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EAGC RATIN MARKET ANALYSIS REPORT FOR 30th January—4th Feb 2012

This report presents and analyses the market activities across the East Africa (EAC) region's major selected grain markets during the month of January. The price monitoring was carried out by Eastern Africa Grain Council (EAGC) market and border monitors based in all the five EAC countries on a daily basis. The monitors collect and transmit to RATIN, wholesale prices

of maize, beans (Rosecoco), rice, wheat, sorghum and millet and factors that trigger such price changes.

This is a service of EAGC primarily to its members and other interested stakeholders. The full market data of the daily market prices is available in www.ratin.net.

MARKET ANALYSIS

Kenya

Average Market Prices (Kshs/Kg) in Kenya					
	Eldoret	Kisumu	Meru	Nairobi	Nakuru
Maize	32.2	37.8	31.1	33.3	30
Beans	62.2	62.2	56.7	57.8	57.8
Rice	106.7	105.6	105	100	96.7
Wheat	40				39.4
Sorghum	40	40	37.8	42.2	40
Millet	64.4	53.3	45	53.3	60

Source: RATIN

Prices of most commodities dropped. The fall in prices is attributed to the fact that most farmers sell most of their produce to raise fees for form students who are now reporting to school. Short rain harvests are also still on going in some parts of the country pushing the prices of maize, beans and sorghum further down. Wheat supply is low in most markets and the prices are relatively high. This is expected to continue until the next harvest. Rice from Tanzania is finding its way into Kenya markets albeit with high prices.

Tanzania

Generally the markets were stable for almost all the commodities throughout the week but there were few notable changes in maize especially in Arusha where the commodity has hit a low of Tshs 430 per Kg with some traders offering as low as Tshs 410 per Kg. The main cause of this has been the fall in prices in Kenyan markets.

Average Market Prices (Tshs/Kg) in Tanzania							
	Arusha	Dares S.	Iringa	Mbeya	Morogoro	Songea	Tanga
Maize	438	540	340	410	410	240	400
Rice	1700	1900	1700	1800	1550	1400	1750
Beans	1450	1500	1400	1500	1450	1000	1400
Sorghum	500	550	450	550	780	380	560
Millet	570	850	700	640	750	400	800
Wheat	910	1300	800	1000	1100	750	1000

Source: RATIN

Uganda

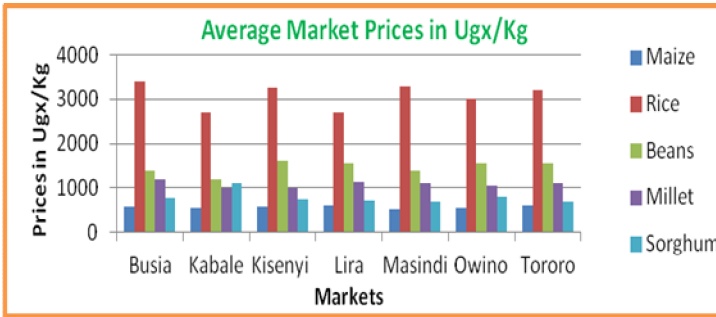
Commodity prices remained fairly stable. However, sorghum prices in Lira region dropped significantly with farmers selling most of their produce to the Nile breweries. Rice supply has also diminished in most markets in Uganda leading to an increase in rice prices.

Maize prices have continued to decline compared to what they were last week and the decline has been steady in the seven selected markets (see figures 1 & 2). The reported minimum average wholesale prices for the month has been 484 UGX/KG (offered in Masindi during the week of 23rd to 27th Jan, 2012) while the maximum prices has been 646 UGX/Kg (offered in Kabale Market during the week of 2nd to 6th Jan 2012). The decline in prices is mainly due to the high flow of maize to the markets. Similarly, Kiryandongo and Kigumba growing areas are another grain hub and the wholesale prices have dropped to as low as 400UGX/Kg.

Average Market Prices (Ugx/Kg) in Uganda							
	Busia	Kabale	Kisenyi	Lira	Masindi	Owino	Tororo
Maize	580	550	580	600	520	550	600
Rice	3400	2700	3250	2700	3300	3000	3200
Beans	1400	1200	1600	1550	1400	1550	1550
Millet	1200	1000	1000	1150	1100	1050	1100
Sorghum	760	1100	750	720	700	800	700

Source: RATIN

Next week Outlook



Grain prices in most of the countries in Eastern Africa remained low during the week as more proceeds from the short rains harvests continue to reach most markets.

With increased demand coming from the neighboring food deficient countries, grain prices are likely to rise in Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi .

Trade within the various border points in the Eastern Africa region is may increase within the week, following last week move by the custom agencies to speed up clearance of goods in an effort to open up trade.

Rwanda

Harvesting is ongoing in most parts of the country; this has led to a fall in prices of beans and maize. The demand for sorghum has been steady as most households rely on sorghum as their

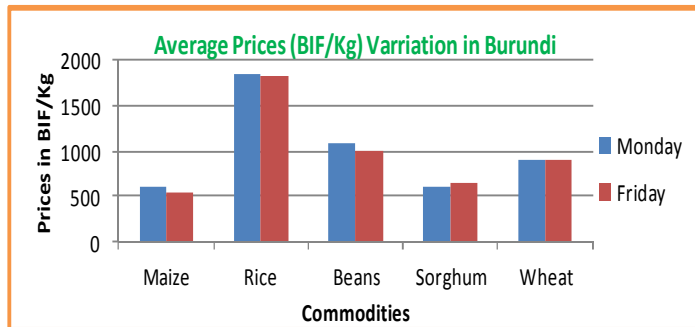
	Kigali	Kimirinko	Kicukiro
Maize	220	300	250
Beans	250	300	280
Rice	650	700	650
Sorghum	240	300	250

Source: RATIN

staple food. This has kept the sorghum prices relatively constant for two weeks now.

Burundi

The changes in Burundi were slight through out the week. However, for Maize and rice; there were notable changes arising from the government move to enforce strict rules in revenue collection from the from imported commodities. This led to a rise in prices as merchants strive to keep their profit margins.



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