price increase of Rice from last year trading at USD 1480MT in Eldoret and USD 1138/MT in Nairobi. Prices remained relatively constant this week. This could be attributed to increased demand of Rice in the markets.

According to reports from the EAGC RATIN monitored markets, the price of beans reported increase across the markets with Eldoret trading at the highest price of USD 720/MT. There is high demand for beans in Kenya currently. The price is expected to increase in the next few weeks as the supply continues to reduce.



## CONCLUSION

Reports from the EAGC RATIN monitored markets across the region indicated average prices in majority of the markets across the region as new supply of various commodities enters the markets. We can expect prices to decrease in the coming weeks as harvest season for maize, sorghum and millet begins. The price for all variety of Beans is expected

to increase as the supply for complementary grains increases.

Its important to note, the prices recorded from EAGC RATIN are indicative to assist traders, farmers and all stakeholders in the grain value chain to make informed decisions on available markets and prices.

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