

The Monthly Maize Market Report was developed by researchers at IFPRI Malawi with the goal of providing clear and accurate information on the variation of daily maize prices in selected markets throughout Malawi. The reports are intended as a resource for those interested in maize markets in Malawi, namely producers, sellers, consumers, or other agricultural stakeholders.

### Highlights

- The average maize retail price increased by 5 percent during November 2018.
- The average retail price of MWK129/kg in November was 14 percent lower than the minimum farmgate price.
- Maize prices in the South were MWK40/kg higher than in the North during the month.
- Maize prices in Malawi remained lower than prices in most eastern and southern Africa markets.
- ADMARC is buying maize in 8 of 16 markets monitored.

### Prices increased in November

The average maize price during the month of November was MWK129/kg. The national average retail price increased by 5 percent during the month, with prices rising in 12 markets, remaining constant in two markets, and falling in the southern region markets of Chikwawa and Nsanje (Table 1). All markets in the central region had price increases. Mitundu and Chimbiya markets recorded the highest price increases with 17 percent and 16 percent, respectively.

Except for six markets (Salima, Lunzu, Mwanza, Liwonde, Luchenza, and Mulanje), retail prices in other markets were lower than the minimum farmgate price of MWK150/kg, announced by the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation, and Water Development (MoAIWD) in mid-April 2018.

### Prices remain highest in the South

Maize prices were highest in the South and lowest in the North, as has been the case since January. Prices in the South were about MWK10 higher than in the central region towards the end of the month. Central region prices were about MWK30 higher than in the northern region. There were slight price changes in the southern and northern regions during the month. Conversely, there was a rapid price increase towards the second half of November in central region markets.

**Table 1. Maize retail prices (MWK/kg) by market**

Market	3-Nov-18	10-Nov-18	17-Nov-18	24-Nov-18	Change
Chitipa	80	80	80	80	↔ 0%
Karonga	101	100	101	103	↗ 2%
Rumphi	115	120	110	120	↗ 4%
Mzuzu	110	110	108	113	↗ 3%
Mzimba	98	98	97	107	↗ 8%
Salima	140	143	153	153	↗ 10%
Mchinji	115	115	125	128	↗ 11%
Mitundu	120	130	140	140	↗ 17%
Chimbiya	113	122	123	131	↗ 16%
Lunzu	143	147	150	150	↗ 5%
Mwanza	160	160	160	160	↔ 0%
Liwonde	143	143	147	153	↗ 7%
Luchenza	143	147	150	150	↗ 5%
Mulanje	143	153	153	153	↗ 7%
Chikwawa	145	140	140	140	↘ -3%
Nsanje	143	143	140	140	↘ -2%
<b>All markets</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>↗ 5%</b>

**Figure 1. Daily average maize retail prices during November**



