

Highlights of Ghana cashew webinar 2025-2026 organised by Cashewinformation.com in collaboration with TCDA, Ghana

Ghana Cashew Season Outlook 2025-2026

Dr. Andrews Osei Okarh, CEO of the Tree Crop Development Authority of Ghana, presented the outlook for the 2025-2026 cashew season. He highlighted that Ghana's cashew production brought in \$290 million in export revenue from an export volume of 232,200 tons during the 2024-2025 season. The production expectation for 2025-26 is about 270,000 metric tons. Dr. OKarh announced that the minimum producer price for cashew nuts was set at 12 Ghana cedis per kilo, effective December 15, 2025 for 46 KoR, 190 nut count and 10% moisture (max). He outlined several regulatory measures to ensure a smooth season, including the introduction of a compliance and enforcement team, TCDA-branded packaging materials, a passbook system for farmers and traders, and the requirement for a conveyance certificate for cashew movement. Exporters and traders are required to submit expected volumes and pay development levies by January 15, 2026, to be eligible for export.

Cashew Crop Regulatory Support Plan

The meeting discussed regulatory measures and support initiatives for the 2025-2026 cashew crop season. Dr. Andrews announced that traders and exporters must submit expected export volumes and payment details by January 15th, and a joint monitoring team with security agencies will enforce compliance. The government will provide free seedlings to 10,000 farmers, agro inputs to 8,500 farmers, and support farmer-based organisations. Processors and researchers will receive matching grants, and aggregators, traders, and exporters will be trained on quality parameters. Dr Andrews emphasised that these measures are intended to enforce existing laws and regulations to ensure a profitable cashew industry for both local and external stakeholders.

Ghana Cashew Season Overview

Dr Andrews provided a comprehensive overview of the upcoming Ghana Cashew season, including details on export levies, local processing requirements, and quality control measures.

Dr Andrews also discussed plans for local processors to reserve a certain percentage of exports for local processing, though specific percentages and volumes are still being determined. The government will offer matching grant support for local processors to expand their capacity. Regarding quality control, farmers and traders must maintain 10%

moisture content or below, and TCDA will issue farmer and trader passbooks to track transactions and ensure compliance. Dr

Andrews clarified that the minimum producer price is set at GHS 12 per kg for cashews meeting specified quality standards, with room for premium pricing based on quality. He also addressed concerns about packaging materials, stating that branded sacks will be available through associations. Regarding sacks already purchased by exporters, a solution can be arrived at on a case-by-case basis. For foreign exporters, Dr Andrews explained that registration costs 2,000 Ghana Cedis and licensing costs US \$2,000, with processing taking 4 days once all requirements are met.