



This price bulletin was developed by researchers at IFPRI Malawi with the goal of providing clear and accurate information on the weekly variation of retail prices for 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 and food security in Malawi.

Highlights

- Average retail prices of chickens and eggs increased by 14 and 6 percent respectively during May, while goat prices decreased marginally by 0.1 percent.
- Average retail prices of fresh chambo, fresh micheni, fresh milamba and fresh usipa increased by 1 to 17 percent.
- Average retail prices for dried micheni, dried usipa and dried milamba increased by 2 to 41 percent while prices for dried chambo decreased by 15 percent.

Livestock and Livestock Products

Figure 1. Regional average retail prices (MWK/unit) of Chicken, Eggs and Goat Meat May 2021

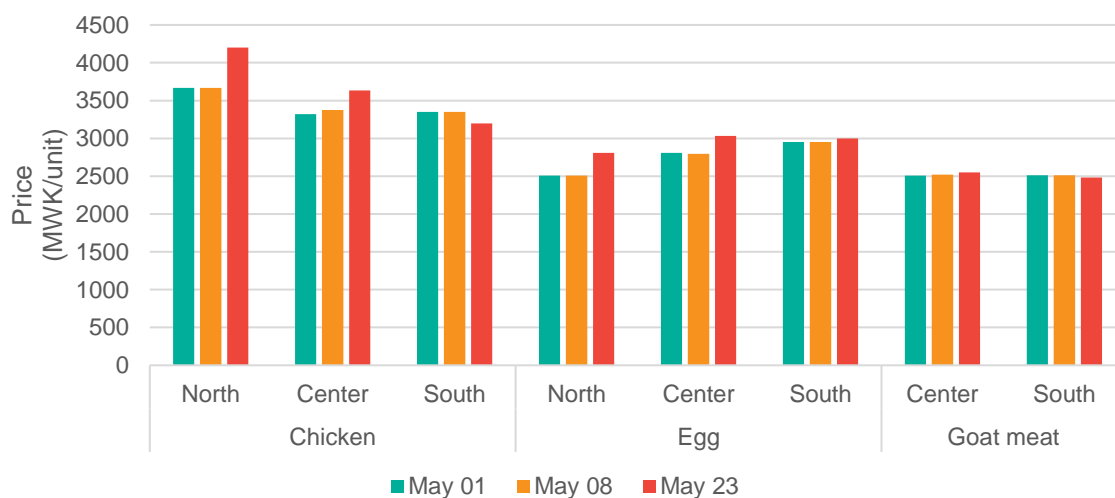


Table 1. Retail prices of livestock and livestock products (MWK/unit) during May 2021

| Market | Chicken | | | | Egg | | | | Goat meat | | | | Change since April 24 | | |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------|--------------|
| | April 24 | May 1 | May 8 | May 23 | April 24 | May 1 | May 8 | May 23 | April 24 | May 1 | May 8 | May 23 | Chicken | Egg | Goat meat |
| North | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chitipa-boma | 3750 | 3750 | 3750 | 4500 | 3000 | 3000 | 3000 | 3000 | - | - | - | - | ↑20% | ⇒0% | - |
| Jenda | 3200 | 3200 | 3200 | 3750 | 2128 | 2128 | 2128 | 2700 | - | - | - | - | ↑17% | ↑27% | - |
| Karonga-boma | 4167 | 4167 | 4167 | - | 2333 | 2333 | 2333 | 2800 | - | - | - | - | ⇒0% | ↑20% | - |
| Mzuzu | 3722 | 3722 | 3722 | 4500 | 2567 | 2567 | 2567 | 2775 | - | - | - | - | ↑21% | ↑8% | - |
| Center | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chimbiya | 2500 | 2500 | 2500 | - | 2850 | 2850 | 2800 | 3188 | 2500 | 2500 | 2500 | 2500 | ⇒0% | ↑12% | ⇒0% |
| Mchinji | 2900 | 3750 | 3750 | 3833 | 2700 | 2700 | 2700 | - | - | - | - | - | ↑32% | ⇒0% | - |
| Mitundu | 2900 | 3050 | 3217 | 3200 | 2850 | 2850 | 2850 | - | 2517 | 2517 | 2533 | 2567 | ↑10% | ⇒0% | ↑2% |
| Salima-boma | 3500 | 3500 | 3500 | 3550 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | ↑1% | - | - |
| Salima-kamuzu road | - | - | - | - | 2833 | 2833 | 2833 | 2875 | - | - | - | - | - | ↑1% | - |
| South | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Balaka | 3500 | 3500 | 3500 | - | 3000 | 3000 | 3000 | - | 2500 | 2500 | 2500 | 2500 | ⇒0% | ⇒0% | ⇒0% |
| Bangula | - | - | - | - | 3000 | 3000 | 3000 | 3000 | - | - | - | - | - | ⇒0% | - |
| Lunzu | 3500 | 3500 | 3500 | 3200 | 2400 | 2400 | 2400 | 3000 | - | - | - | - | ↓-9% | ↑25% | - |
| Mangochi | 2900 | 2900 | 2900 | - | 4050 | 4050 | 4050 | - | 2500 | 2500 | 2500 | - | ⇒0% | ⇒0% | ⇒0% |
| Ngabu | - | - | - | - | 2700 | 2700 | 2700 | - | - | - | - | - | - | ⇒0% | - |
| Bvumbwe | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2600 | 2600 | 2600 | - | - | - | ⇒0% |
| Chiringa | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2500 | 2500 | 2500 | 2500 | - | - | ⇒0% |
| Liwonde | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2400 | 2400 | 2400 | 2400 | - | - | ⇒0% |
| Mwanza | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2600 | 2600 | 2600 | - | - | - | ⇒0% |
| All markets | 3359 | 3466 | 3484 | 3833 | 2762 | 2762 | 2758 | 2925 | 2512 | 2512 | 2514 | 2510 | ↑14% | ↑6% | ↓0.1% |

Note: Chickens are priced per live chicken; eggs are priced per tray (tray = 30 eggs); goat meat is priced per kg; - = commodity not monitored or prices not reported from this market.

Figure 2. Retail prices of fresh Chambo, fresh Micheni, fresh Mlamba and fresh Usipa (MWK/unit) during May 2021

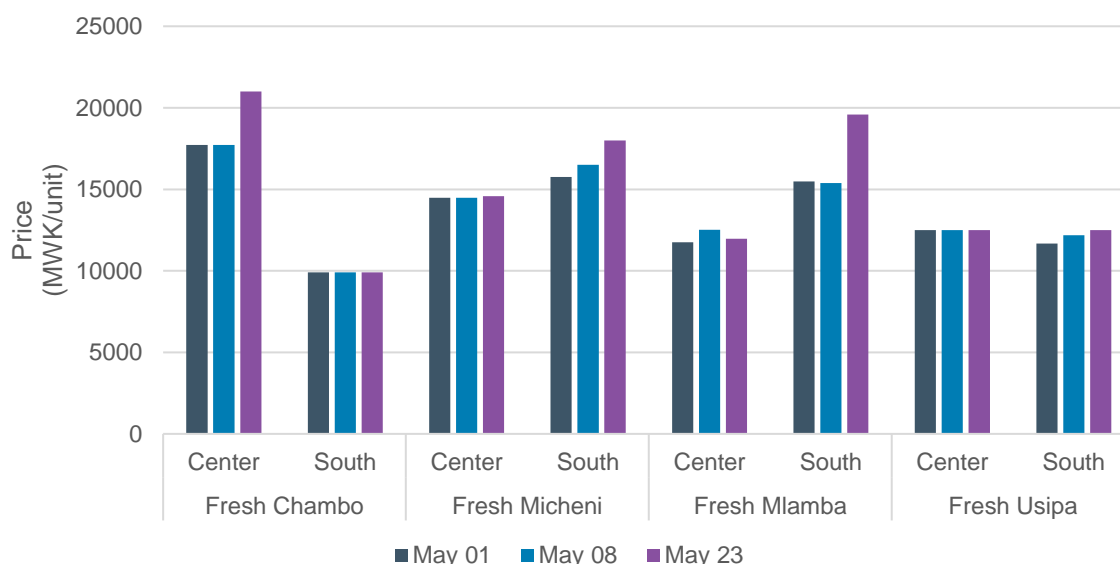


Table 2. Retail prices of fresh Chambo and fresh Micheni (MWK/unit) during May 2021

| Market | Fresh Chambo | | | | Fresh Micheni | | | | Change since April 24 | |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| | April 24 | May 1 | May 8 | May 23 | April 24 | May 1 | May 8 | May 23 | Fresh Chambo | Fresh Micheni |
| Center | | | | | | | | | | |
| Area 2 fish market | 21000 | 21000 | 21000 | - | 19500 | 19500 | 19500 | 19500 | ⇒ 0% | ⇒ 0% |
| Kasungu boma | 18000 | 18000 | 18000 | - | 15000 | 15000 | 15000 | 15000 | ⇒ 0% | ⇒ 0% |
| Nkhotakota boma | 17100 | 17100 | 17100 | 24000 | 15000 | 15000 | 15000 | 15000 | ↑ 40% | ⇒ 0% |
| Salima-kamuzu road | 15000 | 15000 | 15000 | 18000 | 12000 | 8800 | 8800 | 8800 | ↑ 20% | ↓ -27% |
| South | | | | | | | | | | |
| Limbe | 9708 | 10375 | 10375 | 15000 | 15000 | 12000 | 15000 | 15000 | ↑ 55% | ⇒ 0% |
| Liwonde | 7800 | 7800 | 7800 | 8700 | - | - | - | - | ↑ 12% | |
| Mbulumbuzi | 9000 | 9000 | 9000 | 6000 | 12000 | 12000 | 12000 | 15000 | ↓ -33% | ↑ 25% |
| Songani | 9000 | 9000 | 9000 | - | 18000 | 18000 | 18000 | 18000 | ⇒ 0% | ⇒ 0% |
| Zomba market | 18000 | 18000 | 18000 | - | 24000 | 24000 | 24000 | 24000 | ⇒ 0% | ⇒ 0% |
| All markets | 12878 | 13038 | 13038 | 14340 | 15917 | 15050 | 15383 | 16288 | ↑ 11% | ↑ 2% |

Note: Chambo and Micheni are priced per dozen fish; - = prices not reported from this market.

Table 3. Retail prices of fresh Mlamba and fresh Usipa (MWK/unit) during May 2021

| Market | Fresh Mlamba | | | | Fresh Usipa | | | | Change since April 24 | |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| | April 24 | May 1 | May 8 | May 23 | April 24 | May 1 | May 8 | May 23 | Fresh Mlamba | Fresh Usipa |
| Center | | | | | | | | | | |
| Area 2 fish market | 9840 | 9840 | 9840 | 9840 | 12500 | 12500 | 12500 | 12500 | ⇒ 0% | ⇒ 0% |
| Kasungu boma | 9200 | 9200 | 9200 | 9200 | - | 12500 | 12500 | 12500 | ⇒ 0% | ⇒ 0% |
| Nkhotakota boma | 13920 | 11400 | 13920 | 13920 | 12500 | 12500 | 12500 | 12500 | ⇒ 0% | ⇒ 0% |
| Salima-kamuzu road | 14880 | 14880 | 14880 | 14880 | 12500 | 12500 | 12500 | 12500 | ⇒ 0% | ⇒ 0% |
| South | | | | | | | | | | |
| Limbe | 33000 | 33000 | 33000 | 33000 | 11250 | 11250 | 11250 | 12500 | ⇒ 0% | ↑ 11% |
| Liwonde | 6640 | 5800 | 6227 | 9120 | 12500 | 11250 | 12500 | 12500 | ↑ 37% | ⇒ 0% |
| Mbulumbuzi | 12000 | 12000 | 12000 | 12000 | 12500 | 12500 | 12500 | 12500 | ⇒ 0% | ⇒ 0% |
| Songani | 16133 | 15800 | 15800 | 17200 | 12500 | 12500 | 12500 | 12500 | ↑ 7% | ⇒ 0% |
| Zomba market | - | - | 13200 | 13200 | 12500 | 12500 | 12500 | 12500 | ⇒ 0% | ⇒ 0% |
| All markets | 14172 | 13618 | 14019 | 16536 | 12321 | 12045 | 12330 | 12500 | ↑ 17% | ↑ 1% |

Note: Mlamba is priced per dozen; Usipa is priced per 5 litre pail; - = prices not reported from this market.

Figure 3. Retail prices of dried Chambo, dried Micheni, dried Mlamba and dried Usipa (MWK/unit), May 2021

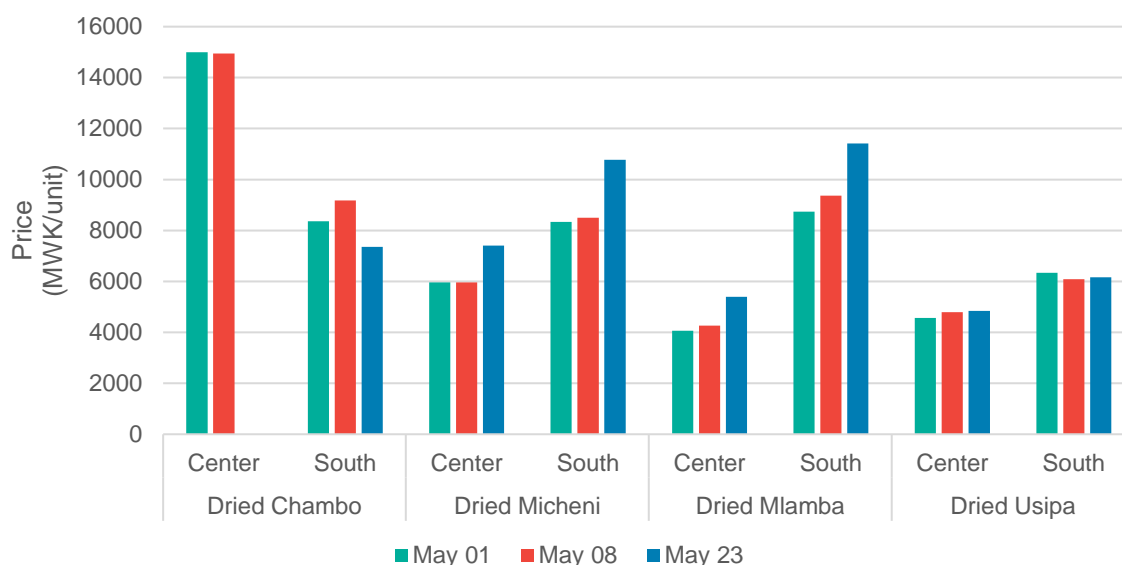


Table 4. Retail prices of dried Chambo and dried Micheni (MWK/unit) during May 2021

| Market | Dried Chambo | | | | Dried Micheni | | | | Change since April 24 | |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| | April 24 | May 1 | May 8 | May 23 | April 24 | May 1 | May 8 | May 23 | Dried Chambo | Dried Micheni |
| Center | | | | | | | | | | |
| Area 2 fish market | 8600 | 8600 | 8600 | - | 7500 | 7500 | 7500 | 8800 | ↔ 0% | ↑ 17% |
| Kasungu boma | 4500 | 25800 | 25800 | - | 6667 | 6667 | 6667 | 8800 | ↑ 473% | ↑ 32% |
| Nkhotakota boma | 9000 | 7500 | 9000 | - | 4200 | 4200 | 4200 | 6000 | ↔ 0% | ↑ 43% |
| Salima-kamuzu road | 12000 | 12000 | 10800 | - | 4200 | 4200 | 4200 | 6000 | ↓ -10% | ↑ 43% |
| South | | | | | | | | | | |
| Limbe | 5500 | 5000 | 5500 | - | 7500 | 7500 | 7500 | - | ↔ 0% | ↔ 0% |
| Liwonde | 7800 | 7800 | 7800 | 9000 | 7500 | 7500 | 7500 | 9000 | ↑ 15% | ↑ 20% |
| Mbulumbuzi | 16000 | 15467 | 19600 | - | 11800 | 10800 | 11800 | 13200 | ↑ 23% | ↑ 12% |
| Mulanje boma | 7650 | 7020 | 7650 | - | 8400 | 8400 | 8400 | 9200 | ↔ 0% | ↑ 10% |
| Songani | 7200 | 7200 | 7200 | 6000 | 7800 | 7800 | 7800 | 12000 | ↓ -17% | ↑ 54% |
| Zomba market | 8700 | 8700 | 7200 | 7200 | 8000 | 8000 | 8000 | 11400 | ↓ -17% | ↑ 43% |
| All markets | 8695 | 10932 | 11490 | 7400 | 7421 | 7330 | 7421 | 9545 | ↓ -15% | ↑ 29% |

Note: Chambo and Micheni are priced per dozen; - = prices not reported from this market.

Table 5. Retail prices of dried Mlamba and dried Usipa (MWK/unit) during May 2021

| Market | Dried Mlamba | | | | Dried Usipa | | | | Change since April 24 | |
|--------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| | March 27 | May 1 | May 8 | May 23 | April 24 | May 1 | May 8 | May 23 | Dried Mlamba | Dried Usipa |
| Center | | | | | | | | | | |
| Area 2 fish market | 4000 | 4000 | 4000 | 4800 | 4750 | 4750 | 4750 | 5000 | ↑ 20% | ↑ 5% |
| Kasungu boma | 4800 | 4200 | 4800 | 4800 | 4500 | 4333 | 4833 | 4833 | → 0% | ↑ 7% |
| Nkhotakota boma | 4000 | 4000 | 4000 | 6000 | 4500 | 4750 | 4750 | 4750 | ↑ 50% | ↑ 6% |
| Salima-kamuzu road | 4000 | 4000 | 4000 | 6000 | 4500 | 4750 | 4750 | 4750 | ↑ 50% | ↑ 6% |
| South | | | | | | | | | | |
| Limbe | 4833 | 5167 | 5500 | 7500 | 6500 | 6500 | 6500 | 6500 | ↑ 55% | → 0% |
| Liwonde | 4800 | 6400 | 9200 | 9200 | 6000 | 7500 | 6500 | 6500 | ↑ 92% | ↑ 8% |
| Mbulumbuzi | 6000 | 6000 | 6000 | 9000 | 7000 | 6500 | 6500 | 7000 | ↑ 50% | → 0% |
| Mulanje boma | 9200 | 9200 | 9200 | 9200 | 6000 | 6333 | 6000 | 6000 | → 0% | → 0% |
| Songani | 18000 | 18000 | 18000 | 18000 | 6000 | 6000 | 6000 | 6000 | → 0% | → 0% |
| Zomba market | 6000 | 6000 | 6000 | 9000 | 5500 | 5167 | 5083 | 5083 | ↑ 50% | ↓ -8% |
| All markets | 6537 | 6663 | 7100 | 9227 | 5509 | 5563 | 5551 | 5618 | ↑ 41% | ↑ 2% |

Note: Mlamba are priced per dozen; Usipa is priced per 5 litre pail.

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 were phased-in, starting with legumes, root crops and other cereals, and then expanding to include livestock products and fish. Fish prices are included in the bulletins from January 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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