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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 first 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 first 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.

This release presents data on the production of key cash crops, mining and quarrying activities, seaweed harvesting, forest products, the number of inspected and slaughtered livestock, and fish catches.

Fish Catches

In the first quarter of 2025, a total of 17,764.4 tons of fish were caught, with a total value of TZS 137,223.9 million. This represents a 5.8 percent decrease compared to the same period in 2024, when 18,853.1 tons were caught, valued at TZS 147,789.8 million.

Overall, most districts recorded a decline in fish catch, with the exception of Wete and Chake Chake districts. On the contrary, result shown in Table 1, Mjini District reported the highest catch, accounting for 14.3 percent of the total (2,541.4 tons) with a value of TZS 21,880.2 million. This was followed by Magharibi A & B districts, which recorded 2,294.4 tons (12.5 percent), valued at TZS 19,007.0 million. The lowest fish catch for the quarter was in Chake Chake, where only 1,241.9 tons (7.0 percent) were caught, valued at TZS 9,591.8 million.

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

(Value TZS ‘Millions)												
Year	District	Kaskazini "A"	Kaskazini "B"	Kati	Kusini	Mjini	Magharibi A&B	Micheweni	Wete	Chakechake	Mkoani	Total
2025	Quantity	1,830.9	1,480.2	1,423.9	1,719.3	2,541.4	2,294.4	1,607.6	1,400.2	1,246.7	2,219.9	17,764.4
	Value	13,739.9	10,964.2	10,588.2	12,852.7	21,880.2	19,007.0	11,933.2	10,326.5	9,591.8	16,340.1	137,223.9
2024	Quantity	2,187.7	1,489.5	1,493.9	1,817.4	2,839.5	2,384.9	1,731.2	1,472.4	1,241.9	2,194.7	18,853.1
	Value	16,726.6	11,081.1	11,211.4	13,947.3	24,775.6	20,281.5	13,024.7	10,830.5	9,659.9	16,251.2	147,789.8
2023	Quantity	1,896.7	1,404.3	1,448.1	1,719.0	2,720.1	2,190.7	1,508.8	1,318.2	1,190.9	2,157.3	17,554.1
	Value	14,040.8	10,328.0	9,458.2	9,074.9	22,891.0	14,305.6	9,892.8	8,501.7	7,724.6	14,170.1	120,387.5
2022	Quantity	1,563.5	1,376.2	1,551.8	1,891.1	2,630.8	2,125.2	1,657.0	812.7	939.0	2,160.6	16,707.8
	Value	8,046.7	7,083.1	7,986.5	9,733.2	13,539.7	10,937.8	8,528.1	4,182.8	4,832.9	11,119.8	85,990.5
2021	Quantity	2,304.3	2,091.8	774.0	544.4	1,334.1	1,120.6	646.8	800.5	394.0	1,576.1	11,586.6
	Value	13,889.5	10,307.5	4,147.1	3,214.2	7,061.5	5,028.6	3,127.3	2,989.8	1,330.7	7,010.1	58,106.4
Percentage change 2024/25		(16.3)	(0.6)	(4.7)	(5.4)	(10.5)	(3.8)	(7.1)	(4.9)	0.4	1.1	(5.8)

Source: Ministry of Blue Economy and Fisheries,

Cash Crops

Cash crops are the agricultural crops which are grown for sale to return a cash profit, they are solely 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 first quarter 2025 was 2,735 tons with total value of TZS 1,914 million, this is equivalent to increase of 1.7 percent compared to the quantity produced in the first quarter of 2024 (2,690 tons). There are no E.-cottonni and Ulva seaweeds recorded production in this quarter. The price for the E. spinosum in this quarter was TZS 700 per kg.

Table 2

Table 2: Quantity and Value of Seaweed Production, First Quarter 2020 and 2024

(Value TZS 000')											
Type of Seaweeds	Q1 2025		Q1 2024		Q1 2023		Q1 2022		Q1 2021		Percentage change
	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	
E.Spinosum	2,735	1,914,009	2,371	1,501	3,673	3,673,412	2,630	1,578,000	3,061	1,836,407	15.3
E. Cottonni	-	-	13.8	25	18.857	39,600	978	1,564,800	8.6	13,723	-100
Ulva	-	-	305	244	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100
Total	2,735	1,914,009	2,690	1,769	3,692	3,713,012	3,608	3,142,800	3,069	1,850,130	1.7

Source: Ministry of Blue Economy and Fisheries

Clove

Overall, clove purchases in the first quarter of 2025 dropped by more than 100 percent compared to the same period in the previous year. A total of 3.0 tons of cloves, valued at TZS 431.5 million, were purchased during this quarter. The majority of the purchases occurred in January, accounting for 70.8 percent (TZS 307.6 million) of the total. March followed with 0.3 tons purchased, representing 19.5 percent and valued at TZS 82.7 million. February recorded the lowest purchase volume, with just 0.6 tons bought for a total of TZS 41.2 million. (Table 3 and Figure 1.1).

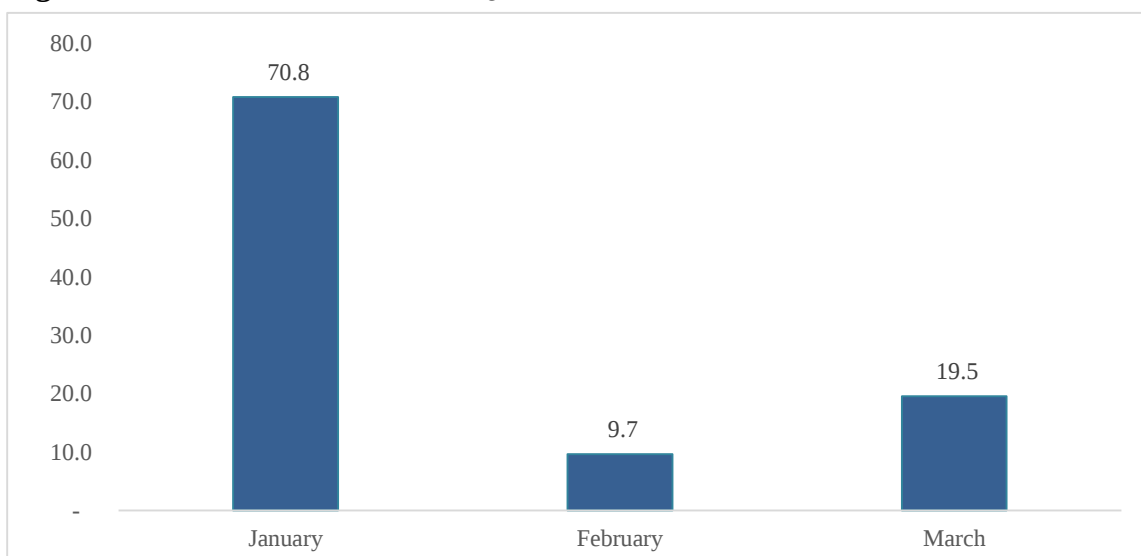
Table 3: Clove Purchase – First Quarters 2021- 2025

(Value TZS100,000)

Month	2025		2024		2023		2022		2021	
	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value
January	2.1	307.6	654.2	9,628.5	59.3	818.6	608.1	8205	-	-
February	0.3	41.2	77.5	1,133.8	17.4	239.9	211.4	2845.6	-	-
March	0.6	82.7	12	177.7	10.1	137.9	43.5	579.3	-	-
Total	3.0	431.5	743.7	10,940.0	86.8	1,196.4	863	11,629.9	-	-

Source: Zanzibar State Trade Company

Figure 1.1 Clove Purchase – First Quarter 2024



Inspected and Slaughtered Animals

The number of animals that have been inspected and slaughtered in this quarter 2025 show remarkable increase of all livestock for this first quarter compared with first quarter of previous year. Cattle, goat and duck, have increased more than 100 percent, in which cattle inspected and slaughtered for the first quarter 2025 was 16,164 heads which is an increase of 173.3 percent compared to the number inspected and slaughtered in its corresponding quarter of 2024. Number

of goats inspected and slaughtered was 4,549 which is 368.5 percent increase compared to first quarter 2024. The number of ducks inspected and slaughtered has increased by 151.5 percent compared to first quarter 2024 i.e., from 699 ducks to 1,758.

The number of chickens inspected and slaughtered has increased 516,938 from reported in first quarter 2025 to 277,605 chicken in the same quarter 202, showing an increase of 86.2 percent. (Table 4).

Table 4: Number of Inspected and Slaughtered Animals, First Quarter 2021 to 2025

Livestock Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	Percentage change
Cattle	16,164	5,915	7,115	5,043	5,096	173.3
Goat	4,549	971	2,661	1,483	1,384	368.5
Chicken	516,938	277,605	244,467	214,339	239,512	86.2
Duck	1,758	699	701	733	732	151.5

Source: Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation, Natural Resource and Livestock

Fruits and Vegetable Production

The area planted with various fruits and vegetables in the first quarter of 2025 grew by 3.2 percent compared to the same period in 2024, rising from 4,386.4 acres to 4,526.6 acres. This increase was reflected across all the fruits and vegetables listed in the table below. Detailed data on vegetable planting show that the total area planted with watermelon expanded significantly, from 323.8 acres to 431.8 acres, marking a 33.4 percent rise. This was followed by cucumber, which saw a 25.1 percent increase. Eggplant planting also grew, from 647.0 acres to 694.8 acres, representing a 7.4 percent increase. Meanwhile, bitter aubergine and amaranths had the smallest planted areas compared to the first quarter of 2024. **Table 5**

Table 5: Area Planted (Acre) with Fruits and Vegetable, Estimated Production and Percentage Change - First Quarter, 202-2025

Vegetable	Acre										Percentage Change (Acre)
	2025 Planted Area	2025 Production (tons)	2024 Planted Area	2024 Production (tons)	2023 Planted Area	2023 Production (tons)	2022 Planted Area	2022 Production (tons)	2021 Planted Area	2021 Production (tons)	
Tomatoes	723.1	2,169.3	687.3	2,061.8	594.5	1,783.4	498.9	1,496.8	456	1,367.9	5.2
Bitter aubergine	380.3	699.7	450.9	829.6	246.6	453.8	149.8	275.5	140.6	258.7	-15.7
Egg Plant	694.8	1,528.5	647.0	1,423.4	376.8	828.9	163.3	359.2	326	717.2	7.4
Okra	677.7	1,247.0	666.3	1,225.9	357.3	657.3	184.8	339.9	338	621.9	1.7
Amaranth	604.3	1,111.8	720.7	1,326.1	475.3	874.5	286.3	526.7	391.1	719.7	-16.2
Cucumber	619.7	1,239.4	495.2	990.4	199	398	154.8	309.5	217.4	434.8	25.1
Watermelon	431.8	5,181.1	323.8	3,885.0	314	3,768.0	169.0	2,028.0	254.3	3,051.0	33.4
Sweet pepper	395.0	726.9	395.4	727.4	127.8	235.1	93.5	172	139.9	257.4	-0.1
Total	4,526.6		4,386.4		2,691.1		1,700.2		2,263.2		3.2

Source: Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation, Natural Resources and Livestock

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.

Production of mining as a building materials for the first quarter of 2025 has been increased as compared with the first quarter of previous year, in which the demand of gravels and sand has increased with more than 100 percent with the quantity of 414,326 tons and 705,174 that worth of 2,693.1 and 4,596.8 million respectively. Production of stone bricks has decreased with 30.1 percent from previous year (1,674 tons, 10.9 million).

Table 6: Quantity and Value of Mining Products, First Quarter 2021 and 2025

		Value Million TZS)				
Year	Unit	Stone	Sand	Gravels	Rubbles	Stone Bricks
2025	Quantity (Ton)	60,956	705,174	55,125	414,326	1,674
	Value	396.2	4,596.8	358.3	2,693.1	10.9
2024	Quantity (Ton)	46,374	297,023	32,915	87,943	2,395
	Value	301.4	1,941.10	213.9	571.6	15.6
2023	Quantity (Ton)	41,156	282,527	22,378	86,849	3,483
	Value	268	1,847	145.5	564.5	22.6
2022	Quantity (Ton)	41,316	283,742	19,615	59,720	4,401
	Value	268.6	2,014.40	127.5	388.2	28.6
2021	Quantity (Ton)	35,623	93,770	19,038	43,825	1,414
	Value	231.5	662.1	123.7	284.9	9.2
Percentage quantity change		31.4	137.4	67.5	371.1	(30.1)

Source: Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation, Natural Resources and Livestock

Forest Resources

Data reported in first quarter of 2025 show decreased of the production of all forestry product except firewood as compared with the first quarter of previous year 2024. On the other hand, production of firewood has increased by more than 100 percent with worth of 202,888.9 million.

Table 7: Quantity and Value of Forest Products, First Quarter 2021 and 2025**(Value TZS ‘000’)**

Description	2025		2024		2023		2022		2021	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Beam (m ³)	524.2	58,894.6	636.4	71,503.1	559.1	62,819.1	460.2	51,707.9	354.9	39,874.2
Building Poles (m3)	388.3	12,942.3	620.6	20,686.6	508.8	16,960.0	734.6	24,485.7	821.5	27,383.3
Medium Poles (m ³)	415.0	33,197.6	618.1	49,448.0	618.4	49,472.0	728.5	58,280.0	707.1	56,568.0
Firewood (m ³)	2,636.1	84,528.3	5,122.5	358,576.1	6,738.1	471,668.4	6,962.9	47,403.0	6,724.3	470,701.0
Withes (m ³)	221.8	20,845.5	335.7	182,886.3	331.3	180,494.6	439.8	239,600.0	526.2	263,100.0
Charcoal (Tons)	262.5	202,888.9	25.5	19,697.2	571.5	441,795.6	447.6	346,007.2	464.4	325,108.0

Source: Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation, Natural Resources and Livestock

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