

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 in Malawi.

## Highlights

- Average retail prices of common bean, soybeans, pigeon peas and groundnuts increased by 4 to 12 percent.
- Average retail prices of sweet potatoes and irish potatoes increased by 10 and 35 percent respectively while cassava prices decreased by 6 percent.
- Average retail prices of rice and sorghum increased by 2 and 7 percent respectively.

## Legumes

**Table 1.** Retail prices (MWK/kg) of common beans and pigeon pea by region during December 2021

Market	Common bean					Pigeon pea					Change since Nov 27	
	Nov 27	Dec 4	Dec 11	Dec 18	Dec 25	Nov 27	Dec 4	Dec 11	Dec 18	Dec 25	Bean	P. pea
<b>North</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>968</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>1021</b>	<b>1029</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>447</b>	⇒ 16%	↑ 6%
Jenda	883	900	950	900	1000	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 13%	-
Karonga-boma	888	888	888	1067	1000	421	421	447	447	447	↑ 13%	↑ 6%
Mzuzu	900	1150	1025	1075	1100	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 22%	-
<b>Center</b>	<b>1200</b>	<b>1125</b>	<b>1150</b>	<b>1217</b>	<b>1283</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	↑ 7%	-
Chimbiya	1200	1000	1000	1200	1300	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 8%	-
Mchinji	1200	1200	1200	1150	1200	-	-	-	-	-	→ 0%	-
Mitundu	1200	1300	1400	1300	1350	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 13%	-
<b>South</b>	<b>1160</b>	<b>1160</b>	<b>1150</b>	<b>1250</b>	<b>1360</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>700</b>	↑ 17%	↑ 8%
Balaka	1350	1350	1300	1475	1600	775	725	775	850	700	↑ 19%	↓ -10%
Bangula	1000	1000	1000	900	1000	-	-	-	-	-	→ 0%	-
Lunzu	1100	1100	1150	1200	1300	600	600	600	800	750	↑ 18%	↑ 25%
Mangochi	-	-	-	-	-	700	700	800	800	800	-	↑ 14%
Ngabu	-	-	-	-	-	525	525	550	575	600	-	↑ 14%
<b>All markets</b>	<b>1081</b>	<b>1067</b>	<b>1077</b>	<b>1150</b>	<b>1206</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>668</b>	↑ 12%	↑ 7%

**Note:** - = commodity not monitored or prices not reported in this market.

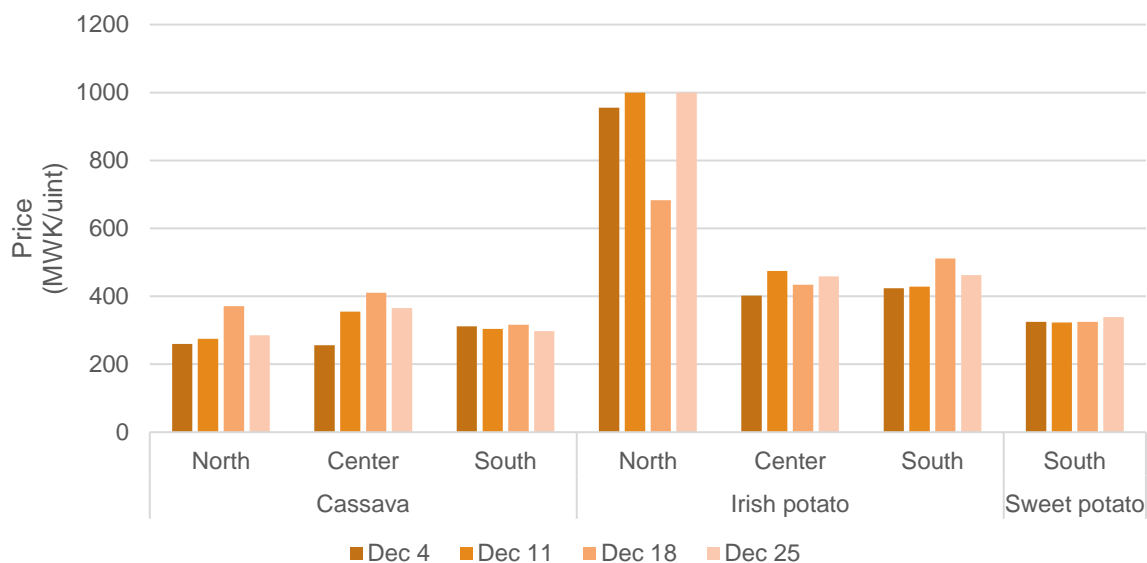
**Table 2.** Retail prices (MWK/kg) of soybean and groundnut by region during December 2021

Market	Soyabean					Groundnut					Change since Nov 27	
	Nov 27	Dec 4	Dec 11	Dec 18	Dec 25	Nov 27	Dec 4	Dec 11	Dec 18	Dec 25	Soybean	Groundnut
<b>North</b>	<b>1033</b>	<b>1088</b>	<b>1075</b>	<b>1117</b>	<b>1200</b>	<b>1007</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>1007</b>	<b>1021</b>	<b>1036</b>	↑ 16%	→ 3%
Jenda	-	-	-	-	-	783	750	783	933	950	-	↑ 21%
Karonga-boma	1100	1133	1200	1200	1200	1250	1250	1250	1200	1200	↑ 9%	↓ -4%
Mzuzu	900	950	950	950	-	1100	1100	1100	750	800	↑ 6%	↓ -27%
<b>Center</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>1030</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>1025</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>956</b>	<b>1012</b>	<b>1040</b>	<b>1058</b>	↑ 13%	↑ 7%
Chimbiya	817	983	900	1000	1017	885	860	890	900	917	↑ 13%	↑ 4%
Mchinji	1200	1200	1200	1000	1000	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	↓ -17%	→ 0%
Mitundu	900	1000	1000	1000	1100	1000	1000	1000	1000	1200	↑ 22%	↑ 20%
<b>South</b>	<b>1225</b>	<b>1263</b>	<b>1220</b>	<b>1263</b>	<b>1288</b>	<b>1220</b>	<b>1250</b>	<b>1225</b>	<b>1280</b>	<b>1280</b>	↑ 5%	↑ 5%
Balaka	1200	1225	1250	1325	1275	1350	1375	1300	1350	1350	↑ 6%	→ 0%
Bangula	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lunzu	1200	1200	1100	1000	1000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mangochi	1300	1400	1400	1400	1600	1200	1300	1400	1500	1500	↑ 23%	↑ 25%
Ngabu	-	-	-	-	-	1100	1100	1100	1100	1100	-	→ 0%
<b>All markets</b>	<b>1046</b>	<b>1119</b>	<b>1108</b>	<b>1108</b>	<b>1142</b>	<b>1070</b>	<b>1058</b>	<b>1060</b>	<b>1103</b>	<b>1111</b>	↑ 9%	↑ 4%

**Note:** - = prices not reported from this market; soybean and groundnut are priced per kilogram

## Roots and Tubers

**Figure 1.** Regional average retail prices (MWK/unit) of cassava, Irish potato, and sweet potato during December 2021



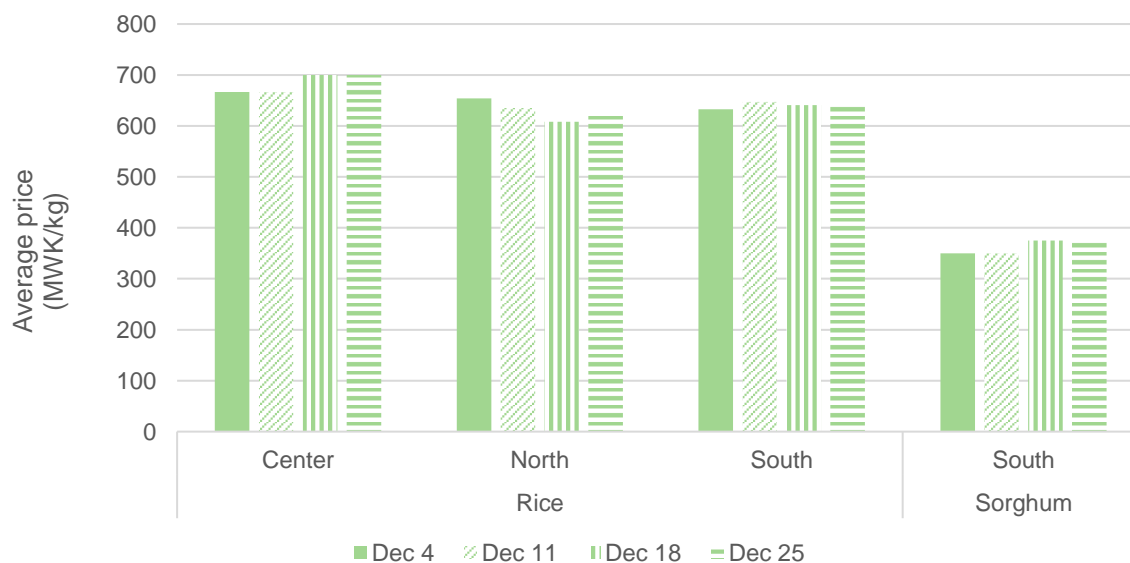
**Table 3.** Retail prices of roots and tubers (MWK/unit) during December 2021

Commodity	Market	Nov 27	Dec 4	Dec 11	Dec 18	Dec 25	Change since Nov 27
<b>Cassava</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>285</b>	↓ -15%
	Mpamba	320	-	200	-	250	↓ -22%
	Mzuzu	371	260	313	371	320	↓ -14%
	Nkhatabay-boma	320	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Center</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>366</b>	↑ 19%
	Chinkhoma	307	256	355	411	366	↑ 19%
	Kawamba	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Mitundu	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>South</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>297</b>	↓ -8%
	Limbe	323	271	280	280	280	↓ -13%
Namwera turn-off	320	373	320	353	315	↓ -2%	
<b>All markets</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>304</b>	↓ -6%	
<b>Sweet potato</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>322</b>	↑ 4%
	Bangwe	221	221	208	217	221	→ 0%
	Chilobwe	333	333	333	333	333	↑ 0%
	Chinakanaka	333	417	389	333	467	↑ 40%
	Ndirande	350	333	333	417	333	↓ -5%
	Zingwanga	333	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>All markets</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>339</b>	↑ 10%
<b>Irish potato</b>	<b>North</b>	-	<b>956</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>1000</b>	↑ 5%
	Jenda	-	956	1000	683	1000	↑ 5%
	<b>Center</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>458</b>	↑ 8%
	Lizulu-Lilongwe	500	600	600	500	500	→ 0%
	Lizulu	387	380	400	400	450	↑ 16%
	Tsangano turn-off	400	325	425	420	400	→ 0%
	<b>South</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>462</b>	↑ 39%
	Blantyre market	300	348	348	417	437	↑ 46%
Limbe	400	500	550	700	500	↑ 25%	
<b>All markets</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>576</b>	↑ 35%	

**Note:** - = prices not reported from this market; cassava and Irish potatoes are priced per kilogram; sweet potatoes are priced per heap.

## Other Cereals

**Figure 2.** Regional average retail prices (MWK/kg) of rice during December 2021



**Table 4.** Retail prices of other cereals (MWK/kg) during December 2021

Commodity	Market	Nov 27	Dec 4	Dec 11	Dec 18	Dec 25	Change since Nov 27
Rice	<b>North</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>625</b>	↓ -1%
	Karonga-boma	700	800	700	675	700	→ 0%
	Mzimba-boma	850	750	700	800	800	↓ -6%
	Nkhatabay-boma	600	620	650	600	600	→ 0%
	Pusi	650	650	650	650	725	↑ 12%
	Wovwe	508	537	520	483	483	↓ -7%
	<b>Center</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>700</b>	↑ 8%
	Nkhotakota-boma	650	600	600	700	700	↑ 17%
	Salima-kamuzu road	650	700	700	700	700	↑ 8%
	<b>South</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>644</b>	↑ 3%
	Chiringa	633	650	633	617	633	→ 0%
	Phalombe	683	700	700	700	683	→ 0%
	Songani	553	570	615	607	600	↓ -1%
	<b>All markets</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>649</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>641</b>	↑ 2%
Sorghum	<b>South</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>375</b>	↑ 13%
	Chikwawa	300	325	325	350	350	↑ 17%
	Ngabu	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Nsanje	400	400	400	400	400	→ 0%
	<b>All markets</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>375</b>	↑ 7%

**Note:** - = prices not reported from this market; rice and sorghum are priced per kilogram

### 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 December 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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