

THE AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS RELEASE, SECOND QUARTER 2025

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Introduction

Office of the Chief Government Statistician (OCGS) is responsible to collect, compile and disseminate data from different institutions operating under the territory of Zanzibar. This quarterly agricultural statistics release is the second publication for the year 2024 containing statistics on agriculture production that took place in the specified time period. This report aims to give an overview of the performance of agricultural sector for the second quarter for the year 2025 in Zanzibar and its comparison to its corresponding quarter of 2024. Thus, the publication provides an insight of the country's performance and impact of different interventions carried out by the Government and other stakeholders geared towards improving the agriculture sector.

Data published in this release include production of main cash crops, mining and quarry, seaweeds, forest products, number of inspected and slaughtered livestock and fish catch.

Fish Catches

The quantity of fish caught in this quarter of 2025 was 18,336 tons with the total value of TZS 146,166 million. The quantity increased by 3.3 percent as compared with the quantity of fish caught in second quarter 2024.

Result shows that, the highest quantity of fish caught (14.0 percent) was recorded in Mjini district i.e., 2,571 tons valued at TZS 24,323 million followed by Magharibi A&B district which reported 2,459 tons (13.4 percent), valued at TZS 22,302million. The lowest fish caught for the second quarter 2025 was recorded in Kaskazini B district (8.1 percent) with a total quantity of 1,485 tons,

valued at TZS 11,309 million. Table 1

Table 1: Estimated Fish Catches Quantity (tons) and Value (TZS) by District, Second Quarter 2021 - 2025

(Value TZS 'Millions)												
Year	Items	Kaskazini "A"	Kaskazini "B"	Kati	Kusini	Mjini	Magharibi A&B	Micheweni	Wete	Chakechake	Mkoani	Total
2025	Quantity	2,115	1,485	1,612	1,799	2,571	2,459	1,739	1,416	1,284	1,856	18,336
	Value	16,328	11,309	11,939	13,653	24,323	22,302	12,813	10,296	9,427	13,777	146,166
2024	Quantity	2,048	1,439	1,558	1,744	2,489	2,380	1,685	1,370	1,242	1,801	17,756
	Value	15,961	11,196	11,955	13,499	24,050	22,558	12,812	10,244	9,344	13,548	145,167
2023	Quantity	1,353	1,167	1,139	783.6	2,430	1,926	1,235	1,441	771	2,010	14,254
	Value	9,413	7,197	6,817	4,013	19,889	11,730	6,857	7,729	4,412	13,058	91,116
2022	Quantity	1,182	1,228	1,585	653	2,477	1,940	1,197	704	734	1,897	13,597
	Value	7,471	7,763	10,019	4,127	15,658	12,261	6,980	4,353	4,098	10,591	83,319
2021	Quantity	1,628	1,049	836	523	1,837	1,979	661	674	398	1,380	10,964
	Value	10,260	5,226	3,916	3,211	9,817	8,176	3,363	2,307	1,534	5,986	53,796
Percentage quantity change 2024/25		3.3	3.2	3.5	3.1	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.1	3.3

Cash Crops

Cash crops are the agricultural crops which are grown for sale to return a cash profit, they are sorely cultivated for the market, it can be local or international. In Zanzibar the main cash crops are seaweed and clove.

Seaweed Production

The total seaweed production for the second quarter 2025 was 4,601.9 tons with total value of TZS 3,244.6 million, this is equivalent to an increase of 6.3 percent compared to the quantity produced in the second quarter of 2024 (4,323.1 tons). This quarter the seaweed produced was only E.spinosium with the price of TZS 705 per kg. Table 2

Table 2: Quantity and Value of Seaweed Production, Second Quarter 2021 and 2025

(Value TZS 000')										
Type of Seaweeds	2025		2024		2023		2022		2021	
	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value
E.Spinosum	4,601.9	3,244.6	4,129.3	2,870	2,432	2,432	2,266	1,359.60	2,653	1,591.70
E. Cottonni	-	-	36.4	73.5	1.6	3,301	9	14,400	16.3	26,113
Ulva	-	-	157.4	126	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Total	4,601.9	3,244.6	4,323.1	3,069.4	3,303,632	2,434	2,275	15,759.6	2,669	2,7704.7

Figure 1: Percentage of Quantity and Value of E.Sponisium Seaweed for April – June 2025



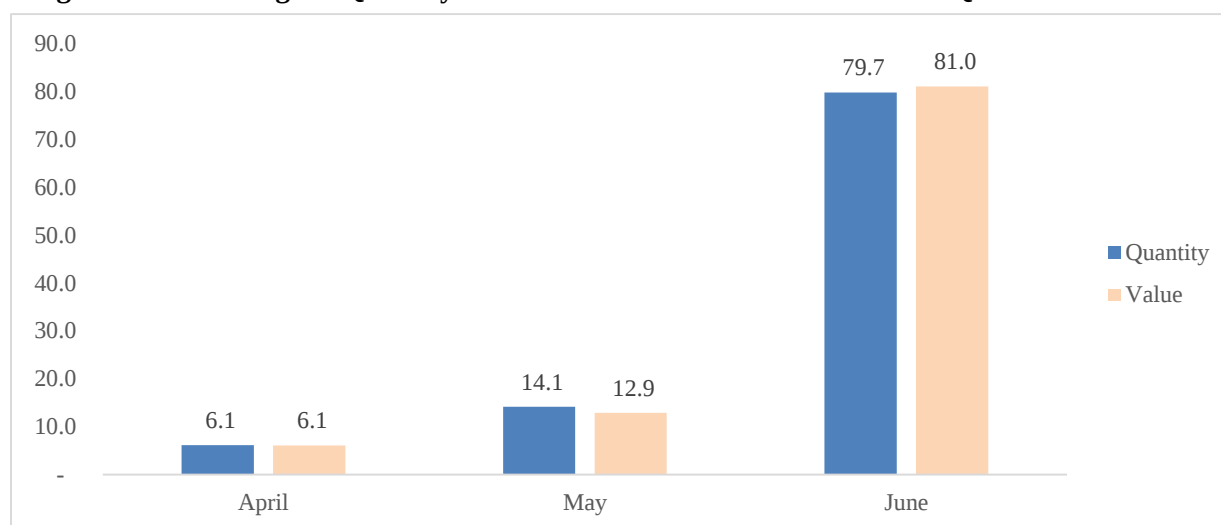
Clove

In general, the total quantity of cloves purchased has decreased with 80 percent compared with corresponding quarter of 2024. The total clove purchased for the second quarter 2025 was 1.5 tons with total value of TZS 21.2 million. The largest quantity of clove (79.7 percent) worth TZS 17.2 million was purchased in May followed by the quantity purchased in June (0.2 tons; 14.1 percent) worth TZS 2.7 million. While lowest amount of clove purchased was produced in April whereby only 0.1 tons were purchased with the total value of TZS 1.3 million. (Table 3 and Figure 2).

Table 3: Clove Purchase – Second Quarters 2021- 2025

Month	2025		2024		2023		2022		2021		Percentage change
	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	
April	0.1	1.3	3.6	50.6	2.9	39.6	19.7	262.7	0	0	(0.9)
May	0.2	2.7	0.9	12.4	2.9	40.1	7.9	106	0	0	(0.8)
June	1.2	17.2	3.0	41.8	2.5	32.9	6.6	89.6	0	0	0.2
Total	1.5	21.2	7.5	104.8	8.3	112.6	34.2	458.3	0	0	0.5

Figure 1.1 Percentage of Quantity and Value of Clove Purchase – Second Quarter 2025



Slaughtered Animals

In the current quarter, there has been a more than 100 percent increase in the number of animals inspected and slaughtered compared to the previous quarter in 2024. The second quarter of 2025 saw 17,268 cattle inspected and slaughtered, a significant increase from the 10,249 heads in the same quarter of 2024. Additionally, 8,710 goats were inspected and slaughtered. The trend was similar for poultry, with 657,604 chickens and 2,076 ducks inspected and slaughtered. (Table 4).

Table 4: Number of Inspected and Slaughtered Animals, Second Quarter 2021 - 2025

Livestock Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	% Change
Cattle	17,268	8,490	7,891	7,320	7,385	103.39
Goat	8,710	3,513	7,373	1,647	2,254	147.94
Chicken	657,604	281,331	373,368	413,591	160,390	133.75
Duck	2,076	824	671	541	939	151.94

Fruits and Vegetable Production

Area planted with various fruits and vegetables for the second quarter 2025 has decreased with 15.5 percent compared with the previous quarter of 2024. Data on area planted by type of vegetables show that, tomatoes has the largest planted area (775.5 acre; 20.6 percent) followed by amaranths and cucumber with 15.5 and 15.1 percent respectively and the least was bitter sweet pepper (124.5 acre; 3.3 percent) Table 5 below.

Likewise, on area planted most of production of fruits and vegetables in this quarter was decreased as we compare in the previous quarter of 2024 expect for bitter aubergine and okra. On the contrary, this quarter 2024 watermelon and tomatoes has a highest production among all fruits and vegetables with 2,326 and 2,553 tons respectively. The lowest production was bitter aubergine (575 tons) followed by sweet pepper (229 tons) for this quarter. (Figure 3)

Table 5: Area Planted (Acre) with Fruits and Vegetable, Estimated Production and Percentage Change Second Quarter 2021 – 2025

Type of Vegetable	2025		2024		2023		2022		2021		Percentage change
	Planted Area	Production (tons)	Planted Area	Production (tons)	Planted Area	Production (tons)	Planted Area	Production (tons)	Planted Area	Production (tons)	
Tomatoes	775.5	2,326.4	970.2	2,910.5	1,401.8	4,205.3	865.7	2,597.1	523.3	1,569.8	(20.1)
Bitter aubergine	467.4	860.0	283.1	520.9	80.5	148.1	245.5	451.6	305.4	561.9	65.1
Egg Plant	552.9	1,216.4	565.0	1,243.0	495.5	1,090.1	458.6	1,009.0	452.2	994.8	(2.1)
Okra	568.2	1,045.4	551.9	1,015.6	286.3	526.7	483.3	889.2	473.3	870.8	2.9
Amaranth	585.1	1,076.6	678.7	1,248.8	373.3	686.8	433.0	796.7	446.9	822.3	(13.8)
Cucumber	486.2	972.5	579.5	1,159.0	445.8	891.5	344.6	689.3	290.4	580.8	(16.1)
Watermelon	212.8	2,553.0	322.6	3,871.0	420.3	5,043.0	331.0	3,972.0	276.3	3,315.0	(34.0)
Sweet pepper	124.5	229.1	312.3	574.5	301.3	554.3	176.3	324.3	193.6	356.2	(60.1)
Total	3,772.52		4,263.20		3804.5		3,338.00		2,961.40		(15.5)

Forest Resource, Mining and Quarry

The forest wood resources, Mining and Quarry play an important role in the daily livelihood of the people of Zanzibar. The Zanzibar wood resources are main sources of building materials and fuel for cooking. Data presented in this release are collected from licensed timber cutting from Government Forest plantations and public wood land. Whilst, data on Mining and Quarry such as sand, stones, gravels are collected with reference from issued permits from respective institution.

Most of production of mining and quarrying this quarter has decreased, statistics show that stone production in the country has decreased by 42.1 percent compared with the production recorded in the corresponding quarter of 2023 (from 72,015 tons to 41,684 tons) and production of sand has decreased by 31.2 percent (from 336,467 tons to 231,022 tons). Rubbles has decreased by 15.8 percent from 94,849 tons on 2023 to 79,899 tons on 2024. Stone bricks productions have decreased 549 tons in this quarter from 2,073 tons in second quarter of previous year. On the contrary, the production of gravels has increased by 7.3 percent from on second quarter of 2024 (35,022 tons) on second quarter of 2023 (227.6 tons).

Table 6: Quantity and Value of Mining Products, Second Quarter 2021 and 2025
Value Million TZS)

Year	Unit	Stone	Sand	Gravels	Rubbles	Stone Bricks
2025	Quantity (Ton)	59,875	237,079	36,915	221,207	1,166
	Value	389.1875	1,543.28	239.9475	1437.8455	7.579
2024	Quantity (Ton)	41,684	231,336	35,022	79,899	549
	Value	270.9	1,510.30	227.6	519.3	3.6
2023	Quantity (Ton)	72,051	336,467	32,651	94,849	2,073
	Value	468.3	2,204.30	212.2	616.5	13.5
2022	Quantity (Ton)	24,014	221,248.00	15,947	50,540	6,650
	Value	360.2	1,449.80	829.2	1,010.80	16.6
2021	Quantity (Ton)	33,391	170,604	15,588	33,251	6,600
	Value	500.9	1,279.50	810.6	665	16.5
Percentage change		43.6	2.5	5.4	176.9	112.4

Forest Resources

Data reported in second quarter of 2024, show that beams production in the country has decreased by 34.4 percent (387.6m3) compared with the production recorded in the corresponding quarter of 2023 (590.5 m3) and production of charcoal increased by 9.7 percent (from 535.4 tons to 587.2 tons). The production of other forest products has also increased by more than 100 percent as compared to the second quarter 2023, include production of building pole and medium pole, firewood increased by 34.9 percent and withes by 94.0 percent. **(Table 6).**

Table 6: Quantity and Value of Forest Products, Second Quarter 2021 and 2025**(Value TZS ‘000’)**

Description	2025		2024		2023		2022		2021		Percentage change
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	
Beam (m ³)	387.6	52,258.0	590.5	4,949.5	699.2	6,916.4	365.8	41,097.8	309.5	34,775.3	(34.4)
Building Poles (m3)	585.7	107,372.8	269.9	18,890.2	489.1	34,234.9	681.8	22,725.0	767	25,566.7	117.0
Medium Poles (m ³)	732.1	329,445.0	343.4	17,168.5	537.2	26,860.0	714	57.1	745.6	59.6	113.2
Firewood (m ³)	8,608.7	430,434.0	6,383.7	15,959.2	6,615.3	16,538.1	5,783.70	404.9	6,321.40	442.5	34.9
Withes (m ³)	355.8	59,296.7	183.4	917	245.6	1,228.0	451.1	225,545.0	496.5	248,250.0	94.0
Charcoal (Tons)	587.2	734.0	535.4	107.1	458.5	366.8	432.7	302.9	450.1	315.1	9.7

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