

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 goat meat increased by 1 and 9 percent respectively while price of egg remained constant during April 2022.
- Average retail prices of fresh micheni and fresh chambo by increased by 2 and 5 percent respectively, while fresh mlamba and fresh usipa prices decreased by 12 and 10 percent respectively.
- Average retail prices of dried chambo and dried mlamba decreased by 7 and 12 percent respectively while dried michen marginally decreased by 1 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 April 2022

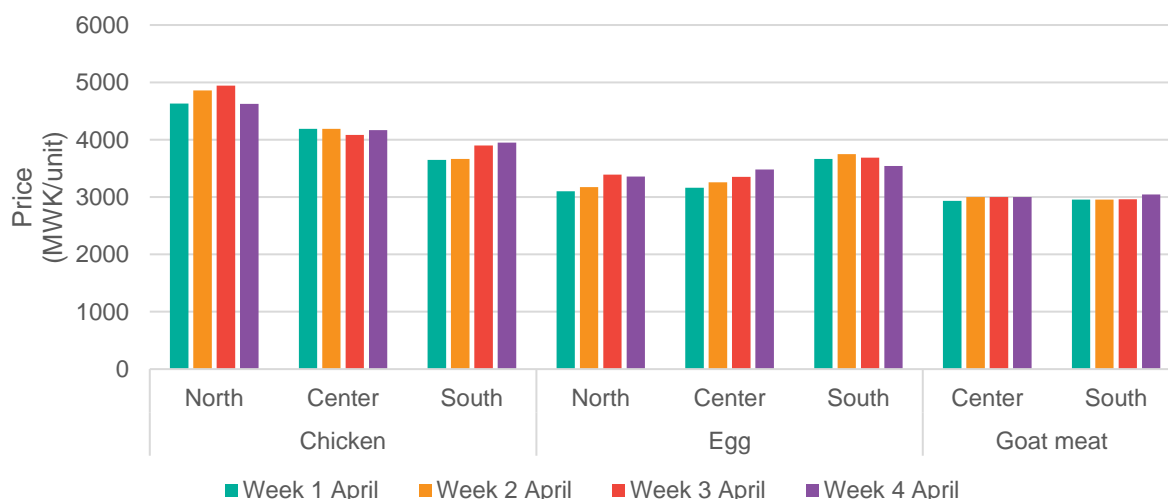
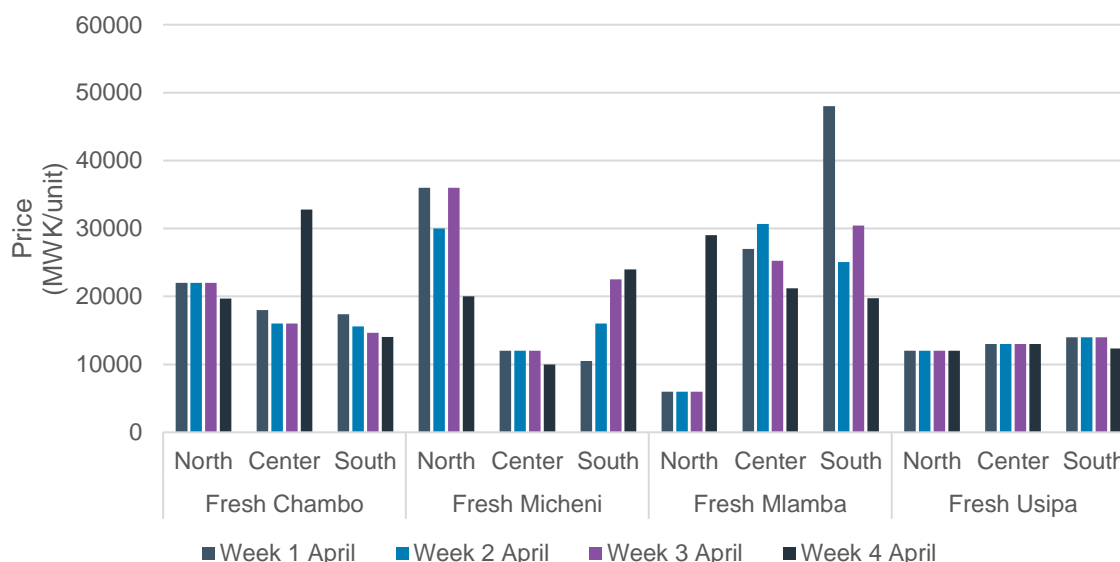


Table 1. Retail prices of livestock and livestock products (MWK/unit) during April 2022

Market	Chicken					Egg					Goat meat					Change since March week 5			
	March	April				March	April				March	April				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	3979	4633	4861	4944	4625	3125	3100	3175	3390	3360	-	-	-	-	-	↗16%	↗8%	-	
Chitipa-boma	3958	4333	4750	4750	4250	2900	3200	3200	3600	3450	-	-	-	-	-	↗7%	↗19%	-	
Jenda	4000	4000	4500	4750	4750	3200	-	-	3600	3600	-	-	-	-	-	↗19%	↗13%	-	
Karonga-boma	-	-	-	-	-	2800	2900	3300	3375	3300	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	↗14%	-
Mzuzu	4000	5250	5333	5333	4875	3600	3100	3000	3000	3000	-	-	-	-	-	↗22%	↘17%	-	
Center	3970	4188	4188	4083	4167	3340	3165	3260	3350	3480	3000	2933	3000	3000	3000	↗5%	↗4%	↔0%	
Chimbiya	-	-	-	-	-	3600	3263	3600	3450	3450	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	-	↘4%	↔0%	
Mchinji	3955	4125	4125	4000	4000	3100	3600	3600	3600	3600	-	-	-	-	-	↗1%	↗16%	-	
Mitundu	-	3500	3500	3500	3750	3600	2900	3300	3300	3300	3000	2900	3000	3000	3000	↗7%	↘8%	↔0%	
Salima-boma	4000	5000	5000	4750	4750	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	↗19%	-	-	
Salima-kamuzu road	-	-	-	-	-	3200	2800	2900	2800	3450	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	↗8%	
South	3500	3650	3667	3900	3950	3771	3664	3750	3686	3544	2971	2957	2957	2963	3043	↗13%	↘6%	↗2%	
Balaka	-	3875	4000	4250	4250	3600	3600	3600	3600	3600	3000	-	3000	3000	3000	↗10%	↔0%	↔0%	
Bangula	-	-	-	-	-	4500	4500	4500	4500	3900	-	-	-	-	-	-	↘13%	-	
Lunzu	3500	3500	3500	3750	4000	3600	3225	3150	3000	3075	-	-	-	-	-	↗14%	↘15%	-	
Mangochi	3500	3500	3500	3500	3625	3600	3900	3900	3900	3900	2500	2400	2400	2400	3000	-	↗8%	↗20%	
Ngabu	-	-	-	-	-	3750	3600	3600	3600	3600	-	-	-	-	-	-	↘4%	-	
Bvumbwe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	-	-	↔0%	
Chiringa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	-	-	↔0%	
Liwonde	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3500	3500	3500	3500	3500	-	-	↔0%	
Mwanza	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2800	2800	2800	2800	2800	-	-	↔0%	
All markets	4148	4155	4233	4235	4193	3475	3367	3411	3500	3475	2792	2950	2967	2970	3033	↗1%	↔0%	↗9%	

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 April 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 April 2022

Market	Fresh Chambo					Fresh Micheni					Change since March week 5	
	March	April				March	April				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	17550	22000	22000	22000	19700	27000	36000	30000	36000	20000	↑ 12%	↓ -26%
Mzuzu	11100	20000	20000	20000	11100	25000	42000	-	42000	42000	⇒ 0%	↑ 68%
Ngara	24000	24000	24000	24000	24000	12000	30000	30000	30000	6000	⇒ 0%	↓ -50%
Tukombo	-	-	-	-	24000	-	-	-	-	12000	-	-
Center	27000	18000	16000	16000	32800	15000	12000	12000	12000	10000	↑ 21%	↓ -33%
Area 2 fish market	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kasungu boma	-	-	21000	21000	36000	-	-	12000	12000	12000	-	-
Nkhotakota boma	36000	-	9000	9000	44400	18000	12000	12000	12000	12000	↑ 23%	⇒ 0%
Salima-kamuzu road	18000	18000	18000	18000	18000	12000	12000	12000	12000	6000	-	-
South	18500	17400	15575	14650	14025	19500	10500	16000	22500	24000	↓ -24%	↑ 23%
Limbe	20000	18000	18000	18000	16500	12000	15000	15000	15000	12000	↓ -18%	⇒ 0%
Liwonde	12000	-	10000	8800	9600	-	-	9000	-	-	-	-
Lunzu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mbulumbuzi	18000	-	17500	15000	15000	-	-	24000	30000	30000	↓ -17%	↑ 25%
Songani	-	-	8400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zomba market	24000	16800	16800	16800	15000	27000	6000	-	-	30000	↑ 11%	↑ 11%
All markets	20388	19360	16270	16733	21360	17667	19500	16286	21857	18000	↑ 5%	↑ 2%

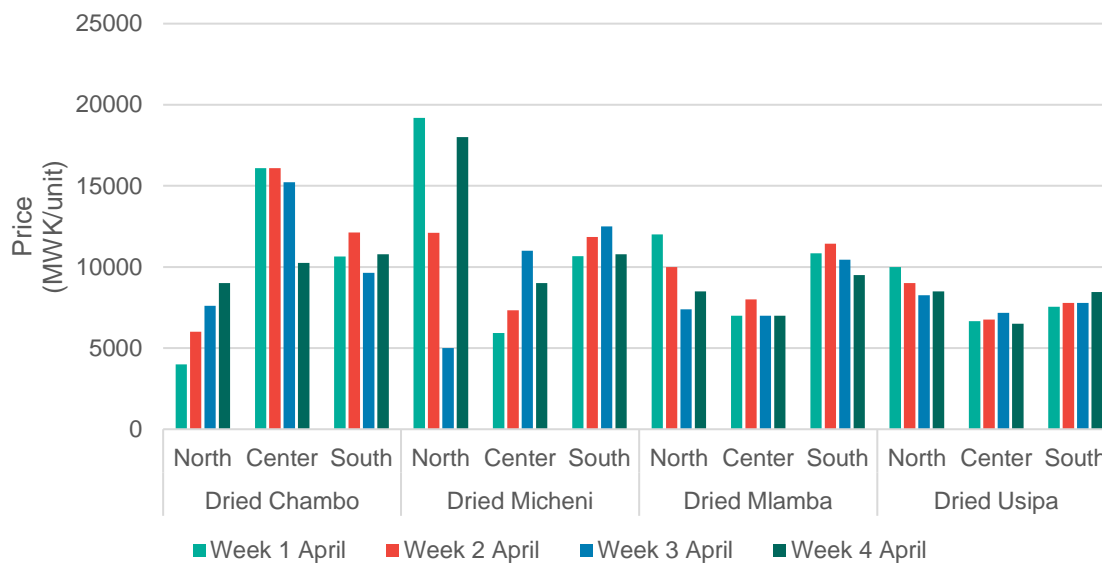
Note: Chambo and Micheni are priced per dozen fish; - = prices not reported from this market.

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

Market	Fresh Mlamba					Fresh Usipa					Change since March week 5	
	March	April				March	April				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	12000	6000	6000	6000	29000	13800	12000	12000	12000	12000	↑ 142%	↓ -13%
Mzuzu	-	-	-	-	18000	13000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ngara	12000	6000	6000	6000	18000	15000	12000	12000	12000	12000	↑ 50%	↓ -20%
Tukombo	-	-	-	-	51000	13000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Center	24000	27000	30667	25250	21200	14000	13000	13000	13000	13000	↓ -12%	↓ -7%
Area 2 fish market	-	-	-	-	-	15000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kasungu boma	-	-	38000	38000	24000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nkhotakota boma	36000	30000	30000	30000	28800	13000	-	-	-	-	↓ -20%	-
Salima-kamuzu road	12000	24000	24000	16500	10800	-	13000	13000	13000	13000	-	-
South	32000	48000	25067	30420	19740	13556	14000	14000	14000	12333	↓ -38%	↓ -9%
Limbe	30000	-	-	51000	24000	13667	12000	12000	12000	12000	↓ -20%	↓ -12%
Liwonde	-	-	17200	13680	15960	15000	-	-	-	-	↓ -7%	-
Mbulumbuzi	18000	-	10000	9000	9000	12500	10000	10000	10000	10000	-	-
Songani	-	-	-	-	-	13000	13000	13000	13000	13000	-	-
Zomba market	48000	48000	48000	48000	30000	15000	20000	20000	20000	15000	↓ -38%	⇒ 0%
All markets	26000	27000	24743	26523	22956	13817	13333	13333	13333	12500	↓ -12%	↓ -10%

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), April 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 April 2022

Market	Dried Chambo					Dried Micheni					Change since March week 5	
	March	April				March	April				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	-	4000	6000	7600	9000	-	19200	12100	5000	18000	↑ 125%	↓ -6%
Mzuzu	-	4000	4000	7200	9000	-	19200	19200	-	18000	↑ 125%	↓ -6%
Ngara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tukombo	-	-	8000	8000	-	-	-	5000	5000	-	-	-
Center	6875	16083	16083	15217	10250	7500	5933	7325	9000	9000	↑ 49%	↑ 20%
Area 2 fish market	6000	18000	18000	16000	-	12000	5000	5000	12000	-	↑ 167%	→ 0%
Kasungu boma	6000	15000	15000	14400	12000	-	4800	4800	12000	9000	↑ 100%	↑ 88%
Nkhotakota boma	8500	15250	15250	15250	8500	6500	8000	7500	8000	-	-	-
Salima-kamuzu road	7000	-	-	-	-	4000	-	-	-	-	-	-
South	13981	10642	12129	9650	10792	12900	10667	11857	12500	12329	↓ -23%	↓ -4%
Limbe	9167	24450	16250	18500	15167	12500	12000	12000	18000	10200	↑ 65%	↓ -18%
Liwonde	9000	6000	6000	6000	9000	9000	9000	14000	14000	9000	→ 0%	→ 0%
Mbulumbuzi	26000	5000	18000	5000	7000	20400	9000	9000	9000	-	↓ -73%	-
Mulanje boma	9720	9000	9000	9000	-	12000	12000	12000	12000	7500	↓ -7%	↓ -38%
Songani	18000	8000	8000	8000	-	11500	10000	12000	10000	12000	↓ -56%	↑ 4%
Zomba market	12000	11400	11400	11400	12000	12000	12000	12000	12000	13000	↑ 5%	↑ 8%
All markets	11139	11610	11718	10795	10381	11100	10100	10227	11200	11243	↓ -7%	↑ 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 April 2022

Market	Dried Mlamba					Dried Usipa					Change since March week 5	
	March	April				March	April				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	-	12000	10000	7400	8500	-	10000	9000	8250	8500	↓ -29%	↓ -15%
Mzuzu	-	12000	12000	7400	8500	-	10000	10000	8500	8500	↓ -29%	↓ -15%
Ngara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tukombo	-	-	8000	-	-	-	-	8000	8000	-	-	-
Center	7250	7000	8000	7000	7000	5667	6667	6750	7167	6500	⇒ 0%	↑ 15%
Area 2 fish market	-	-	-	-	-	5000	7000	7000	8000	-	-	-
Kasungu boma	-	-	-	-	-	-	7500	7500	8000	6500	-	-
Nkhotakota boma	7000	7000	7000	7000	7000	5500	5500	5500	5500	6500	-	-
Salima-kamuzu road	7500	-	9000	-	-	6500	-	7000	-	-	↑ 20%	↑ 8%
South	11525	10844	11438	10442	9500	7671	7542	7781	7792	8450	↓ -18%	↑ 10%
Limbe	9500	23667	19333	21250	8000	8700	9500	8250	9000	8200	↓ -16%	↓ -6%
Liwonde	9000	9000	9000	9000	12000	7000	8000	8000	8000	-	↑ 33%	↑ 14%
Mbulumbuzi	-	9000	9000	9000	-	6500	7750	7875	7750	9500	-	-
Mulanje boma	19200	9000	9000	9000	12000	9000	7000	7000	7000	6500	-	↓ -28%
Songani	-	6000	6000	6000	6000	8000	8000	8000	8000	7000	-	↓ -13%
Zomba market	8400	8400	8400	8400	-	5500	5000	7000	7000	9750	⇒ 0%	↑ 77%
All markets	10100	10508	9673	9631	8917	7982	7919	7347	8152	7982	↓ -12%	⇒ 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 April 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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