

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, groundnuts and pigeon peas increased by 2 to 8 percent while soybeans decreased by 3 percent.
- Average retail prices of irish potatoes and sweet potatoes decreased by 12 and 41 percent respectively while cassava prices increased by 20 percent.
- Average retail prices of rice and sorghum decreased by 2 and 6 percent respectively.

## Legumes

**Table 1.** Retail prices (MWK/kg) of common beans and pigeon pea by region during March 2022

Market	Common bean						Pigeon pea						Change since Feb week 4	
	Feb	March					Feb	March					Bean	P. pea
	Week 4	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 4	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5		
<b>North</b>	1175	1175	1033	1000	1088	1233	632	658	-	-	-	700	↑ 5%	↑ 11%
Jenda	1100	1100	1000	1025	1050	1200	-	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 9%	-
Karonga-boma	1200	1200	-	950	950	1200	632	658	-	-	-	700	→ 0%	↑ 11%
Mzuzu	1300	1300	1100	-	1300	1300	-	-	-	-	-	-	→ 0%	-
<b>Center</b>	1325	1325	1338	1225	1375	1425	-	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 8%	-
Chimbiya	1113	1113	1400	1000	1000	1200	-	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 8%	-
Mchinji	1700	1700	1275	-	1700	1700	-	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 33%	-
Mitundu	1350	1350	1400	1338	1400	1400	-	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 4%	-
<b>South</b>	1340	1340	1520	1450	1350	1517	738	731	731	736	760	750	↑ 13%	↑ 2%
Balaka	1500	1500	1567	1700	1500	1575	800	750	750	725	750	775	↑ 5%	↓ -3%
Bangula	-	-	-	1200	1200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lunzu	1100	1100	1450	1450	1350	1400	700	750	700	700	800	700	↑ 27%	→ 0%
Mangochi	-	-	-	-	-	-	800	800	800	800	800	800	-	→ 0%
Ngabu	-	-	-	-	-	-	650	650	650	700	700	750	-	↑ 15%
<b>All markets</b>	<b>1288</b>	<b>1288</b>	<b>1338</b>	<b>1248</b>	<b>1271</b>	<b>1395</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>↑ 8%</b>	<b>↑ 2%</b>

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

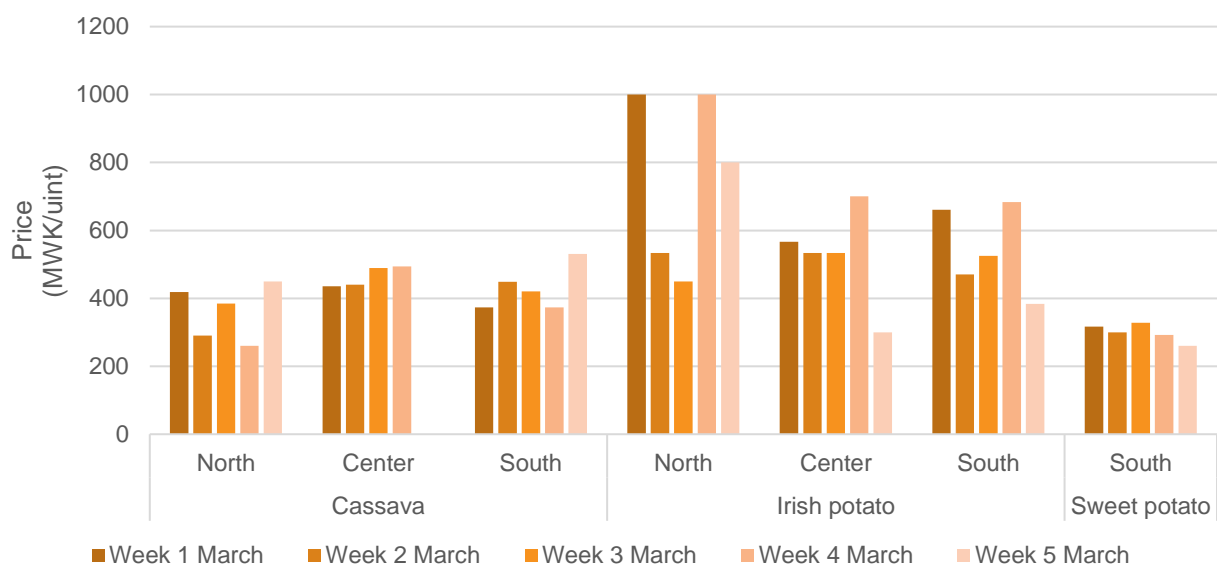
**Table 2.** Retail prices (MWK/kg) of soybean and groundnut by region during March 2022

Market	Soyabean						Groundnut						Change since Feb week 4	
	Feb	March					Feb	March					Soybean	Groundnut
	Week 4	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 4	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5		
<b>North</b>	1350	1350	1201	1500	1200	1350	1160	1160	1200	1275	1133	1300	→ 0%	↑ 12%
Jenda	-	-	-	-	-	-	950	950	900	1100	1100	1200	-	↑ 26%
Karonga-boma	1350	1350	1350	1500	1200	1350	1300	1300	1400	1500	1200	1350	→ 0%	↑ 4%
Mzuzu	-	-	1053	-	-	-	-	-	-	1400	-	-	-	-
<b>Center</b>	1000	992	1000	975	1040	1000	1150	1150	1200	1300	1225	1175	→ 0%	↑ 2%
Chimbiya	1067	1050	1000	850	1000	1000	1067	1067	1150	1200	1150	1100	↓ -6%	↑ 3%
Mchinji	1000	1000	1000	-	1000	1000	1200	1200	1200	-	1200	1200	→ 0%	→ 0%
Mitundu	900	900	1000	1100	1100	1000	1250	1250	1300	1350	1400	1200	↑ 11%	↓ -4%
<b>South</b>	1270	1270	1367	1300	1233	1350	1275	1325	1408	1363	1313	1400	↑ 6%	↑ 10%
Balaka	1417	1417	1533	1450	1300	1500	1250	1350	1517	1475	1350	1450	↑ 6%	↑ 16%
Bangula	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lunzu	900	900	1200	1200	1200	1200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mangochi	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1500	1500	1500	1300	1500	1500	→ 0%	→ 0%
Ngabu	-	-	-	-	-	-	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	-	→ 0%
<b>All markets</b>	<b>1158</b>	<b>1154</b>	<b>1188</b>	<b>1190</b>	<b>1122</b>	<b>1120</b>	<b>1197</b>	<b>1215</b>	<b>1283</b>	<b>1314</b>	<b>1232</b>	<b>1291</b>	↓ -3%	↑ 8%

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 March 2022



**Table 3.** Retail prices of roots and tubers (MWK/unit) during March 2022

Commodity	Market	Feb		March				Change	
		Week 4	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	since Feb week 4	
<b>Cassava</b>	<b>North</b>	-	<b>418</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>450</b>	↓	-8%
	Mpamba	-	-	-	480	-	640	↑	33%
	Mzuzu	-	418	290	290	260	260	↓	-38%
	Nkhatabay-boma	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Center</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>494</b>	-	↓	<b>-0.5%</b>
	Chinkhoma	496	436	440	489	494	-	↓	<b>-0.5%</b>
	Kawamba	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Mitundu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>South</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>531</b>	↑	<b>53%</b>
	Limbe	304	160	512	373	304	-	↔	0%
Namwera turn-of	389	480	417	445	443	531	↑	37%	
<b>All markets</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>477</b>	↑	<b>20%</b>	
<b>Sweet potato</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>260</b>	↓	<b>-12%</b>
	Bangwe	250	250	250	292	250	300	↑	20%
	Chilobwe	278	333	356	367	292	250	↓	-10%
	Chinakanaka	325	400	250	325	250	300	↓	-8%
	Ndirande	333	200	292	333	333	200	↓	-40%
	Zingwanga	-	-	-	-	340	-	-	-
	<b>All markets</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>260</b>	↓	<b>-12%</b>
<b>Irish potato</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>800</b>	↓	-20%
	Jenda	1000	1000	533	450	1000	800	↓	-20%
	<b>Center</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>300</b>	↓	-54%
	Lizulu-Lilongwe	500	500	700	700	-	300	↓	-40%
	Lizulu	633	533	400	400	650	300	↓	-53%
	Tsangano turn-of	775	650	500	500	800	300	↓	-61%
	<b>South</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>383</b>	↓	<b>-43%</b>
	Blantyre market	656	778	300	300	800	300	↓	-54%
	Limbe	700	583	583	600	625	550	↓	-21%
	<b>All markets</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>407</b>	↓	<b>-41%</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 March 2022



**Table 4.** Retail prices of other cereals (MWK/kg) during March 2022

Commodity	Market	Feb	March					Change	
		Week 4	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	since Feb week 4	
Rice	<b>North</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>939</b>	<b>814</b>	↓	<b>-1%</b>
	Karonga-boma	900	875	775	850	863	800	↓	-11%
	Mzimba-boma	900	850	900	900	900	900	→	0%
	Nkhatabay-boma	1000	1000	800	1000	1200	1000	→	0%
	Pusi	800	817	800	800	800	775	↓	-3%
	Wovwe	663	700	675	613	750	650	↑	6%
	<b>Center</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>750</b>	↓	<b>-10%</b>
	Nkhotakota-boma	800	800	800	700	800	700	→	0%
	Salima-kamuzu road	850	800	850	800	1200	800	↓	-6%
	<b>South</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>725</b>	↓	<b>-3%</b>
	Chiringa	783	767	783	725	850	650	↓	-17%
	Phalombe	817	817	792	800	950	800	↓	-2%
	Songani	630	733	750	700	750	650	↓	-13%
<b>All markets</b>	<b>792</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>927</b>	<b>777</b>	↓	<b>-2%</b>	
Sorghum	<b>South</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>400</b>	↓	<b>-6%</b>
	Chikwawa	350	350	350	350	375	350	→	0%
	Ngabu	-	350	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Nsanje	500	500	500	500	500	500	→	0%
	<b>All markets</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>400</b>	↓	<b>-6%</b>

**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 March 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 2022. 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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