

Quarterly Market Report

Report No. 4b for Animal Products, July to September 2021

This quarterly market report was developed by researchers at IFPRI Malawi with the goal of providing clear and accurate information on the variation of weekly and monthly retail prices of selected agricultural commodities that are important for food security and nutrition in Malawi. The reports are intended as a resource for those interested in agricultural markets in Malawi.

Highlights

- Average retail prices of chicken and goat increased marginally by 0.3 and 3 percent respectively.
- Overall, egg prices decreased marginally by 1 percent but increased by 2 percent in the Center
- Fish prices were mostly unstable and increasing during the quarter.

Livestock and Livestock products

Table 1 presents the regional average retail prices of chicken, egg and goat meat during the third quarter of 2021.

Retail prices (MWK/kg) of live chicken increased marginally by 0.3 percent. However, chicken retail prices only increased in the Center (5 percent) but decrease marginally by 1 percent and 3 percent in North and South respectively.

Egg prices (MWK/30 eggs) decreased marginally by 1 percent. Following chicken prices, egg retail prices only increased in the Center, and decreased by 3 and 1 percent in the North and South respectively. Goat meat price (MWK/kg) increased by 1 and 4 percent in the Center and South respectively.

Table 1. Livestock and Livestock products retail prices (MWK/unit) by region

	July	August	September	Percentage change (July-September)	
Chicken					
North	3983	3995	3939	↓	-1%
Center	3643	3832	3815	↑	5%
South	3279	3248	3180	↓	-3%
All markets	3635	3692	3645	↑	0.3%
Egg					
North	2845	2750	2758	↓	-3%
Center	2829	2879	2877	↑	2%
South	2946	2978	2931	↓	-1%
All markets	2874	2869	2855	↓	-1%
Goat					
Center	2655	2767	2679	↑	1%
South	2582	2655	2696	↑	4%
All markets	2618	2711	2688	↑	3%

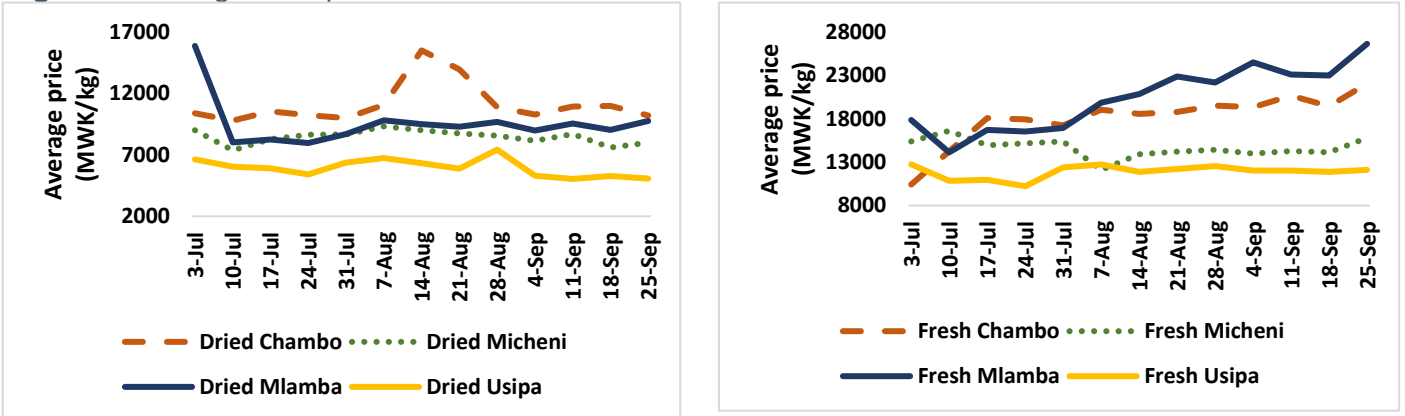
Note: Number of markets monitored: Chicken = 11; Egg = 13; Goat = 8; Goat meat monitored only in the Center and South

Fish

Dried chambo retail prices were highest among the monitored dried fish prices averaging MWK11,126 per dozen, 3 percent lower than last quarter (Figure 1). Dried usipa which is being priced per 5-liter bucket, was the lowest at MWK5,947, 5 percent higher than last quarter.

Fresh fish prices were mostly unstable throughout the quarter. On average, fresh Mlamba prices were highest among the fresh fish being monitored during the quarter at MWK20,388 per dozen, 33 percent higher than last quarter. Fresh usipa averaged at MWK11,893 per 5-liter bucket during the quarter, 6 percent lower than last quarter.

Figure 1. Average retail prices of dried fish



Note: Chambo, mlamba and micheni (dried and fresh) are priced per dozen; usipa (dried and fresh) is priced per 5-liter bucket

How data were collected

With financial support from the European Union, IFPRI Malawi began monitoring retail prices of selected legumes, roots and tubers, and non-maize cereals* in selected markets in October 2020. Currently, prices are collected from 44 markets across the country, with monitoring occurring once per week. Three monitors report prices from each market. Data is collected by means of automated short message service (SMS) with follow-ups made by telephone the next day if needed. The commodities monitored are being phased-in, starting with legumes, root crops and other cereals, and then expanding to include livestock products and fish by the end of March 2021. Note that the number of markets monitored vary by commodity because major markets are targeted in areas where these commodities are widely produced.

* daily retail prices for maize are available from our [monthly maize market reports](#)



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