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Introduction

The Office of the Chief Government Statistician (OCGS) is responsible for collecting, compiling and disseminating data from institutions operating in Zanzibar. This quarterly agricultural statistics release is the second publication for the year 2026 containing statistics on agricultural production that took place in the specified time period. This report aims to give an overview of the performance of the agricultural sector for the second quarter for the year 2026 in Zanzibar and its comparison to its corresponding quarter of 2025. Thus, the publication provides an insight into Zanzibar's performance and impact of different interventions carried out by the Government and other stakeholders geared towards improving the agricultural 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 2026 was 18,696 tons with the total value of TZS 155,746 million. The quantity increased by 2.0 percent as compared with the quantity of fish caught in second quarter 2025. Results show that, the highest quantity of fish caught was recorded in Mjini District, with 2,455 tons valued at TZS 24,228 million, followed by Magharibi A&B District, with 2,347 tons and Mkoani District with 2,237 tons. Mjini accounted for approximately 13.1 percent of the total fish catch. The lowest quantity of fish caught was recorded in Chakechake District, with 1,208 tons valued at TZS 9,367 million, accounting for approximately 6.5 percent of the total fish catch of 18,696 tons, followed by Wete District, with 1,478 tons and the total value of 11,474. **Table1**

Table 1: Estimated Quantity (Tons) and Value of Fish Catches by District, Second Quarter 2022–2026

(Value TZS ‘Millions)

Year	Items	Kaskazini "A"	Kaskazini "B"	Kati	Kusini	Mjini	Magharibi A&B	Micheweni	Wete	Chakechake	Mkoani	Total
2026	Quantity	2,209	1,614	1,614	1,595	2,455	2,347	1,939	1,478	1,208	2,237	18,696
	Value	18,134	12,826	11,022	14,775	24,228	21,085	15,343	11,474	9,367	17,492	155,746
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	146,167
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	784	2,430	1,926	1,235	1,441	771	2,010	14,256
	Value	9,413	7,197	6,817	4,013	19,889	11,730	6,857	7,729	4,412	13,058	91,115
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	83,321
Percentage quantity changes 2025/26		4.4	8.7	0.1	-11.3	-4.5	-4.6	11.5	4.4	-5.9	20.5	2.0

Cash Crops

Cash crops are agricultural crops grown primarily for sale in local or international markets to generate income. In Zanzibar the main cash crops are seaweed and cloves.

Seaweed Production

The total seaweed production for the second quarter 2026 was 5,342 tons with total value of TZS 4,827.8 million, this is equivalent to an increase of 14.8 percent compared to the quantity produced in the second quarter of 2025 (4,601.9 tons). During the second quarter of 2026, only E. Spinosum was produced, at an average price of TZS 904 per kilogram. Table 2

Table 2: Quantity and Value of Seaweed Production, Second Quarters 2022–2026

Type of Seaweeds	(Value TZS 000')									
	2026		2025		2024		2023		2022	
	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value
E.Spinosum	5,282.06	4,708,055	4,601.90	3,244.60	4,129.30	2,870	2,432	2,432	2,266	1,359.60
E. Cottonni	60	119772	-	-	36.4	73.5	1.6	3.301	9	14,400
Ulva	-	-	-	0	157.4	126	NA	NA	NA	NA
Total	5,342	4,827,827	4,601.90	3,244.60	4,323.10	3,069.40	2,434	2,435	2,275	15,759.60

NA – Not Applicable

- – Data not Available

Clove

In general, the total quantity of cloves purchased increased by more than 100 percent compared with the corresponding quarter of 2025. The total clove purchased for the second quarter 2026 was 77.2 tons with total value of TZS 1,152.6million. The largest quantity of cloves (26.0 tons), worth TZS 388.6 million, was purchased in June, representing about 33.7 percent of the total second-quarter purchase, followed by the quantity purchased in May (25.7 tons) worth TZS 384.8 million. While The lowest quantity of cloves purchased was recorded in April, when 25.4 tons were purchased, with a total value of TZS 379.2 million. **Table 3**

Table 3: Quantity(tons) of Clove Purchase – Second Quarters 2022- 2026

(Value Million TZS)										
Month	2026		2025		2024		2023		2022	
	Qnty	Value	Qnty	Value	Qnty	Value	Qnty	Value	Qnty	Value
April	25.4	379.2	0.1	1.3	3.6	50.6	2.9	39.6	19.7	262.7
May	25.7	384.8	0.2	2.7	0.9	12.4	2.9	40.1	7.9	106
June	26.0	388.6	1.2	17.2	3	41.8	2.5	32.9	6.6	89.6
Total	77.2	1,152.6	1.5	21.2	7.5	104.8	8.3	112.6	34.2	458.3

Slaughtered Animals

In the current quarter, the number of cattle inspected and slaughtered decreased by 43.0 percent compared with the corresponding quarter of 2025. The second quarter of 2026 recorded 9,836 cattle inspected and slaughtered, compared with 17,268 heads in the same quarter of 2025

Additionally, 1,804 goats were inspected and slaughtered, representing a 79.3 percent decrease compared with the corresponding quarter of 2025. A similar trend was observed for poultry. A total of 360,246 chickens were inspected and slaughtered, representing a 45.2 percent decrease, while the number of ducks inspected and slaughtered decreased by 67.4 percent (Table 4).

Table 4: Number of Inspected and Slaughtered Animals, Second Quarters 2022 – 2026

Livestock Type	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	% Change
Cattle	9,836	17,268	8,490	7,891	7,320	-43.0
Goat	1,804	8,710	3,513	7,373	1,647	-79.3
Chicken	360,246	657,604	281,331	373,368	413,591	-45.2
Duck	676	2,076	824	671	541	-67.4

Fruits and Vegetable Production

The table below shows that a total area planted with various fruits and vegetables for the second quarter 2026 has increased by 55.9 percent compared with the corresponding quarter of 2025. Overall, the planted area increased across all fruit and vegetables between 2025 and 2026. The largest increase was recorded for sweet pepper, which increased by 307.2 percent, followed by watermelon, with an increase of 271.0 percent, the smallest increase was recorded for amaranths, at 11.9 percent.

In terms of production, watermelon recorded the highest estimated production, with 9,474.0 tons, despite having a smaller planted area than tomatoes. This was followed by tomatoes, with 3,218.1 tons, eggplant, with 1,856.6 and the last was sweet pepper with 932.8 tons. This indicates that watermelon had substantially higher production relative to its planted area compared with most of the other vegetables. (Table 5)

Table 5: Area Planted (Acre) with Fruits and Vegetables, Estimated Production (Tons) and Percentage Change Second Quarter 2022 – 2026

Vegetable	2026		2025		2024		2023		2022		Percentage Change (Acre)
	Planted Area	Production	Planted Area	Production	Planted Area	Production	Planted Area	Production	Planted Area	Production	
Tomatoes	1,072.7	3,218.1	775.5	2,326.4	970.2	2,910.5	1,401.8	4,205.3	865.7	2,597.1	38.3
Bitter aubergine	595.3	1,095.3	467.4	860.0	283.1	520.9	80.5	148.1	245.5	451.6	27.4
Egg Plant	843.9	1,856.6	552.9	1,216.4	565.0	1,243.0	495.5	1,090.1	458.6	1,009.0	52.6
Okra	769.2	1,415.2	568.2	1,045.4	551.9	1,015.6	286.3	526.7	483.3	889.2	35.4
Amaranths	655.0	1,205.1	585.1	1,076.6	678.7	1,248.8	373.3	686.8	433.0	796.7	11.9
Cucumber	648.1	1,296.3	486.2	972.5	579.5	1,159.0	445.8	891.5	344.6	689.3	33.3
Watermelon	789.5	9,474.0	212.8	2,553.0	322.6	3,871.0	420.3	5,043.0	331.0	3,972.0	271.0
Sweet pepper	507.0	932.8	124.5	229.1	312.3	574.5	301.3	554.3	176.3	324.3	307.2
Total	5,880.56		3,772.52		4,263.20		3804.5		3,338.00		55.9

Forest Resources, Mining and Quarrying

Forest resources, mining and quarrying play an important role in the daily livelihoods of the people of Zanzibar. The Zanzibar wood resources are the 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 woodland. Data on mining and quarrying, such as sand, stone and gravel, are collected with reference to permits issued by the respective institution.

Mining and Quarrying

The table below shows that the quantity of mining products generally decreased across most categories in the second quarter of 2026 compared with 2025. The largest decrease was recorded for rubbles, which decreased by 59.3 percent, followed by sand, with a decrease of 52.5 percent. The smallest decrease was recorded for gravels, at 21.0 percent.. In contrast, stone bricks increased by 111.7 percent, from 1,166 tons in 2025 to 2,468 tons in 2026. In terms of value, sand recorded the highest value, amounting to TZS 736.49 million, followed by rubbles, with TZS 584.92 million, while stone bricks recorded the lowest value of TZS 10.54 million. Overall, the quantity of most mining products declined in the second quarter of 2026 compared with 2025, while stone bricks recorded an increase in both quantity and value, with its value rising from TZS 7.58 million in 2025 to TZS 10.54 million in 2026. (Table 6).

Table 6: Quantity (Ton) and Value of Mining Products, Second Quarters 2022–2026 Value (TZS Million)

Year	Unit	Stone	Sand	Gravels	Rubbles	Stone Bricks
2026	Quantity	42,760.0	112,532.0	29,168.0	89,987.0	2,468.0
	Value	253.1	736.5	189.6	584.9	10.5
2025	Quantity	59,875.0	237,079.0	36,915.0	221,207.0	1,166.0
	Value	389.2	1,543.3	239.9	1,437.8	7.6
2024	Quantity	41,684.0	231,336.0	35,022.0	79,899.0	549.0
	Value	270.9	1,510.3	227.6	519.3	3.6
2023	Quantity	72,051.0	336,467.0	32,651.0	94,849.0	2,073.0
	Value	468.3	2,204.3	212.2	616.5	13.5
2022	Quantity	24,014.0	221,248.0	15,947.0	50,540.0	6,650.0
	Value	360.2	1,449.8	829.2	1,010.8	16.6
Percentage change		-28.6	-52.5	-21.0	-59.3	111.7

Forest Resources

In the second quarter of 2026, the production of selected forest products showed mixed changes compared with the corresponding quarter of 2025. Beam production increased by 23.1 percent, from 387.6 m³ to 477.2 m³. In contrast, production of building poles declined by 28.2 percent, from 585.7 m³ to 420.5 m³, while medium poles decreased by 19.0 percent, from 732.1 m³ to 592.7 m³.

The largest decline was recorded in firewood production, which fell by 47.9 percent, from 8,608.7 m³ to 4,487.6 m³. Production of withes and charcoal also decreased by 12.5 percent and 5.3 percent, respectively. In terms of value, medium poles recorded the highest value in 2026 at TZS 266.7 million, followed by firewood at TZS 224.4 million. Overall, most forest products recorded declines in quantity in 2026, with beams being the only product that increased. (Table 7).

Table 7: Quantity and Value of Forest Products, Second Quarters 2022 - 2026 (Value TZS ‘000’)

Description	2026		2025		2024		2023		2022		Percentage change
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	
Beam (m ³)	477.2	69,703.40	387.6	52,258.00	812.4	100,404.00	699.2	76,916.4	365.8	41,097.80	23.1
Building Poles (m ³)	420.5	83,940.00	585.7	107,372.80	269.9	18,890.20	489.1	34,234.90	681.8	22,725.00	-28.2
Medium Poles (m ³)	592.7	266,692.50	732.1	329,445.00	343.4	17,168.50	537.2	26,860.00	714	57,120	-19
Firewood (m ³)	4,487.60	224,378.50	8,608.70	430,434.00	6,383.70	15,959.20	6,615.30	16,538.10	5,783.70	404,856.90	-47.9
Withes (m ³)	311.5	72,676.30	355.8	652,262.10	297.1	49,520	245.6	1,228.00	451.1	225,545.00	-12.5
Charcoal (Tons)	555.9	500,345.10	587.2	528,490.80	535.4	428,341.90	458.5	366,819.20	432.7	302,862.00	-5.3

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