

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 live chicken, egg and goat meat increased by 2 to 6 percent during May 2022.
- Average retail prices of fresh micheni, fresh mlamba and fresh usipa increased by 6 to 23 percent, while fresh chambo prices decreased by 9 percent.
- Average retail prices of dried chambo and dried micheni increased by 1 and 12 percent respectively while dried mlamba decreased by 3 percent and dried usipa prices remained constant.

Livestock and Livestock Products

Figure 1. Regional average retail prices (MWK/unit) of Chicken, Eggs and Goat Meat during May 2022

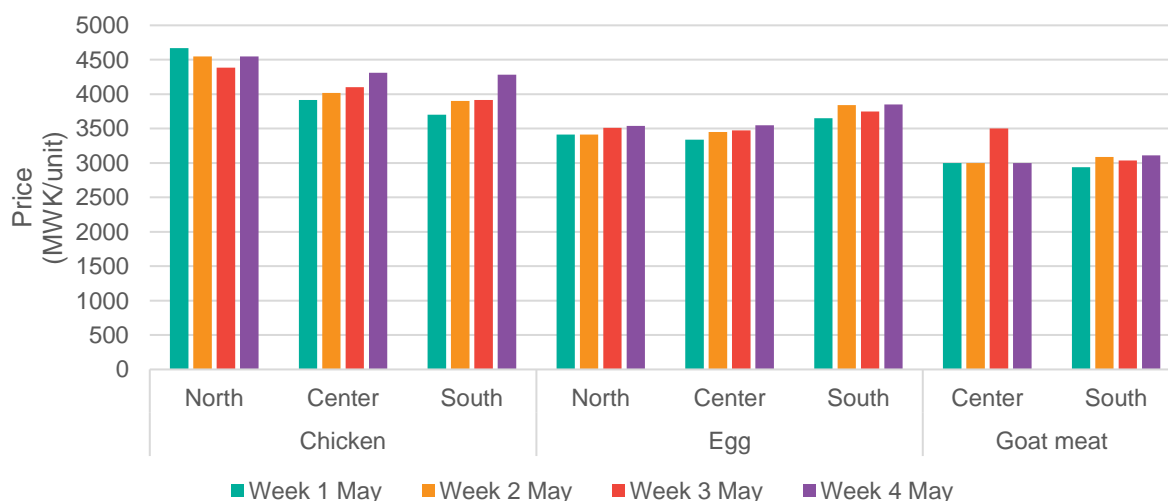
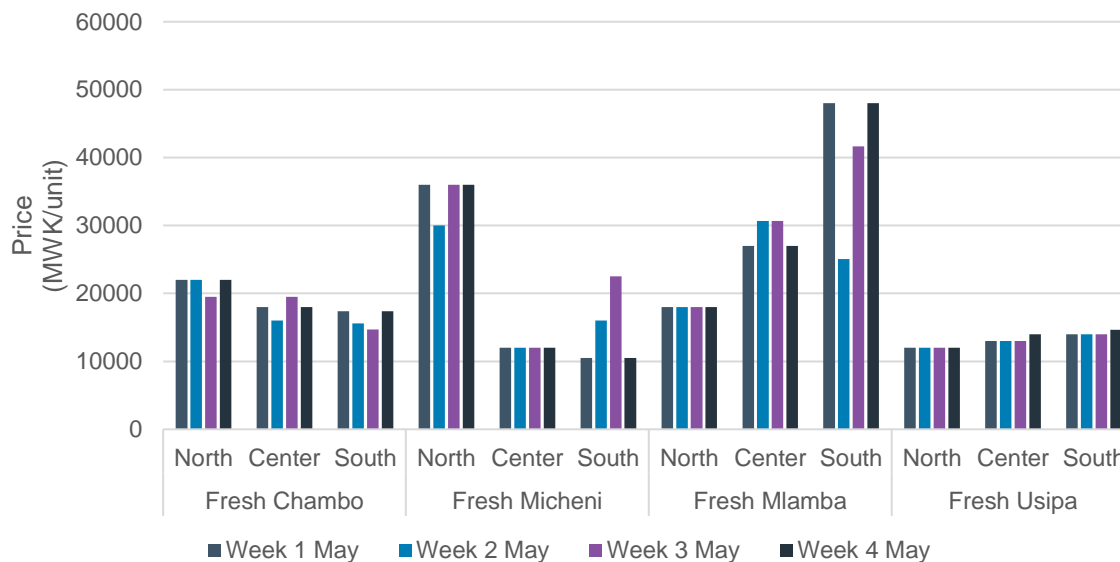


Table 1. Retail prices of livestock and livestock products (MWK/unit) during May 2022

Market	Chicken					Egg					Goat meat					Change since April week 4			
	April	May				April	May				April	May				Chicken	Egg	Goat meat	
	Week 4	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 4	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 4	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4				
North	4625	4667	4550	4383	4550	3360	3413	3413	3510	3540	-	-	-	-	-	↔ -2%	↑ 5%	-	
Chitipa-boma	4250	4750	4750	4250	4750	3450	3600	3600	3600	3600	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 12%	↑ 4%	-	
Jenda	4750	4750	4400	4400	4400	3600	3600	3600	3600	3600	-	-	-	-	-	↓ -7%	↔ 0%	-	
Karonga-boma	-	-	-	-	-	3300	3450	3450	3675	3750	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 9%	-
Mzuzu	4875	4500	4500	4500	4500	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	-	-	-	-	-	↓ -8%	↔ 0%	-	
Center	4167	3917	4017	4100	4313	3480	3338	3450	3475	3550	3000	3000	3000	3500	3000	↑ 3%	↑ 2%	↔ 0%	
Chimbiya	-	-	-	-	-	3450	3300	3450	3525	3600	3000	3000	3000	-	-	-	↑ 4%	↔ 0%	
Mchinji	4000	4000	4000	4000	3975	3600	3600	3600	3525	3675	-	-	-	-	-	↓ -1%	↑ 2%	-	
Mitundu	3750	3500	3800	3800	3800	3300	3300	3300	3300	3300	3000	3000	3000	3500	3000	↑ 9%	↔ 0%	↔ 0%	
Salima-boma	4750	4250	4250	4500	5500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 16%	-	-	
Salima-kamuzu road	-	-	-	-	-	3450	3150	3450	3450	3450	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	↔ 0%	
South	3950	3700	3900	3917	4283	3544	3650	3840	3750	3850	3043	2957	2957	2963	3043	↑ 8%	↑ 9%	↔ 0%	
Balaka	4250	4000	4250	4000	5000	3600	3750	3900	3750	3600	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	↑ 25%	↔ 0%	↔ 0%	
Bangula	-	-	-	-	-	3900	-	4500	4500	4500	-	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 15%	-	
Lunzu	4000	3750	4000	4000	4100	3075	3300	3300	3450	3200	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 2%	↑ 4%	-	
Mangochi	3625	3500	3500	3750	3750	3900	3900	3900	3900	3900	3000	2400	3500	3500	3500	-	↔ 0%	↑ 17%	
Ngabu	-	-	-	-	-	3600	3600	3600	3600	3750	-	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 4%	-	
Bvumbwe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	-	-	↔ 0%	
Chiringa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	-	-	↔ 0%	
Liwonde	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3500	3500	3500	3000	3500	-	-	↔ 0%	
Mwanza	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2800	2800	2900	2900	3000	-	-	↑ 7%	
All markets	4193	4023	4109	4133	4375	3475	3493	3588	3600	3674	3033	2950	3073	3089	3100	↑ 4%	↑ 6%	↑ 2%	

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 2022



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

Table 2. Retail prices of fresh Chambo and fresh Micheni (MWK/unit) during May 2022

Market	Fresh Chambo					Fresh Micheni					Change since April week 4	
	April	May				April	May				Fresh Chambo	Fresh Micheni
	Week 4	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 4	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4		
North	19700	22000	22000	19500	22000	20000	36000	30000	36000	36000	↑ 12%	↑ 80%
Mzuzu	11100	20000	20000	15000	20000	42000	42000	-	42000	42000	↑ 80%	⇒ 0%
Ngara	24000	24000	24000	24000	24000	6000	30000	30000	30000	30000	⇒ 0%	↑ 400%
Tukombo	24000	-	-	-	-	12000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Center	32800	18000	16000	19500	18000	10000	12000	12000	12000	12000	↓ -45%	↑ 20%
Area 2 fish market	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kasungu boma	36000	-	21000	21000	-	12000	-	12000	12000	-	-	-
Nkhotakota boma	-	-	-	-	-	12000	12000	12000	12000	12000	-	⇒ 0%
Salima-kamuzu road	18000	18000	18000	18000	18000	6000	12000	12000	12000	12000	⇒ 0%	-
South	14025	17400	15575	14700	17400	24000	10500	16000	22500	16000	↑ 24%	↓ -33%
Limbe	16500	18000	18000	18000	18000	12000	15000	15000	15000	15000	↑ 9%	↑ 25%
Liwonde	9600	10000	12000	-	-	-	-	9000	-	-	-	-
Lunzu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mbulumbuzi	15000	-	17500	12000	-	30000	-	24000	30000	-	↓ -20%	↑ 25%
Songani	-	-	8400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zomba market	15000	16800	16800	16800	16800	30000	-	-	-	-	↑ 12%	-
All markets	21360	17800	17300	17829	19360	18000	22200	16286	21857	22200	↓ -9%	↑ 23%

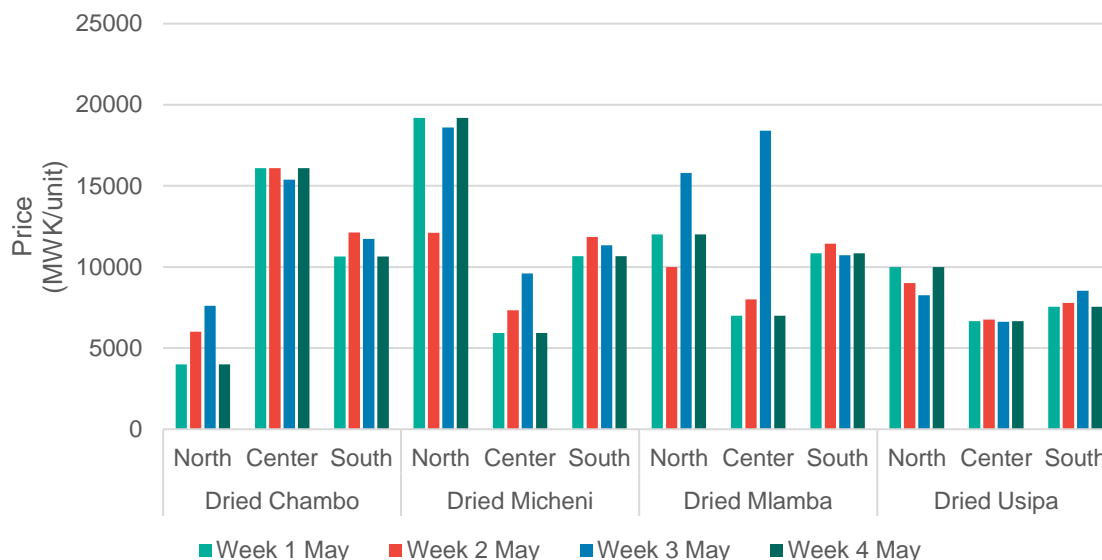
Note: Chambo and Micheni are priced per dozen fish; - = prices not reported from this market.

Table 3. Retail prices of fresh Mlamba and fresh Usipa (MWK/unit) during May 2022

Market	Fresh Mlamba					Fresh Usipa					Change since April week 4	
	April	May				April	May				Fresh Mlamba	Fresh Usipa
	Week 4	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 4	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4		
North	29000	72000	72000	72000	72000	12000	12000	12000	12000	12000	↑ 148%	⇒ 0%
Mzuzu	18000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ngara	18000	18000	18000	18000	18000	12000	12000	12000	12000	12000	⇒ 0%	⇒ 0%
Tukombo	51000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Center	21200	27000	30667	30667	27000	13000	13000	13000	13000	14000	↑ 27%	↑ 8%
Area 2 fish market	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kasungu boma	24000	-	38000	38000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nkhotakota boma	28800	30000	30000	30000	30000	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 4%	-
Salima-kamuzu road	10800	24000	24000	24000	24000	13000	13000	13000	13000	14000	↑ 122%	-
South	19740	48000	25067	41670	48000	12333	14000	14000	14000	14667	↑ 143%	↑ 19%
Limbe	24000	-	-	-	-	12000	12000	12000	12000	12000	-	⇒ 0%
Liwonde	15960	-	17200	13680	15960	-	-	-	-	-	↓ -7%	-
Mbulumbuzi	9000	-	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	↑ 11%	⇒ 0%
Songani	-	-	-	-	-	-	13000	13000	13000	13000	-	⇒ 0%
Zomba market	30000	48000	48000	48000	48000	15000	20000	20000	20000	20000	↑ 60%	↑ 33%
All markets	22956	30000	26457	25954	24327	12500	13333	13333	13333	13500	↑ 6%	↑ 8%

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 2022



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

Table 4. Retail prices of dried Chambo and dried Micheni (MWK/unit) during May 2022

Market	Dried Chambo					Dried Micheni					Change since April week 4	
	April	May				April	May				Dried Chambo	Dried Micheni
	Week 4	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 4	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4		
North	9000	4000	6000	7600	7600	18000	19200	12100	5000	18000	↓ -16%	↓ -6%
Mzuzu	9000	4000	4000	7200	4000	18000	19200	19200	-	18000	→ 0%	↓ -6%
Ngara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tukombo	-	-	8000	8000	-	-	-	5000	5000	-	-	-
Center	10250	16083	16083	15380	16083	9000	5933	7325	9000	9000	↑ 57%	→ 0%
Area 2 fish market	-	18000	18000	10500	18000	-	5000	5000	5000	-	→ 0%	→ 0%
Kasungu boma	12000	15000	15000	14400	15000	9000	4800	4800	12000	9000	↑ 25%	→ 0%
Nkhotakota boma	8500	15250	15250	17000	15250	-	8000	7500	8000	-	-	-
Salima-kamuzu road	-	-	-	18000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South	10792	10642	12129	11725	10642	12329	10667	11857	11333	10667	↓ -1%	↓ -13%
Limbe	15167	24450	16250	18500	24450	10200	12000	12000	18000	12000	↑ 61%	↑ 18%
Liwonde	9000	6000	6000	9000	6000	9000	9000	14000	9000	9000	↓ -33%	→ 0%
Mbulumbuzi	7000	5000	18000	-	5000	-	9000	9000	9000	9000	↓ -29%	-
Mulanje boma	-	9000	9000	-	9000	7500	12000	12000	10000	12000	→ 0%	↑ 60%
Songani	-	8000	8000	8000	8000	12000	10000	12000	10000	10000	→ 0%	↓ -17%
Zomba market	12000	11400	11400	11400	11400	13000	12000	12000	12000	12000	→ 0%	↓ -8%
All markets	10381	11610	11718	12200	11610	11243	10100	10227	9800	11375	↑ 12%	↑ 1%

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 2022

Market	Dried Mlamba					Dried Usipa					Change since April week 4	
	April	May				April	May				Dried Mlamba	Dried Usipa
	Week 4	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 4	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4		
North	8500	12000	10000	7400	8500	8500	10000	9000	8250	10000	↓ -29%	⇒ 0%
Mzuzu	8500	12000	12000	7400	8500	8500	10000	10000	8500	10000	↓ -29%	⇒ 0%
Ngara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tukombo	-	-	8000	-	-	-	-	8000	8000	-	-	-
Center	7000	7000	8000	7000	7000	6500	6667	6750	6625	6667	⇒ 0%	↑ 3%
Area 2 fish market	-	-	-	-	-	-	7000	7000	8000	7000	-	-
Kasungu boma	-	-	-	-	-	6500	7500	7500	8000	7500	-	-
Nkhotakota boma	7000	7000	7000	7000	7000	6500	5500	5500	5250	5500	-	-
Salima-kamuzu road	-	-	9000	-	-	-	-	7000	-	-	-	-
South	9500	23667	19333	21250	23667	8450	7542	7781	8542	7542	↑ 149%	↓ -11%
Limbe	8000	9000	9000	9000	9000	8200	9500	8250	9000	9500	↑ 13%	↑ 16%
Liwonde	12000	9000	9000	9000	12000	-	8000	8000	10000	8000	↑ 33%	⇒ 0%
Mbulumbuzi	-	9000	9000	9000	9000	9500	7750	7875	7750	9500	-	-
Mulanje boma	12000	9000	9000	-	9000	6500	7000	7000	7000	6500	-	⇒ 0%
Songani	6000	6000	6000	6000	6000	7000	8000	8000	8000	7000	-	↓ -13%
Zomba market	-	8400	8400	8400	8400	9750	5000	7000	7000	9750	⇒ 0%	⇒ 0%
All markets	8917	8675	8640	7971	8613	7982	7919	7347	8152	7982	↓ -3%	⇒ 0%

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

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 May 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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