

### **Maize grain tending to its peak.**

The maize price in Kampala Kisenyi dry grain market increased greatly from Ugx.770/kg to Ugx.850-880/kg due to scarcity. The lock down has excited the market price. The grain price hit Ugx.1000/kg but was only calmed down by supply from Tanzania. It is also that time of the year when commodity prices get to their peak a few weeks before the first seasonal harvest.

The yield is expected low compared to the last two years' production where adequate and above normal rainfall was received in several areas. The weather was not good between the months of March to May when planting was going on. The rainfall was sparsely distributed and in some locations it came late.

The Covid-19 pandemic has had adverse effects on the farming community countrywide. Low commodity prices were registered for several staples during the pandemic period which discouraged commercial farmers into investing in the present season. However, as the cycle of commodity prices goes, production is the major driver of price because the farming community has never optimized production.

It is therefore forecasted that the seasonal harvest will wind up quickly and high commodity prices follow shortly until the next harvest season at the end of the year. Regional supply from Tanzania, Congo, Malawi and Rwanda will continue subsiding the general price levels depending on their supply.

Brisk produce trading was reported at the Uganda/Kenya border posts especially at Busia. Several transit traders turned up demanding for commodities such as beans, maize, millet, sorghum, cassava, groundnuts to mention a few.

Less than 100Mt of dry maize grain was traded during the week. Maize grain was off season and therefore the market price is expected to increase to its highest before breaking into the first year harvest. Business went on throughout the week including Sundays. Speculation had it that the Kenyan population was preparing for elections in the short run and that campaigns were going on which situation has excited trading community to stock for the uncertain electoral period. Maize is currently scarce at the production locations and the grain price on the rise.

An estimated 1500Mt were sorted and bagged destined for Kenya. Most border post traders at Busia and Malaba invested in stocking beans due to high demand for the same from Kenya. The bean price fluctuated and wasn't stable by the day.

A number of varieties were delivered to the border produce market. Yellow beans cost Ksh.60-65/kg, Nambale at Ksh.49-50/kg, Mixed beans at Ksh.40/kg, Wailimu beans at Ksh.48/kg, Rosecoco beans at Ksh.58/kg, green beans at Ksh.66/kg and Sugar beans at Ksh.63/kg.

Maize price fluctuated between Ksh.27-28/kg at the same border market. There was less activity in the grain sector mainly because maize is offseason. The first grain seasonal harvest is expected on the market anytime from now. A lot of hoarding of crop is expected by the rural transit traders given less yield in the first seasonal harvest.

Most regions have harvested their beans apart from the northern region which out sourced its supply from the South from areas such as Hoima, Masindi and Kampala. Bean prices are at their lowest due to adequate supply but the demand for beans has been affected by Covid 19 speculations.

In the Tomato section, a box ply weighing 110-120 kilos was offered at Ugx.150,000-200,000 depending on supply of the day. Green pepper was expensive at Ugx.200,000-250,000 a bag full. Passion fruit price declined to Ugx.600,000 for a sack of "Masaka" passion while the yellow "Kasese" passion as known by the market cost Ugx.300,000.

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**retail prices**  
**week 24, 14th -19th June, 2021**  
**in Ug.shs per kg**

CROP		.Owino	Kisenyi	.Nakawa	.Kalerwe	Arua	Kabale	Kiboga	Lira	Masindi	Mubende	Kapchorwa	Mbale	Gulu	Masaka	Soroti	Iganga	Tororo	Mbarara	yankwani	amweng	Bugiri	(yenjonj)	Kabarole	(yegegw)	Rukiga	min	mean	max
		12-Jun	19-Jun	19-Jun	19-Jun	19-Jun	19-Jun	19-Jun	19-Jun	19-Jun	19-Jun	19-Jun	19-Jun	19-Jun	19-Jun	19-Jun	19-Jun	19-Jun	19-Jun	19-Jun	19-Jun	19-Jun	19-Jun	19-Jun	19-Jun	19-Jun			
Maize Grain	kg	1400	1400	1400	1400	1500		1300	1500	1300	1400	1400	1500	1400	1400	1500	1400	1500	1500	1400	1300	1400	1400	1400	1400	1400	1,300	1,413	1,500
Maize Flour	kg	1700	1700	1800	1800	1800	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600	1700	1700	1600	1700	1600	1700	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600	1,600	1,652	1,800
Nambale Beans	kg	2300	2200	2400	2400	2600	2500	2000	2500	1800	1500	1700	2300	2300	2000	2600	2500	2200	2000	1800	2500	2500	2400	2200	2300	2500	1,500	2,240	2,600
Beans Rosecoco	kg	2200	2200	2300	2300	2500		1800	2000	2300	2000	2000	2300	2200	2500	2500	2300	2000		2500	2500	2300	2200			1,800	2,271	2,500	
Yellow Beans	kg	2500	2500	2500	2600	3000		2000	2600	2000	2000		2200	2000	3000	2800	2500	2200	2200	2600	2700	2600	2500	2500			2,000	2,432	3,000
Millet grain	kg	2600	2600	2600	2800	2700		2800	2500	2300	2600		2600	2600	2600	2400	2500	2500	2600	2700	2700	2600	2600	2600	2700		2,300	2,600	2,800
Millet flour	kg	3500	3400	3500	3500	3400	3500	3400	3300	3000	3200	3200	3200	3000	3000	3000	3300	3400	3000	3200	3200	3200	3000	3000	3000	3200	3,000	3,224	3,500
Sorghum grain	kg	1200	1200	1300	1400	1400		1200	1000	1100	1300		1200	1000	1200	900	1100	1000	1200	1300	1400	1000	1400	1400	1300		900	1,205	1,400
Sorghum flour	kg	2800	2800	2800	2800	2700	2500	2600	2200	2600	2800	2700	2400	2200	2400	2400	2600	2500	2600	2600	2500	2600	2500	2600	2500	2500	2,200	2,572	2,800
Rice (super)	kg	3400	3300	3500	3500	3000	3000	3400	3000	3000	3000	3200	3200	3400	3300	3000	3300	3400	3500	3300	3000	3400	3200	3300	3300	3500	3,000	3,131	3,500
Cassava Chips	kg		550			600		600	600	700		600	700	500	600	600	600	700	600	800	600	600	700	700	700		500	629	800
Cassava Flour	kg	1400	1300	1500	1500	1200	1400	1200	1200	1000	1300	1500	1100	1200	1300	1300	1200	1000	1400	1200	1200	1300	1400	1200	1400	1400	1,000	1,276	1,500
Groundnuts	kg	5500	5000	5500	5500	5500	6000	5500	5500	5000	5500	6000	5500	5000	5500	5000	5000	5500	5000	5000	6000	6000	5000	5500	5500	6000	5,000	5,460	6,000
Simsim	kg	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000		5000	4800	5500	5500	3000	6000	4500	5000	4500	5500	5000	5000	5500		5500				3,000	5,016	6,000	
Soya beans	kg	3000	2800	3000	3000	3200		3000	2700	2600	3000	2600	2700	2600	3000	2700	3000	2600	2700	2700	2800	2400	2700	2700	2800	2800	2,400	2,792	3,200
Ginger	kg	2500	2500	2500	2500	3000									2500							2000					2,000	2,500	3,000
Fish Tilapia	pc	12000	12000	12000	12000	13000		14000	14000		13000		12000	12000	14000	15000	12000	12000	15000		15000	12000	14000	15000	15000		12,000	13,250	15,000
Fish Nile Perch	kg	15000	15000	15000	15000	15000		15000	16000		16000		15000	15000	16000	16000	14000	15000	15000	16000	15000	15000	15000	15000	15000		14,000	15,190	16,000
Fresh Cassava	kg	400	400	420	400	300	500	300	380	250	270	300	280	320	270	400	300	355	350	405	350	355	285	300	380	500	250	351	500
Sweet Potatoes	kg	300	300	320	320	255	480	270	500	400	300	300	305	285	250	400	300	300	280	280	270	300	280	305	285	435	250	321	500
Irish Potatoes	kg	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1600	1800	1800	1500	1700	1000	1400	1800	1500	1500	1500	1600	1800	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1600	1,000	1,544	1,800
Matoke/Banana	kg	652	652	695	652	738	608	782	738	782	652	608	652	913	652	608	695	739	608	782	652	782	608	565	565	695	565	683	913
Milk (one Litre)	lt	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600	1500	1500	1600	1400	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600	1500	1600	1500	1500	1500	1500	1,400	1,544	1,600