

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 for common beans, groundnut, soybean and pigeon peas increased by 4 to 29 percent.
- Average retail prices of cassava and Irish potato increased by 7 and 34 percent respectively, while sweet potato retail prices decreased by 24 percent.
- Rice and sorghum retail prices increased by 18 and 40 percent respectively.

## Legumes

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

Market	Common beans					Pegionpea					Change since May 23	
	May 23	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26	May 23	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26	Bean	P. pea
<b>North</b>												
Jenda	900	900	825	900	950	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 6%	-
Karonga-boma	-	950	975	1000	1000	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 5%	-
Mzuzu	900	900	975	1000	925	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 3%	-
<b>Center</b>												
Chimbiya	700	700	725	700	875	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 25%	-
Mchinji	-	1000	525	1000	1200	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 20%	-
Mitundu	900	900	925	900	1050	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 17%	-
<b>South</b>												
Balaka	1000	1200	1000	1200	1300	-	383	333	317	300	↑ 30%	↓ -22%
Bangula	-	800	825	800	800	400	-	-	-	-	→ 0%	-
Lunzu	-	1000	900	950	975	400	550	567	550	550	↓ -3%	↑ 38%
Mangochi	-	-	-	-	-	-	500	550	600	600	-	↑ 20%
Ngabu	-	-	-	-	-	-	550	550	525	550	-	→ 0%
<b>All markets</b>	<b>967</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>841</b>	<b>939</b>	<b>1009</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>↑ 4%</b>	<b>↑ 29%</b>

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

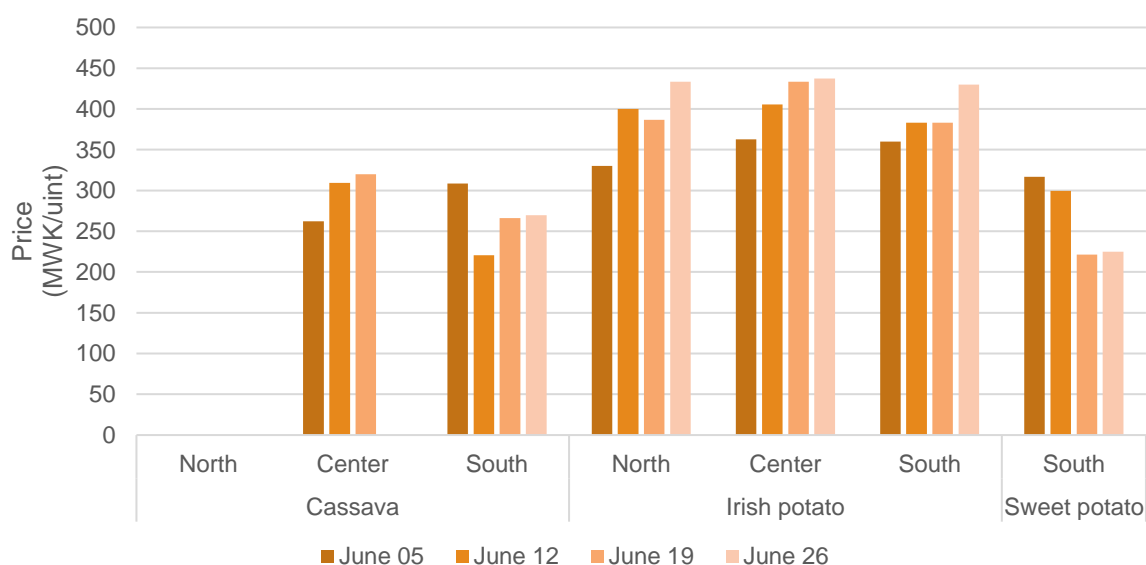
**Table 2.** Retail prices (MWK/kg) of soybean and groundnut by region during June 2021

Market	Soybean					Groundnut					Change since May 23	
	May 23	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26	May 23	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26	Soybean	Groundnut
<b>North</b>												
Jenda	-	500	500	550	-	600	600	900	800	700	↑ 10%	↑ 17%
Karonga-boma	-	500	500	550	700	-	-	983	950	1000	↑ 40%	↑ 2%
Mzuzu	450	550	550	570	550	800	800	950	807	800	↑ 22%	↔ 0%
<b>Center</b>												
Chimbiya	-	500	475	500	500	770	770	817	800	810	↔ 0%	↑ 5%
Mchinji	520	583	590	700	700	800	800	950	833	1000	↑ 35%	↑ 25%
Mitundu	-	550	550	550	-	800	800	900	900	900	↔ 0%	↑ 13%
<b>South</b>												
Balaka	510	483	517	533	500	1100	1100	975	900	1100	↓ -2%	↔ 0%
Bangula	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lunzu	-	533	517	517	500	-	-	-	-	-	↓ -6%	-
Mangochi	-	467	450	575	600	800	800	900	950	975	↑ 29%	↑ 22%
Ngabu	-	-	-	-	-	850	850	800	850	820	-	↓ -4%
<b>All markets</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>912</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>↑ 17%</b>	<b>↑ 10%</b>

**Note:** - = prices not reported from this market; soybean prices from the third week of June are for 'new' soybean (harvested in the current season)

## Roots and Tubers

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



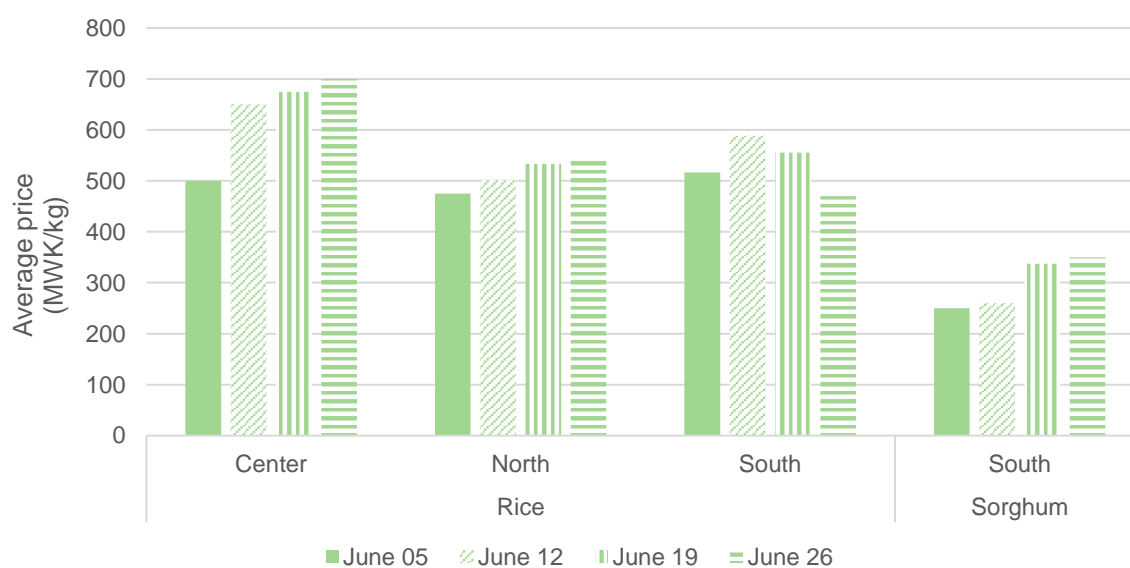
**Table 3.** Retail prices of roots and tubers (MWK/unit) during June 2021

Commodity	Market	May 23	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26	Change since May 23
<b>Cassava</b>	<b>North</b>						
	Nkhatabay-boma	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Center</b>						
	Chinkhoma	208	208	320	-	-	↑ 54%
	Kawamba	320	320	288	320	-	→ 0%
	Mitundu	256	256	320	-	-	↑ 25%
	<b>South</b>						
Limbe	-	416	240	288	309	↓ -26%	
Namwera turn-off	201	201	201	245	192	↓ -4%	
<b>All markets</b>		<b>252</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>↑ 7%</b>
<b>Sweet potato</b>	<b>South</b>						
	Bangwe	300	300	269	200	200	↓ -33%
	Chilobwe	292	292	333	200	250	↓ -14%
	Chinakanaka	333	333	292	225	225	↓ -32%
	Ndirande	250	292	294	250	200	↓ -20%
	Zingwanga	400	400	333	250	-	↓ -38%
<b>All markets</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>↓ -28%</b>	
<b>Irish potato</b>	<b>North</b>						
	Jenda	360	330	400	387	433	↑ 20%
	<b>Center</b>						
	Lizulu-Lilongwe	-	360	390	400	550	↑ 53%
	Lizulu	350	367	440	500	400	↑ 14%
	Tsangano turn-off	300	360	387	400	400	↑ 33%
	<b>South</b>						
Blantyre market	300	360	367	367	400	↑ 33%	
Limbe	300	360	400	400	475	↑ 58%	
<b>All markets</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>↑ 34%</b>	

**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 June 2021



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

Commodity	Market	May 23	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26	Change since May 23
Rice	<b>North</b>						
	Karonga-boma	350	350	425	433	400	↑ 14%
	Mzimba-boma	500	500	500	700	850	↑ 70%
	Nkhatabay-boma	517	517	550	600	567	↑ 10%
	Pusi	500	500	500	500	450	↓ -10%
	Wowwe	325	325	500	500	-	↑ 54%
	<b>Center</b>						
	Nkhotakota-boma	500	500	500	-	-	→ 0%
	Salima-kamuzu road	-	-	700	675	700	→ 0%
	<b>South</b>						
Chiringa	500	500	533	500	450	↓ -10%	
Phalombe	600	600	700	633	490	↓ -18%	
Songani	450	450	533	533		↑ 19%	
<b>All markets</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>↑ 18%</b>	
Sorghum	<b>South</b>						
	Chikwawa	250	250	250	300	300	↑ 20%
	Ngabu	250	250	250	300		↑ 20%
	Nsanje	250	250	300	450	450	↑ 80%
<b>All markets</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>↑ 40%</b>	

**Note:** - = prices not reported from this market; from the fourth week of June, sorghum prices are for 'new' sorghum (harvested from the current season)

### How data was 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 by the end of 2020. Due to technical issues with the third-party messaging platform used for data collection, prices were not reported from all markets on all days in June. Note that the number of markets monitored vary by commodity because major markets in areas where these commodities are widely produced have been selected.

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



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