

The Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources has announced new prices for key fertilizers ahead of the 2027A farming season while maintaining government subsidies aimed at supporting farmers.

The updated pricing guidelines were released as part of early preparations for the planting season, expected to begin in September 2026. Agriculture Minister Telesphore Ndabamenye said on Thursday, that the measures are intended to give farmers time to prepare and access inputs in advance.

The ministry attributed the price increases to global market pressures, including conflicts in the Middle East, rising gas costs used in fertilizer production, higher fuel prices affecting transportation and a decline in the value of the Rwandan franc against the U.S. dollar.

According to MINAGRI, urea fertilizer rose from RWF 1,190 to RWF 1,980 per kilogram, an increase of 66%. NPK 17-17-17 (compound) increased from RWF 1,369 to RWF 1,861, while the blended version rose from RWF 1,330 to RWF 1,780. DAP increased from RWF 1,693 to RWF 1,950 per kilogram.



Ndabamenye said the prices remain temporary and could change depending on international market conditions.

“These are prices determined by international markets. The materials used to produce fertilizer come from different regions,” he said. “We are working within a six-month framework, but adjustments may be made as market conditions change.”

Despite the increases, the government will continue subsidizing fertilizers for key crops including maize, beans, wheat, soybeans, rice, potatoes, cassava, bananas, vegetables and fruits.

Subsidy rates include 46% for DAP, 45% for urea, 43% for NPK 17-17-17, 45% for coated urea (Kynoplus), 36% for potassium chloride (KCL/MOP) and 18% for micronutrient fertilizers and blends.

Farmers will access the inputs through certified agro-dealers under the government subsidy program.

The ministry also confirmed continued support for certified seeds for maize,

soybeans and wheat. Only 26 private companies working under agreements with the Rwanda Agriculture and Animal Resources Development Board are authorized to distribute certified seeds under the program.

Ndabamenye urged farmers to register early to access subsidized inputs and prepare for the 2027A planting season.