

THE AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS RELEASE, FOURTH QUARTER 2025

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Introduction

The 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 fourth publication for the year 2025 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 fourth 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 79,431 tons with the total value of TZS 624,954 million. The quantity increased by 0.6 percent as compared with the quantity of fish caught in fourth quarter of 2024.

Table 1 shows that, the highest quantity of fish caught (13.6 percent) was recorded in Mjini district i.e., 10,837 tons valued at TZS 100,010 million followed by Magharibi A&B district which reported 9,823 tons (12.4 percent), valued at TZS 86,160 million. The lowest fish caught for the fourth quarter 2025 was recorded in Chake Chake district (6.9 percent) with a total quantity of 5,880 tons, valued at TZS 43,658 million. Table 1

Table 1: Estimated Fish Catches Quantity (tons) and Value (TZS) by District, fourth Quarter 2023-2025

(Value TZS ‘Millions)							
District	2025		2024		2023		Percentage Change
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	
Kaskazini A	8,958	68,900	9,111	69,158	8,525	59,408	-1.7
Kaskazini B	6,773	51,562	6,628	49,523	7,052	49,408	2.2
Kati	6,805	49,748	6,722	50,893	6,591	48,568	1.2
Kusini	6,230	47,067	6,156	47,769	5,564	37,639	1.2
Mjini	10,837	100,010	10,882	92,241	11,394	92,532	-0.4
Magharibi (A&B)	9,823	86,160	9,709	85,289	9,683	72,188	1.2
Micheweni	8,073	59,371	7,876	57,902	8,009	53,503	2.5
Wete	7,032	51,156	6,582	47,145	6,789	45,230	6.8
Chakechake	5,880	43,658	5,810	43,708	5,932	41,208	1.2
Mkoani	9,022	67,323	9,467	74,555	10,546	69,397	-4.7
Total	79,431	624,954	78,943	618,183	80,085	569,081	0.6

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 fourth quarter 2025 was 6,529.0 tons with total value of TZS 4,637.2 million, this is equivalent to an increase of 4.0 percent compared to the quantity produced in the fourth quarter of 2024 (6,279.4 tons). About 98.9 percent of the seaweed produced was E.spinosium, recorded 6,455 tons with the total value of TZS 4,498.9 million while E-cottonni recorded 74 tons with the total value of TZS 138.2 million equivalents to 1.1 percent of the total seaweed production Table 2.

Table 2: Quantity and Value of Seaweed Production, Fourth Quarter 2023-2025
(Value TZS 000')

Type of Seaweeds	2025		2024		2023	
	Quantity (Ton)	Value	Quantity (Ton)	Value	Quantity (Ton)	Value
<i>Eucheuma Spinosum</i>	6,455.0	4,498.9	6,279.4	4,884.0	3,773.0	5,880.0
<i>Eucheuma Cottonii</i>	74	138.2	0	0	7.8	16.5
<i>Ulva</i>	NA	NA	NA	NA	667.5	534.0
Total	6,529.0	4,637.2	6,279.4	4,884.0	4,448.3	6,430.5

NA: Data are not available

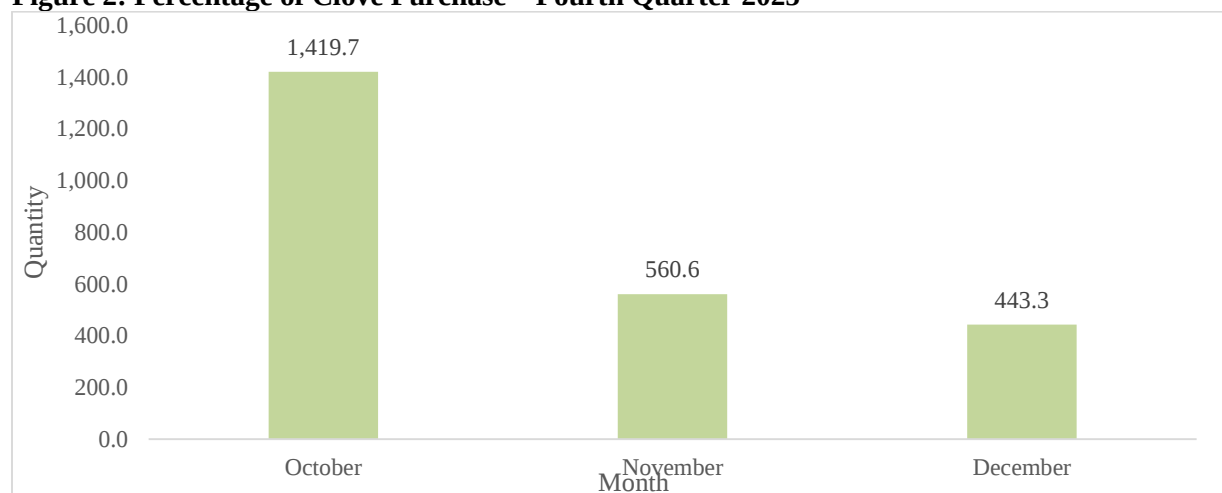
Clove

The total clove purchased for the fourth quarter 2025 was 2,423.6 tons with total value of TZS 36305.7 million. The largest quantity of clove (1,419.7 tons; 58.6 percent) worth TZS 21,289.8 million was purchased in October followed by the quantity purchased in November (560.6 tons; 23.1 percent) worth TZS 8,377.9 million. While lowest amount of clove purchased was produced in December whereby 443.3 tons were purchased with the total value of TZS 6,637.9 million (Table 3 and Figure 2).

Table 3: Clove Purchase – Fourth Quarters 2023- 2025

Months	2025		2024		2023	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
October	1,419.7	21,289.8	1.7	25.2	584.0	8,359.0
November	560.6	8,377.9	3.9	53.6	378.9	5,147.8
December	443.3	6,637.9	7.1	106.9	878.4	12,839.3
Total	2,423.6	36,305.7	12.7	185.7	1,841.3	26,346.1

Figure 2: Percentage of Clove Purchase – Fourth Quarter 2025



Inspected and Slaughtered Animals

The number of cattle inspected and slaughtered for the fourth quarter 2025 was 31,747 heads which is the decrease of 0.6 percent compared to the number inspected and slaughtered in its corresponding quarter of 2024. Number of goats inspected and slaughtered was 11,814 which is 4.7 percent increase compared to fourth quarter 2024. The trend is similar to chickens whereas the number inspected and slaughtered has increased from 1,085,856 reported in fourth quarter 2024 to 1,472,903 chicken in the same quarter 2025, showing increase of 35.6 percent (Table 4).

Table 4: Number of Inspected and Slaughtered Animals, Second Quarter 2023-2025

Livestock Types	2025	2024	2023
Cattle	31,747	31,953	29,851
Goat	11,814	11,282	13,704
Sheep	1,781	795	273
Chicken	1,472,903	1,085,856	1,161,238

Fruits and Vegetable Production

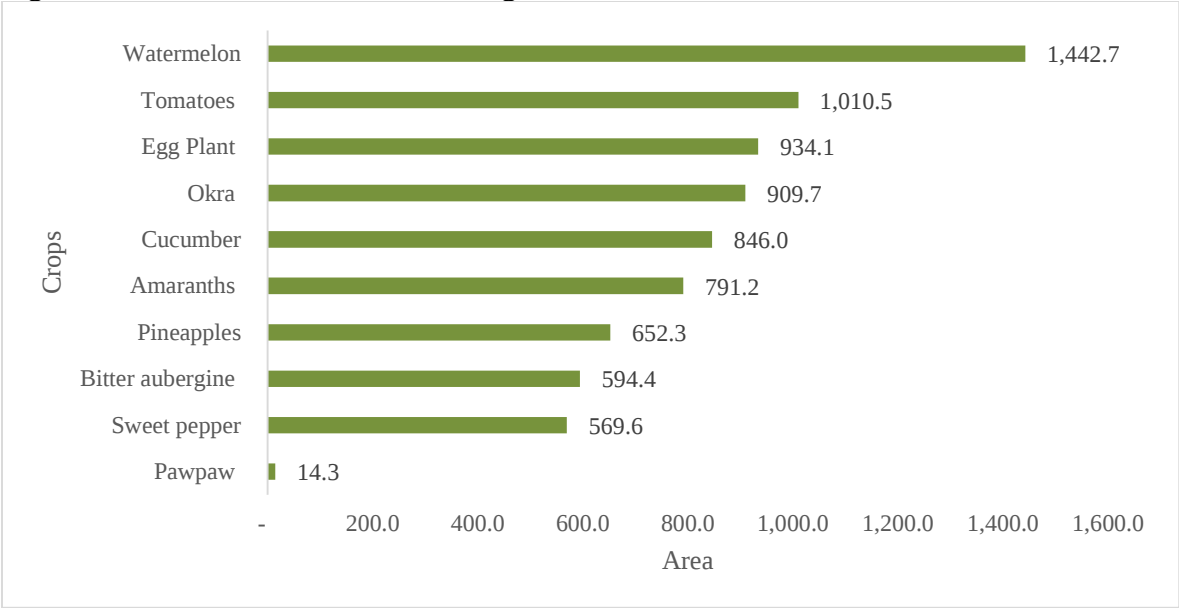
The area planted has increased to all type of crops where by area planted with various fruits and vegetables for the fourth quarter 2025 has increased with 35.2 percent compared with the previous quarter of 2024. Data on area planted by type of vegetables show that, watermelon has the largest planted area (1,442.7 acre; 18.6 percent) followed by tomatoes (678.7 acre; 13.0 percent) and the least was bitter aubergine (14.3 acre; 0.2 percent) Table 5 below.

All of production of fruits and vegetables in this quarter was increased as we compare in the previous quarter of 2024 where by total production increased by 65.2 that is from 20,244.2 tons in 2024 to 33,446.5 tons (Figure 3).

Table 5: Area Planted (Acre) with Fruits and Vegetable, Estimated Production and Percentage Change Fourth Quarter 2023–2025

Crops	2025		2024		2023		Percentage Change
	Area	Production	Area	Production	Area	Production	
Pineapples	652.3	3,913.8	132.3	793.5	207.3	1,243.8	393.2
Pawpaw	14.3	171.0	71.1	852.6	40.6	487.5	79.9
Tomatoes	1,010.5	3,031.6	982.9	2,948.8	1,538.7	4,616.2	2.8
Bitter aubergine	594.4	1,093.7	379.9	698.9	711.1	1,308.5	56.5
Egg Plant	934.1	2,055.0	780.2	1,716.5	436.7	960.7	19.7
Okra	909.7	1,673.8	735.2	1,352.7	765.3	1,408.1	23.7
Amaranths	791.2	1,455.7	715.4	1,316.4	622.9	1,146.1	10.6
Cucumber	846.0	1,692.0	949.7	1,899.4	469.6	939.1	10.9
Watermelon	1,442.7	17,311.8	672.7	8,071.8	458.0	5,496.0	114.5
Sweet pepper	569.6	1,048.1	322.6	593.6	445.0	818.8	76.6
Total	7,764.7	33,446.5	5,741.8	20,244.2	5,695.1	18,424.7	35.2

Figure 3: Area Planted of Fruits and Vegetable, 2025



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.

The of production of mining and quarrying this quarter has either decreased or increase, statistics show that stone production in the country has increased by 72.6 percent compared with the production recorded in the corresponding quarter of 2024 (from 36880 tons to 63,673 tons) while production of sand has decreased by 32.5 percent (from 259,554 tons to 384386 tons). Rubbles has decreased by 20.9 percent from 190,902 tons on 2025 to 241,490 tons on 2024. Stone bricks productions have increased from 2,640 tons in this quarter of previous year to 3,309 tons in 2025. However, the production of gravels has decreased by 49.4 percent from on fourth quarter of 2025 (67,518 tons) on second quarter of 2024 (34,132 tons).

Table 6: Quantity and Value of Mining Products, fourth Quarter 2023-2025

Table of Quantity and Value of Mining Products, fourth Quarter 2023-2025						Value Million TZS)	
Mining Product	2025		2024		2023	Value	Percentage change
	Tonnes	Value	Tonnes	Value	Tonnes		
Stone	63,673	413.9	36,880	239.7	265,212	1,723.9	72.6
Sand	259,554	1,713.3	384,386	2,514.7	1,659,794	10,889.6	-32.5
Gravels	34,132	221.9	67,518	438.9	132,236	859.5	-49.4
Rubble	190,902	1,240.9	241,490	1,569.7	414,849	2,696.5	-20.9
Stone Bricks	3,309	21.5	2,640	17.2	18,458	120.0	25.3

Forest Resources

This quarter, data show that production of most forest product has increased, the highest among them were production of charcoal decreased by 97.1 percent followed by building pole which decreased by 44.8 percent and medium pole decreased by 36.1. This statistic portrays a progressive for environmental and climatic change in Zanzibar

his quarter, data show that production of some forest products has increased while others decreased. The highest increase was recorded in firewood production, which increased by 91.9 percent, followed by withes which increased by 25.1 percent, and medium poles which increased by 10.5 percent. On the other hand, production of beam decreased by 53.6 percent, building poles decreased

by 14.7 percent, and charcoal decreased by 4.9 percent compared to the same period in 2024. This statistic portrays changing patterns in the utilization of forest resources and may indicate growing awareness of environmental conservation and climatic influences on forest resource harvesting in Zanzibar (Table 6).

Table 6: Quantity and Value of Forest Products, Fourth Quarter 2023-2025

(Value TZS ‘000’)

Description	2025		2024		2023		Percentage change
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	
Beam (m3)	419.4	56.5	903.4	111.7	397	43.7	-53.6
Building Poles (m3)	516.5	94.7	605.8	101	496	34.7	-14.7
Medium Poles (m3)	701.7	315.8	635	254	553.2	27.7	10.5
Firewood (m3)	7,904.2	395.2	4,119.3	206	5,595.3	14	91.9
Withes (m3)	332.8	61	266.1	44.4	259.2	1.3	25.1
Charcoal (Tons)	617,700	555.9	649,488	811.9	542,754	434.2	-4.9

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