

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, egg and goat increased by 1 to 4 percent respectively during February 2022.
- Average retail prices of fresh chambo, fresh mlamba, fresh micheni and fresh usipa increased by 1 to 28 percent.
- Average retail prices of dried usipa, dried chambo and dried micheni decreased by 5 to 34 percent while prices of dried mlamba increased by 9 percent.

Livestock and Livestock Products

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

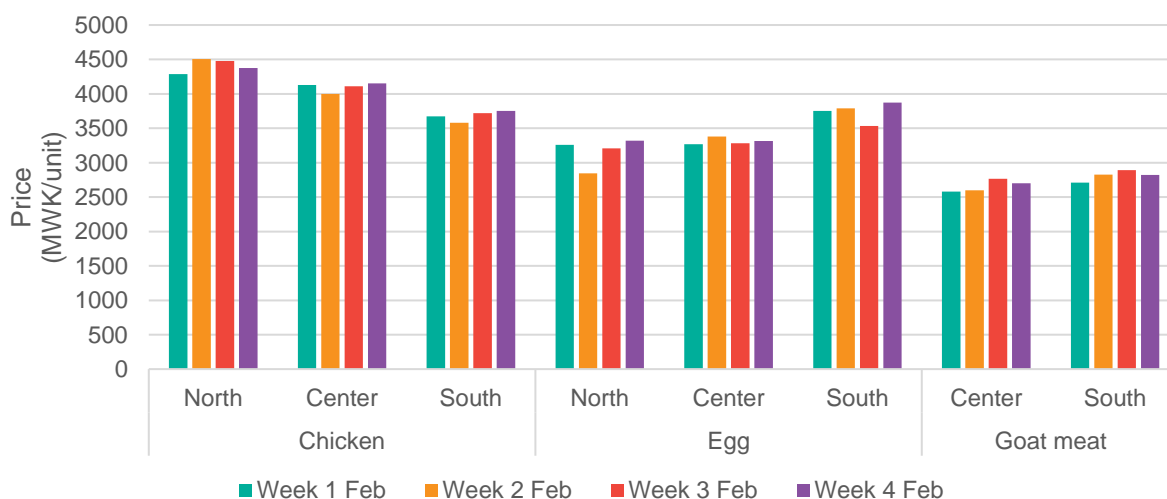
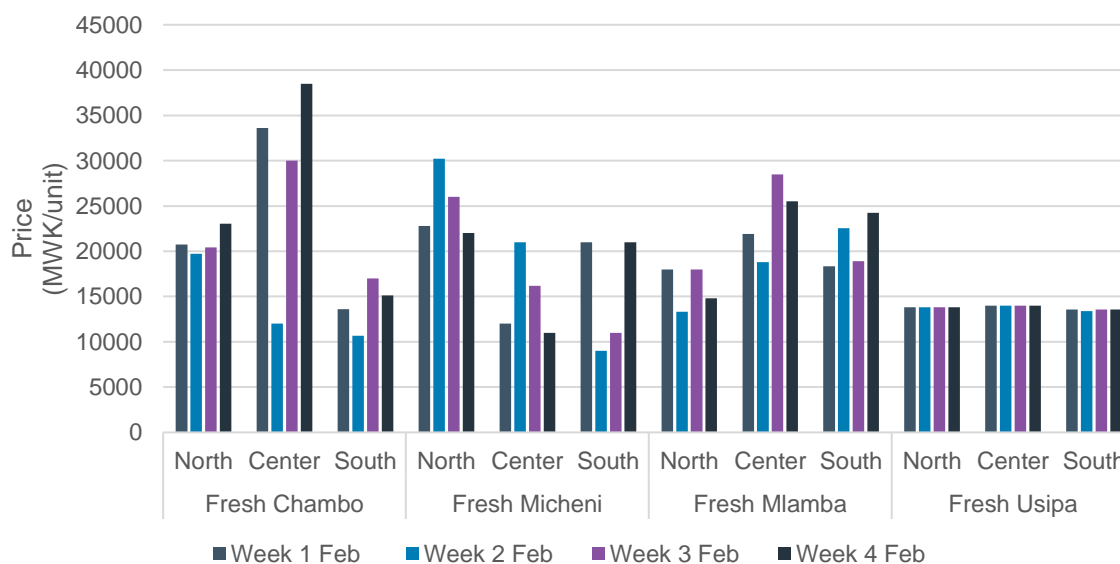


Table 1. Retail prices of livestock and livestock products (MWK/unit) during February 2022

Market	Chicken					Egg					Goat meat					Change since Jan week 4		
	Jan	Feb				Jan	Feb				Jan	Feb				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	4473	4286	4505	4479	4375	3484	3257	2843	3206	3321	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 5%	↓ -2%	↔ 0%
Chitipa-boma	3625	4125	4688	4750	4125	3825	3300	3300	3300	3300	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 14%	↓ -14%	-
Jenda	4050	3667	4000	4000	4000	3388	3300	3600	3375	3525	-	-	-	-	-	↓ -1%	↑ 4%	-
Karonga-boma	4000	4750	5000	-	-	3125	3233	1650	3133	3250	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 25%	↑ 1%	-
Mzuzu	5979	6000	4833	4778	5188	3600	3200	3200	3050	3100	-	-	-	-	-	↓ -13%	↓ -14%	-
Center	3938	4128	4000	4111	4150	3495	3269	3378	3280	3313	2600	2580	2600	2767	2700	↑ 5%	↓ -5%	↑ 4%
Chimbiya	-	-	-	-	-	3600	3450	3600	3600	3450	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	-	↓ -4%	↔ 0%
Mchinji	3875	4089	4500	3889	4125	3750	3200	3250	3200	3300	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 6%	↓ -12%	-
Mitundu	4000	3500	3500	3500	3500	3150	3125	2950	3167	3300	2633	2633	2700	2900	2800	↓ -13%	↑ 5%	↑ 6%
Salima-boma	4000	4500	4000	4750	4500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 13%	-	-
Salima-kamuzu road	-	-	-	-	-	3300	3300	3600	3250	3200	-	-	-	-	-	-	↓ -3%	-
South	3514	3675	3580	3720	3750	3600	3750	3791	3532	3873	2700	2711	2825	2891	2822	↑ 7%	↑ 8%	↑ 5%
Balaka	3733	4000	4000	4000	4000	3600	3600	3600	3600	3600	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	↑ 7%	↔ 0%	↔ 0%
Bangula	-	-	-	-	-	3600	4500	4500	3750	4500	-	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 25%	-
Lunzu	3500	3500	3500	3550	3500	3300	3300	3450	3225	3450	-	-	-	-	-	↔ 0%	↑ 5%	-
Mangochi	3200	3200	3200	3500	3500	3750	3450	3750	3750	3600	2550	2500	2500	2800	2500	-	↓ -4%	↓ -2%
Ngabu	-	-	-	-	-	3600	3600	3700	3400	3800	-	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 6%	-
Bvumbwe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	-	-	↔ 0%
Chiringa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	-	-	↔ 0%
Liw onde	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2600	3000	3000	3500	3000	-	-	↑ 15%
Mwanza	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2400	2400	2400	2500	2400	-	-	↔ 0%
All markets	3981	4086	4121	4163	4148	3529	3480	3407	3350	3552	2676	2664	2769	2864	2792	↑ 4%	↑ 1%	↑ 4%

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 February 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 February 2022

Market	Fresh Chambo					Fresh Micheni					Change since Jan week 1	
	Jan	Feb				Jan	Feb				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	17693	20750	19700	20430	23025	15600	22800	30200	26000	22000	30%	41%
Mzuzu	17140	13500	13600	17860	18700	15000	24000	27400	21000	15000	9%	0%
Ngara	-	30000	30000	23000	36000	-	30000	36000	36000	36000	20%	20%
Tukombo	24000	24000	21600	-	-	-	12000	30000	-	-	-10%	-
Center	28000	33600	51000	30000	38500	12000	12000	21000	16200	11000	38%	-8%
Area 2 fish market	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kasungu boma	18000	36000	90000	-	48000	12000	12000	12000	12000	9000	-	-
Nkhotakota boma	33000	40200	12000	42000	42000	12000	12000	30000	12000	12000	4%	0%
Salima-kamuzu road	-	18000	-	18000	22000	-	-	-	28800	-	-	-
South	13671	13620	10350	17000	15133	13500	21000	9000	11000	21000	11%	56%
Limbe	-	16500	-	30000	20000	12000	12000	-	12000	12000	21%	0%
Liw onde	7650	10800	12000	12000	10200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lunzu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mbulumbuzi	18000	15000	9000	9000	18000	-	-	9000	9000	-	0%	0%
Songani	9400	-	8400	-	12400	-	-	8400	-	12400	-	-
Zomba market	27000	15000	-	22000	20000	15000	15000	-	22000	20000	33%	33%
All markets	19274	21900	24575	21733	24730	13200	16714	21829	19100	16629	28%	26%

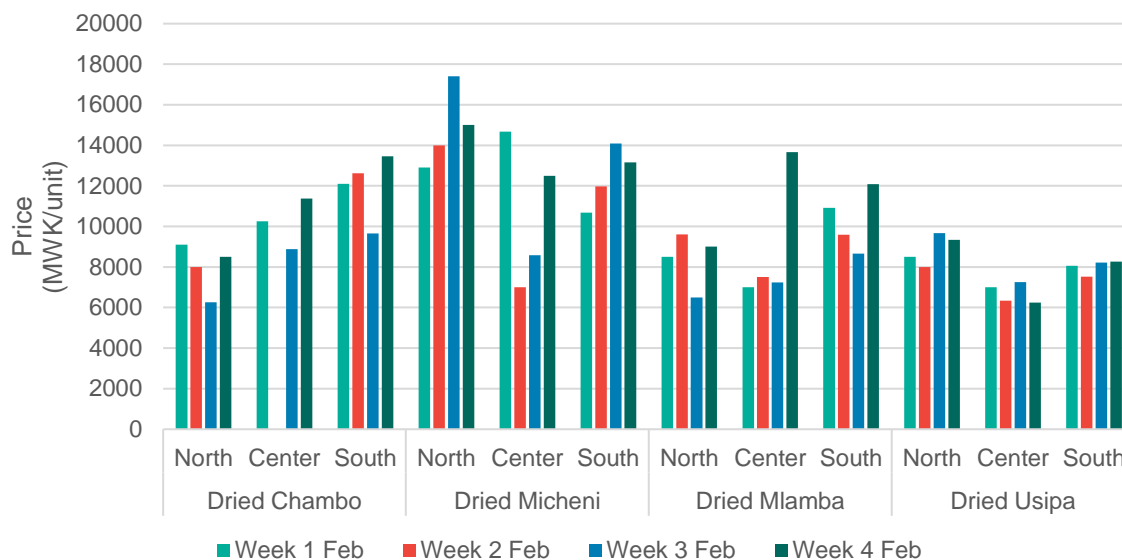
Note: Chambo and Micheni are priced per dozen fish; - = prices not reported from this market.

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

Market	Fresh Mlamba					Fresh Usipa					Change since Jan week 1	
	Jan	Feb				Jan	Feb				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	18000	18000	13333	18000	14800	13800	13800	13800	13800	13800	-18%	0%
Mzuzu	-	18000	18000	22500	16500	13000	13000	13000	13000	13000	-8%	0%
Ngara	18000	18000	11000	13500	-	15000	15000	15000	15000	15000	-25%	0%
Tukombo	-	-	-	-	11400	13000	13000	13000	13000	13000	-	0%
Center	24000	21900	18800	28500	25500	14000	14000	14000	14000	14000	6%	0%
Area 2 fish market	-	-	-	-	-	15000	15000	15000	15000	15000	-	0%
Kasungu boma	-	24000	-	-	30000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nkhotakota boma	24000	26400	21000	30000	30000	13000	13000	13000	13000	13000	25%	0%
Salima-kamuzu road	-	10800	14400	27000	12000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South	19291	18350	22556	18900	24225	13375	13556	13375	13556	13556	26%	1%
Limbe	32500	24000	30500	-	36000	13667	13667	13667	13667	13667	11%	0%
Liw onde	11020	10400	20400	13800	15900	15000	15000	15000	15000	15000	44%	0%
Mbulumbuzi	-	9000	9000	18000	9000	-	12500	12500	12500	12500	-	-
Songani	6000	-	8933	-	-	12500	13000	13000	13000	13000	-	-
Zomba market	-	30000	36000	30000	36000	13000	15000	-	15000	15000	20%	15%
All markets	18304	18956	18804	22114	21867	13685	13817	13685	13817	13817	19%	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), February 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 February 2022

Market	Dried Chambo					Dried Micheni					Change since Jan week 1	
	Jan	Feb				Jan	Feb				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	9100	9100	8000	6267	8500	20400	12900	14000	17400	15000	↓ -7%	↓ -26%
Mzuzu	18000	9100	8000	6650	8500	20400	12900	14000	18600	15000	↓ -53%	↓ -26%
Ngara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tukombo	-	-	-	5500	-	-	-	-	15000	-	-	-
Center	30000	10250	-	8875	11375	17267	14667	7000	8583	12500	↓ -62%	↓ -28%
Area 2 fish market	-	-	-	-	18000	-	-	-	-	24000	-	-
Kasungu boma	30000	12000	-	12000	12000	10900	14667	10000	11500	14250	-	↑ 31%
Nkhotakota boma	-	8500	-	8250	8500	30000	-	-	6500	6000	-	-
Salima-kamuzu road	-	-	-	7000	7000	-	-	4000	4000	4000	↔ 0%	↔ 0%
South	14013	12096	12617	9659	13459	12136	10682	11973	14086	13160	↓ -4%	↑ 8%
Limbe	13750	15167	15250	14056	15644	12000	11100	11233	12000	11000	↑ 3%	↓ -8%
Liw onde	9000	9000	9000	9000	9000	9000	9000	9000	13000	9000	↔ 0%	↔ 0%
Mbulumbuzi	-	12000	9000	5200	16200	-	9900	9000	21600	21600	-	-
Mulanje boma	36000	12000	-	8100	9000	16500	7500	15000	15000	15000	↓ -25%	↓ -9%
Songani	12000	18000	18000	9000	18000	7500	12000	18000	12000	12000	↑ 50%	↑ 60%
Zomba market	10200	10800	11400	10400	11000	12000	12667	12667	13333	13667	↑ 2%	↑ 14%
All markets	18421	11841	11775	8651	12077	14788	11217	11433	12958	13229	↓ -34%	↓ -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 February 2022

Market	Dried Mlamba					Dried Usipa					Change since Jan week 1	
	Jan	Feb				Jan	Feb				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	8500	8500	9600	6500	9000	8900	8500	8000	9667	9333	↑ 6%	↑ 5%
Mzuzu	8500	8500	9600	9000	9000	9000	8500	8000	12000	9333	↑ 6%	↑ 4%
Ngara	-	-	-	-	-	8750	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tukombo	-	-	-	4000	-	-	-	-	5000	-	-	-
Center	-	7000	7500	7233	7233	8500	7000	6333	7250	6250	↑ 3%	↓ -26%
Area 2 fish market	-	-	-	-	30000	-	-	-	-	5000	-	-
Kasungu boma	-	-	-	-	-	-	7250	6250	7875	8000	-	-
Nkhotakota boma	-	7000	-	7100	3500	8500	6500	-	5500	5500	-	-
Salima-kamuzu road	-	-	7500	7500	7500	-	-	6500	6500	6500	→ 0%	→ 0%
South	10744	10914	9583	8660	12080	9750	8064	7520	8214	8270	↑ 12%	↓ -15%
Limbe	13833	8000	12250	12550	15250	5000	8600	8850	8833	8233	↑ 10%	↑ 65%
Liwonde	9400	12000	9000	10320	-	-	8500	8250	7667	8000	↑ 10%	↓ -6%
Mbulumbuzi	-	15600	9000	6200	18000	-	8250	7250	9500	9500	-	-
Mulanje boma	12000	-	-	6400	-	8000	6500	8500	8500	8500	-	↑ 6%
Songani	-	6000	-	6000	3500	-	7000	7000	8000	8000	-	↑ 14%
Zomba market	-	7200	6000	8400	8400	11000	8167	5500	7333	8000	↑ 17%	↓ -27%
All markets	10933	9186	8892	7747	11894	8375	7919	7347	8152	7982	↑ 9%	↓ -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 February 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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