

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 and egg decreased by 2 and 8 percent respectively while goat meat prices increased by 7 percent during March 2022.
- Average retail prices of fresh micheni and fresh mlamba by increased by 6 to 19 percent respectively, while fresh chambo prices decreased by 18 percent. Fresh usipa prices remained constant.
- Average retail prices of dried chambo, dried micheni and dried mlamba decreased by 8 to 16 percent while dried usipa prices remained constant.

Livestock and Livestock Products

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

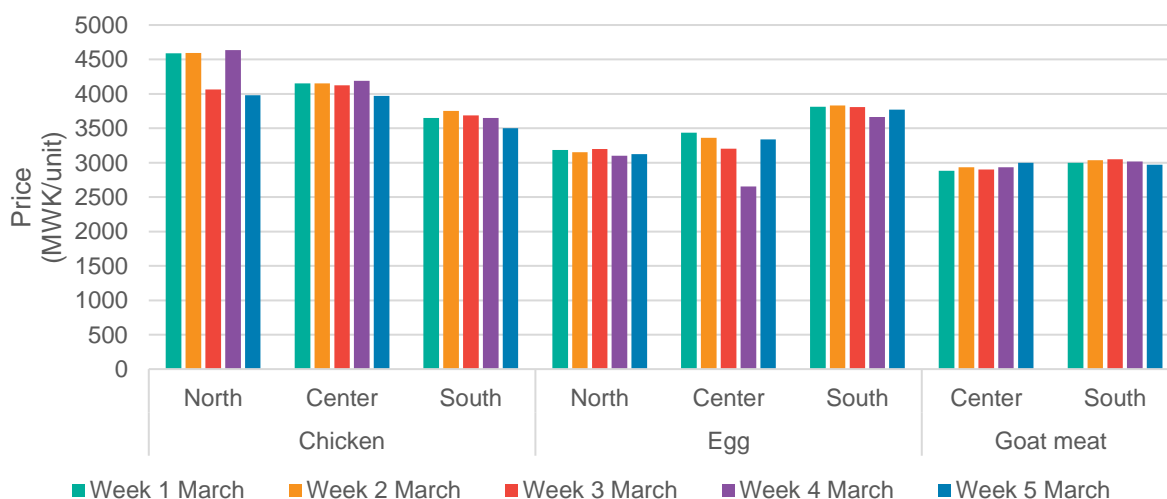
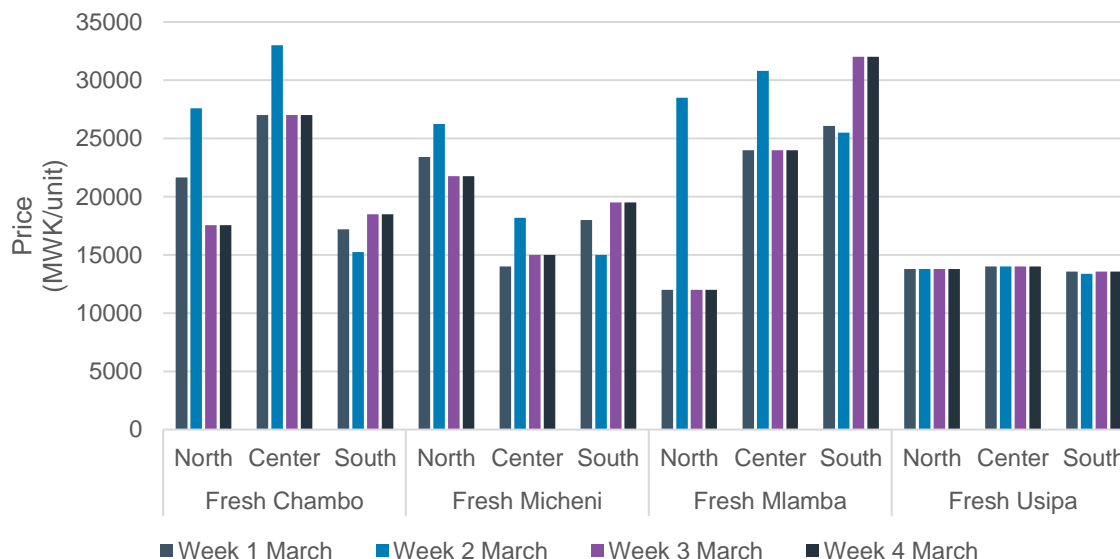


Table 1. Retail prices of livestock and livestock products (MWK/unit) during March 2022

Market	Chicken						Egg						Goat meat						Change since Feb week 4		
	Feb	March					Feb	March					Feb	March					Chicken	Egg	Goat meat
	Week 4	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 4	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 4	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5			
North	4375	4589	4594	4063	4633	3979	3321	3186	3150	3200	3100	3125	-	-	-	-	-	-	↔0%	↔0%	↔0%
Chitipa-boma	4125	4500	4000	4500	4333	3958	3300	2900	3200	3200	3200	2900	-	-	-	-	-	-	↓-4%	↓-12%	-
Jenda	4000	4100	3917	3917	4000	4000	3525	3200	3150	-	-	3200	-	-	-	-	-	-	↔0%	↓-9%	-
Karonga-boma	-	-	6500	-	-	-	3250	3067	3133	3250	2900	2800	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	↓-9%	-
Mzuzu	5188	5167	5250	-	5250	4000	3100	3500	3100	3100	3100	3600	-	-	-	-	-	-	↓-23%	↑16%	-
Center	4150	4150	4150	4125	4188	3970	3313	3438	3363	3204	2654	3340	2700	2880	2933	2900	2933	3000	↓-4%	↑1%	↑11%
Chimbiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	3450	3600	3675	3263	2208	3600	2500	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	-	↑4%	↑20%
Mchinji	4125	4100	4125	4125	4125	3955	3300	3433	3433	3600	3600	3100	-	-	-	-	-	-	↓-4%	↓-6%	-
Mitundu	3500	3500	3500	-	3500	-	3300	3600	3250	3250	2900	3600	2800	2800	2900	2800	2800	3000	↔0%	↑9%	↑7%
Salima-boma	4500	4500	4500	-	5000	4000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	↓11%	-	-
Salima-kamuzu road	-	-	-	-	-	-	3200	3200	2900	2900	2800	3200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	↔0%	-
South	3750	3650	3750	3688	3650	3500	3873	3810	3832	3806	3664	3771	2822	3000	3038	3050	3017	2971	↓-7%	↓-3%	↑5%
Balaka	4000	4000	3875	3875	3875	-	3600	3600	3600	3600	3600	3600	2500	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	↓-3%	↔0%	↑20%
Bangula	-	-	-	-	-	-	4500	4500	4500	4500	4500	4500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	↔0%	-
Lunzu	3500	3500	3500	3500	3500	3500	3450	3600	3225	3225	3225	3600	-	-	-	-	-	-	↔0%	↑4%	-
Mangochi	3500	3450	-	3500	3500	3500	3600	3600	3900	3900	3900	3600	2500	-	-	-	2800	2500	-	↔0%	↔0%
Ngabu	-	-	-	-	-	-	3800	3700	3700	3750	3600	3750	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	↓-1%	-
Bvumbwe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3000	3000	3000	3000	-	3000	-	-	↔0%
Chiringa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	-	-	↔0%
Liwonde	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3000	4000	3500	3500	3500	3500	-	-	↑17%
Mwanza	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2400	2500	2800	2800	2800	2800	-	-	↑17%
All markets	4148	4127	4297	3925	4155	3833	3552	3516	3494	3444	3175	3475	2792	2960	3009	3013	2989	2978	↓-8%	↓-2%	↑7%

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 March 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 March 2022

Market	Fresh Chambo					Fresh Micheni					Change since Feb week 1	
	Feb	March				Feb	March				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	23025	21660	27600	17550	17550	22000	23400	26250	27000	27000	↓ -24%	↑ 23%
Mzuzu	18700	16100	22000	11100	11100	15000	29000	25000	25000	25000	↓ -41%	↑ 67%
Ngara	36000	30000	36000	24000	24000	36000	15000	30000	12000	12000	↓ -33%	↓ -67%
Tukombo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Center	38500	27000	33000	27000	27000	11000	14000	18200	15000	15000	↓ -30%	↑ 36%
Area 2 fish market	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kasungu boma	48000	-	-	-	-	9000	-	21000	-	-	-	-
Nkhotakota boma	42000	36000	48000	36000	36000	12000	15000	12000	18000	18000	↓ -14%	↑ 20%
Salima-kamuzu road	22000	18000	18000	18000	18000	-	12000	21600	12000	12000	-	-
South	15133	17200	15233	18500	18500	21000	18000	15000	19500	19500	↑ 22%	↓ -7%
Limbe	20000	20000	20000	20000	20000	12000	12000	12000	12000	12000	↔ 0%	↔ 0%
Liw onde	10200	12000	12000	12000	12000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lunzu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mbulumbuzi	18000	18000	18000	18000	18000	-	-	9000	9000	-	↔ 0%	↔ 0%
Songani	12400	-	8400	-	-	12400	15000	18000	-	-	-	-
Zomba market	20000	24000	21000	24000	24000	20000	27000	21000	27000	27000	↑ 35%	↑ 35%
All markets	24730	21763	22600	20388	20388	16629	17857	18844	16429	17667	↓ -18%	↑ 6%

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 March 2022

Market	Fresh Mlamba					Fresh Usipa					Change since Feb week 1	
	Feb	March				Feb	March				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	14800	12000	28500	12000	12000	13800	13800	13800	13800	13800	↓ -19%	↔ 0%
Mzuzu	16500	-	-	-	-	13000	13000	13000	13000	13000	-	↔ 0%
Ngara	-	12000	18000	12000	12000	15000	15000	15000	15000	15000	↔ 0%	↔ 0%
Tukombo	11400	-	-	-	-	13000	13000	13000	13000	13000	-	↔ 0%
Center	25500	24000	30800	24000	24000	14000	14000	14000	14000	14000	↓ -6%	↔ 0%
Area 2 fish market	-	-	-	-	-	15000	15000	15000	15000	15000	-	↔ 0%
Kasungu boma	30000	-	36000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nkhotakota boma	30000	36000	38400	36000	36000	13000	13000	13000	13000	13000	↑ 20%	↔ 0%
Salima-kamuzu road	12000	12000	18000	12000	12000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South	24225	26080	25500	32000	32000	13556	13556	13375	13556	13556	↑ 32%	↔ 0%
Limbe	36000	30000	36000	30000	30000	13667	13667	13667	13667	13667	↓ -17%	↔ 0%
Liw onde	15900	18000	18000	-	-	15000	15000	15000	15000	15000	↑ 13%	↔ 0%
Mbulumbuzi	-	18000	18000	18000	18000	12500	12500	12500	12500	12500	-	-
Songani	-	16400	-	-	-	13000	13000	13000	13000	13000	-	-
Zomba market	36000	48000	30000	48000	48000	15000	15000	-	15000	15000	↑ 33%	↔ 0%
All markets	21867	23800	26550	26000	26000	13817	13817	13685	13817	13817	↑ 19%	↔ 0%

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), March 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 March 2022

Market	Dried Chambo					Dried Micheni					Change since Feb week 1	
	Feb	March				Feb	March				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	8500	6500	10000	-	-	15000	12000	21600	-	-	↑ 18%	↑ 44%
Mzuzu	8500	6500	10000	-	-	15000	12000	21600	-	-	↑ 18%	↑ 44%
Ngara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tukombo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Center	11375	14000	22200	6875	6875	12500	10250	11500	7500	7500	↓ -40%	↓ -40%
Area 2 fish market	18000	-	-	6000	6000	24000	-	-	12000	12000	-	-
Kasungu boma	12000	18000	22200	6000	6000	14250	11333	11500	-	-	-	↓ -19%
Nkhotakota boma	8500	10000	-	8500	8500	6000	7000	-	6500	6500	-	-
Salima-kamuzu road	7000	-	-	7000	7000	4000	-	-	4000	4000	→ 0%	→ 0%
South	13459	12925	9329	13981	13981	13160	12945	12500	12900	12900	↑ 4%	↓ -2%
Limbe	15644	19000	10917	9167	9167	11000	12250	12667	12500	12500	↓ -41%	↑ 14%
Liwonde	9000	9000	9000	9000	9000	9000	10500	9000	9000	9000	→ 0%	→ 0%
Mbulumbuzi	16200	-	5400	26000	26000	21600	20400	18000	20400	20400	-	-
Mulanje boma	9000	9000	9000	9720	9720	15000	15000	15000	12000	12000	↑ 8%	↓ -20%
Songani	18000	13500	-	18000	18000	12000	11250	-	11500	11500	→ 0%	↓ -4%
Zomba market	11000	10200	10200	12000	12000	13667	13000	12000	12000	12000	↑ 18%	↓ -12%
All markets	12077	11900	10960	11139	11139	13229	12526	14252	11100	11100	↓ -8%	↓ -16%

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 March 2022

Market	Dried Mlamba					Dried Usipa					Change since Feb week 1	
	Feb	March				Feb	March				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	9000	15500	9500	-	-	9333	8750	10000	-	-	↑ 6%	↑ 7%
Mzuzu	9000	15500	9500	-	-	9333	8750	10000	-	-	↑ 6%	↑ 7%
Ngara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tukombo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Center	7233	6000	-	7250	7250	6250	5813	6583	5667	5667	↑ 21%	↓ -9%
Area 2 fish market	30000	-	-	-	-	5000	-	-	5000	5000	-	-
Kasungu boma	-	-	-	-	-	8000	6083	6583	-	-	-	-
Nkhotakota boma	3500	6000	-	7000	7000	5500	5000	-	5500	5500	-	-
Salima-kamuzu road	7500	-	-	7500	7500	6500	-	-	6500	6500	⇒ 0%	⇒ 0%
South	12080	10900	9280	11525	11525	8270	7473	7431	7671	7671	↓ -5%	↓ -7%
Limbe	15250	13200	8500	9500	9500	8233	8100	8350	8700	8700	↓ -38%	↑ 6%
Liw onde	-	10800	10500	9000	9000	8000	7000	7000	7000	7000	↓ -17%	⇒ 0%
Mbulumbuzi	18000	-	-	-	-	9500	7000	7000	6500	6500	-	-
Mulanje boma	-	-	-	19200	19200	8500	8500	8500	9000	9000	-	↑ 6%
Songani	3500	9000	-	-	-	8000	7000	-	8000	8000	-	↑ 14%
Zomba market	8400	8400	8400	8400	8400	8000	7500	6750	5500	5500	⇒ 0%	↓ -31%
All markets	11894	10483	9225	10100	10100	7982	7919	7347	8152	7982	↓ -15%	⇒ 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 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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