

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 chicken, egg and goat increased by 3 to 8 during December 2021.
- Average retail prices of fresh chambo, fresh mlamba, fresh micheni and fresh usipa increased by 1 and 8 percent.
- Average retail prices of dried usipa, dried mlamba and dried micheni increased by 5 to 11 percent while dried chambo prices decreased by 3 percent.

Livestock and Livestock Products

Figure 1. Regional average retail prices (MWK/unit) of Chicken, Eggs and Goat Meat during December 2021

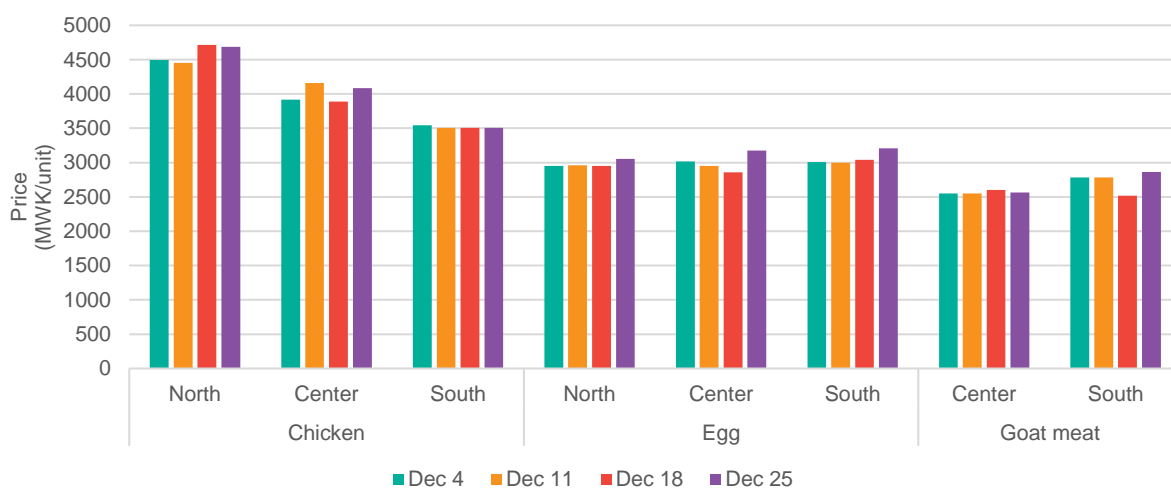
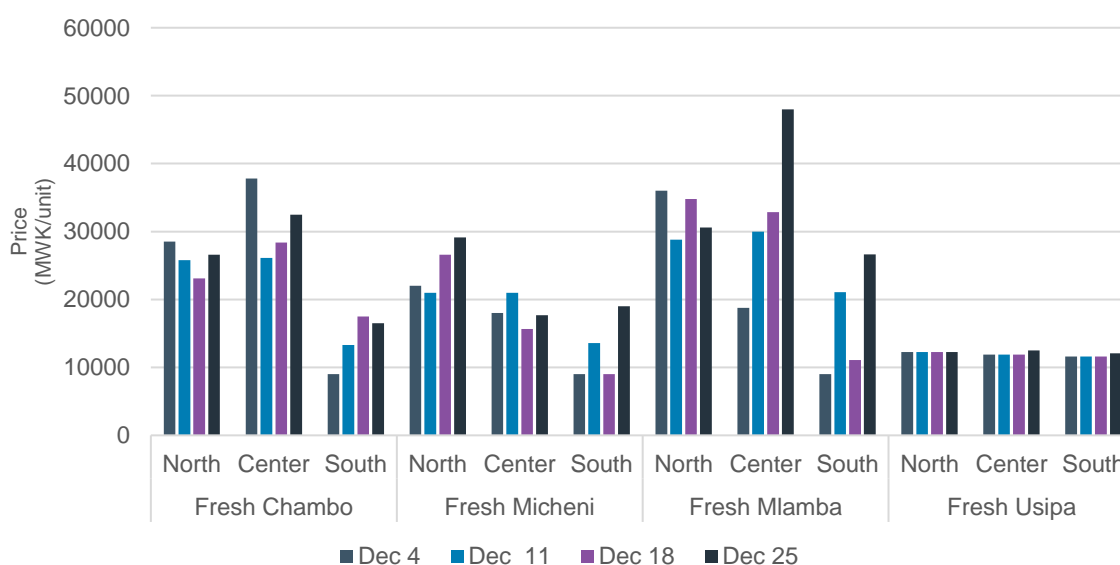


Table 1. Retail prices of livestock and livestock products (MWK/unit) during December 2021

Market	Chicken					Egg					Goat meat					Change since Nov 27		
	Nov 27	Dec 4	Dec 11	Dec 18	Dec 25	Nov 27	Dec 4	Dec 11	Dec 18	Dec 25	Nov 27	Dec 4	Dec 11	Dec 18	Dec 25	Chicken	Egg	Goat meat
North	4333	4494	4454	4715	4688	2906	2950	2961	2950	3054	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 8%	→ 5%	-
Chitipa-boma	3500	4475	4542	4500	4167	2850	3150	2900	3200	3200	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 19%	↑ 12%	-
Jenda	3750	4000	3900	4017	4167	2900	2900	3000	2875	2963	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 11%	↑ 2%	-
Karonga-boma	4417	4250	4125	5667	4833	-	2700	3000	2825	2950	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 9%	↑ 9%	-
Mzuzu	5250	5250	5250	5500	5583	2950	2950	2925	2900	3150	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 6%	↑ 7%	-
Center	3500	3917	4158	3888	4083	2981	3017	2950	2856	3176	2525	2550	2550	2600	2567	↑ 17%	↑ 7%	↑ 2%
Chimbiya	-	-	-	-	-	3000	3100	3000	3000	3240	2500	2500	2500	-	2500	-	↑ 8%	→ 0%
Mchinji	3500	3667	4083	4125	3667	3000	3000	3000	2817	3600	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 5%	↑ 20%	-
Mitundu	3500	3500	3500	3500	3500	2925	2925	2850	2850	2933	2550	2600	2600	2600	2600	→ 0%	↑ 0%	↑ 2%
Salima-boma	3500	4500	4600	3800	5000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 43%	-	-
Salima-kamuzu road	-	-	-	-	-	3000	3000	2900	2850	3050	-	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 2%	-
South	3543	3543	3507	3508	3507	3014	3009	3000	3040	3208	2786	2785	2783	2517	2862	↓ -1%	↑ 6%	↑ 3%
Balaka	3833	3833	3750	3875	3750	3000	3000	3000	3450	3600	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	↓ -2%	↑ 20%	→ 0%
Bangula	-	-	-	-	-	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	-	-	-	-	-	-	→ 0%	-
Lunzu	3450	3450	3450	3450	3450	2850	3050	3000	2850	3200	-	-	-	-	-	→ 0%	↑ 12%	-
Mangochi	3200	3200	3200	3200	3200	3300	3000	3000	3000	3300	2800	2800	2800	2800	2800	-	→ 0%	→ 0%
Ngabu	-	-	-	-	-	2950	3000	3000	2933	3100	-	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 5%	-
Bvumbwe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3000	2800	2800	2800	2800	-	-	↓ -7%
Chiringa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3000	3000	3000	1400	3000	-	-	→ 0%
Liwonde	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2800	3000	3000	3000	3500	-	-	↑ 25%
Mwanza	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	-	-	→ 0%
All markets	3823	4012	4054	4129	4121	2972	2993	2973	2956	3159	2728	2729	2725	2529	2806	↑ 8%	↑ 6%	↑ 3%

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 December 2021



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 December 2021

Market	Fresh Chambo					Fresh Micheni					Change since Nov 27	
	Nov 27	Dec 4	Dec 11	Dec 18	Dec 25	Nov 27	Dec 4	Dec 11	Dec 18	Dec 25	Fresh Chambo	Fresh Micheni
North	29400	28500	25783	23100	26571	22000	22000	21000	26571	29143	↓ -10%	↑ 32%
Mzuzu	26000	24000	22160	22500	28000	30000	22000	22000	30000	36000	↑ 8%	↑ 20%
Ngara	33200	30000	32000	25200	28000	22000	22000	24000	28000	28000	↓ -16%	↑ 27%
Tukombo	18000	-	18000	18000	18000	12000	-	12000	12000	12000	→ 0%	→ 0%
Center	35800	37800	26100	28400	32500	19667	18000	21000	15667	17667	↓ -9%	↓ -10%
Area 2 fish market	28000	-	28000	28000	28000	23000	-	23000	23000	23000	→ 0%	→ 0%
Kasungu boma	-	-	-	12000	12000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nkhotakota boma	31400	54000	36000	39000	45000	12000	12000	12000	12000	15000	↓ -17%	↑ 25%
Salima-kamuzu road	21600	21600	20200	24000	-	24000	24000	24500	-	-	-	-
South	16943	9000	12271	16067	16483	21250	9000	13600	9000	19000	↓ -3%	↓ -11%
Limbe	18000	-	15500	24500	21000	12000	-	-	12000	12000	↑ 17%	→ 0%
Liw onde	8550	-	9950	10200	9450	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lunzu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mbulumbuzi	14750	9000	9000	18000	18000	7500	9000	9000	6000	9000	↑ 22%	→ 0%
Songani	30000	-	-	-	-	18000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zomba market	24000	-	20000	-	20000	36000	-	25800	-	36000	→ 0%	→ 0%
All markets	23045	26738	21151	22228	23308	19955	17250	18900	17424	21528	↑ 1%	↑ 8%

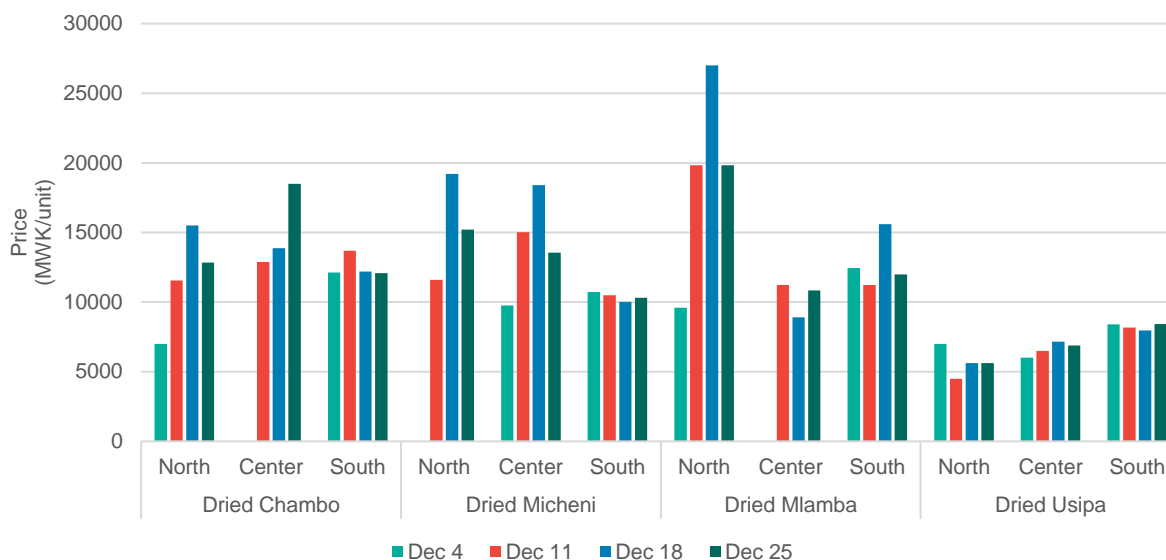
Note: Chambo and Micheni are priced per dozen fish; - = prices not reported from this market.

Table 3. Retail prices of fresh Mlamba and fresh Usipa (MWK/unit) during December 2021

Market	Fresh Mlamba					Fresh Usipa					Change since Nov 27	
	Nov 27	Dec 4	Dec 11	Dec 18	Dec 25	Nov 27	Dec 4	Dec 11	Dec 18	Dec 25	Fresh Mlamba	Fresh Usipa
North	49600	36000	28800	34800	30600	12250	12250	12250	12250	12250	↓ -38%	→ 0%
Mzuzu	24000	-	-	-	24000	12500	12500	12500	12500	12500	→ 0%	→ 0%
Ngara	42000	36000	27000	36000	33000	11875	11875	11875	11875	11875	↓ -8%	→ 0%
Tukombo	33000	-	32400	32400	32400	12500	12500	12500	12500	12500	↓ -2%	→ 0%
Center	39900	18750	30000	32880	48000	11875	11875	11875	11875	12500	↑ 20%	↑ 5%
Area 2 fish market	72000	-	72000	72000	72000	11250	11250	11250	11250	12500	→ 0%	↑ 11%
Kasungu boma	-	9000	9000	18000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nkhotakota boma	36000	12000	30000	30000	36000	12500	12500	12500	12500	12500	→ 0%	→ 0%
Salima-kamuzu road	15600	27000	19500	14400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South	24520	9000	21100	11100	26640	11607	11607	11607	11607	12094	↑ 9%	↑ 4%
Limbe	44000	-	39000	-	38500	12500	12500	12500	12500	12833	↓ -13%	↑ 3%
Liw onde	9600	-	10750	13200	11200	11250	11250	11250	11250	11250	↑ 17%	→ 0%
Mbulumbuzi	22500	9000	9000	9000	21000	11250	11250	11250	11250	11250	↓ -7%	→ 0%
Songani	-	-	-	-	-	12500	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zomba market	24000	-	36000	-	24000	12500	11250	11250	11250	11250	→ 0%	↓ -10%
All markets	32270	19594	28042	27616	33112	12063	11875	11875	11875	12235	↑ 3%	↑ 1%

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), December 2021



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 December 2021

Market	Dried Chambo					Dried Micheni					Change since Nov 27	
	Nov 27	Dec 4	Dec 11	Dec 18	Dec 25	Nov 27	Dec 4	Dec 11	Dec 18	Dec 25	Dried Chambo	Dried Micheni
North	13000	7000	11556	15500	12833	14000	-	11600	19200	15200	↓ -1%	↑ 9%
Mzuzu	9500	7000	9000	9000	9000	16000	-	10800	24000	21600	↓ -5%	↑ 35%
Ngara	-	-	-	30000	-	-	-	-	24000	-	-	-
Tukombo	14750	-	12833	14750	14750	12000	-	12000	12000	12000	-	-
Center	18500	-	12875	13875	18500	11925	9750	15025	18400	13550	→ 0%	↑ 14%
Area 2 fish market	22000	-	22000	22000	22000	19200	-	19200	19200	19200	-	-
Kasungu boma	-	-	6000	9250	-	9500	9750	14450	24000	11000	-	↑ 16%
Nkhotakota boma	-	-	8500	-	-	-	-	-	-	12000	-	-
Salima-kamuzu road	-	-	15000	15000	15000	-	12000	12000	12000	12000	→ 0%	→ 0%
South	12363	12122	13692	12186	12069	11218	12050	11291	11009	11889	↓ -2%	↑ 6%
Limbe	18250	19250	19333	19500	18625	9733	10750	10333	10567	10000	↓ -3%	↑ 3%
Liw onde	9000	9000	8325	9000	9000	9000	10500	9000	10500	9000	→ 0%	→ 0%
Mbulumbuzi	9000	9000	19500	24000	10500	9000	9000	9000	9000	9000	↑ 17%	→ 0%
Mulanje boma	-	-	9000	9350	8100	6000	-	6400	6400	6400	↓ -10%	↑ 7%
Songani	10500	6000	12000	12000	12000	12000	12000	12000	12000	12000	↑ 14%	→ 0%
Zomba market	8700	9800	9600	8000	10800	9833	10500	11500	10000	12000	↑ 10%	↑ 22%
All markets	13325	10008	12591	15154	12978	10972	10625	11515	14128	12169	↓ -3%	↑ 11%

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 December 2021

Market	Dried Mlamba					Dried Usipa					Change since Nov 27	
	Nov 27	Dec 4	Dec 11	Dec 18	Dec 25	Nov 27	Dec 4	Dec 11	Dec 18	Dec 25	Dried Mlamba	Dried Usipa
North	19800	9600	19825	27000	19825	5875	7000	4500	5625	5625	↑ 0.1%	↓ -4%
Mzuzu	12600	9600	12650		12650	9750	7000	7000	9250	9250	↑ 0.4%	↓ -0.1
Ngara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tukombo	27000	-	27000	27000	27000	2000	-	2000	2000	2000	→ 0%	-
Center	9667	-	11222	8917	10833	6233	7836	7053	7342	6808	↑ 12%	↑ 9%
Area 2 fish market	10000	-	9667	9667	9667	7000	-	7000	8000	7000	-	-
Kasungu boma	9667	-	12000	7000	-	5850	6000	5500	-	7000	↓ -28%	↑ 20%
Nkhotakota boma	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8500	8500	8500	-	-
Salima-kamuzu road	12000	-	12000	12000	12000	5000	-	5000	5000	5000	→ 0%	→ 0%
South	9489	12442	11238	15600	11978	6957	8400	8182	7958	8643	↑ 26%	↑ 24%
Limbe	12774	16167	13833	-	13667	9200	9100	8250	8333	8500	↑ 7%	↓ -8%
Liw onde	10042	10500	6000	-	12000	7000	8500	8500	8500	8500	↑ 20%	↑ 21%
Mbulumbuzi	9000	9000	9000	-	9000	7500	8750	8500	6500	8500	→ 0%	↑ 13%
Mulanje boma	6120	-	-	-	-	6000	-	7000	8000	8000	-	↑ 33%
Songani	13000	15000	15000	24000	15000	7000	8500	8500	8500	8500	↑ 15%	↑ 21%
Zomba market	6000	7200	6000	7200	7200	6000	6000	7750	7000	8500	↑ 20%	↑ 42%
All markets	11800	11244	12315	14478	13131	7117	7693	6958	7235	7438	↑ 11%	↑ 5%

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 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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