



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, eggs and goat meat increased by 15, 2 and 3 percent during April, with chicken prices rising rapidly in the last week of the month.
- Average retail prices of fresh chambo, fresh micheni and fresh usipa increased by 3 to 4 percent while prices for fresh milamba decreased by 1 percent.
- Average retail prices for dried chambo, dried usipa and dried milamba increased by 3 to 7 percent while prices for dried micheni decreased marginally.

Livestock and Livestock Products

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

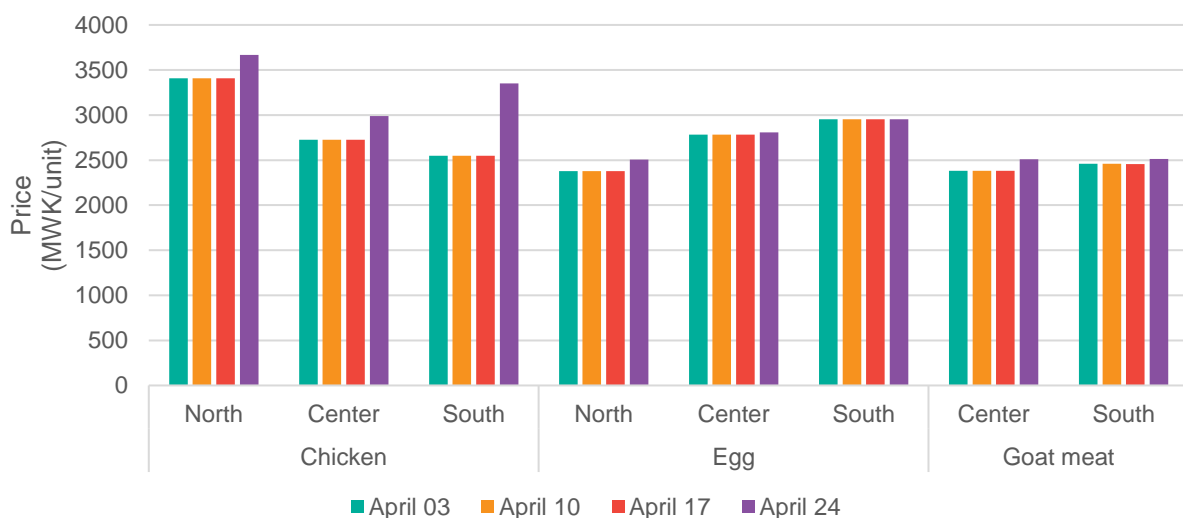


Table 1. Retail prices of livestock and livestock products (MWK/unit) during April 2021

Market	Chicken					Egg					Goat meat					Change since March 27		
	March 27	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 24	March 27	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 24	March 27	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 24	Chicken	Egg	Goat meat
North																		
Chitipa-boma	2750	2967	2967	2967	3750	2400	2400	2400	2400	3000	-	-	-	-	-	↑36%	↑25%	-
Jenda	3167	3250	3250	3250	3200	2208	2208	2208	2208	2128	-	-	-	-	-	↑1%	↓4%	-
Karonga-boma	4167	4167	4167	4167	4167	2333	2333	2333	2333	2333	-	-	-	-	-	⇒0%	⇒0%	-
Mzuzu	3500	3500	3500	3500	3722	2567	2567	2567	2567	2567	-	-	-	-	-	↑6%	⇒0%	-
Center																		
Chimbiya	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2600	2600	2600	2600	2850	2200	2200	2200	2200	2500	⇒0%	↑10%	↑14%
Mchinji	2650	2650	2650	2650	2900	2700	2700	2700	2700	2700	-	-	-	-	-	↑9%	⇒0%	-
Mitundu	2783	2783	2783	2783	2900	3000	3000	3000	3000	2850	2500	2500	2500	2500	2517	↑4%	↓5%	↑1%
Salima-boma	2875	2875	2875	2875	3500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	↑22%	-	-
Salima-kamuzu road	-	-	-	-	-	2833	2833	2833	2833	2833	-	-	-	-	-	-	⇒0%	-
South																		
Balaka	2500	2500	2500	2500	3500	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	2200	2200	2200	2200	2500	↑40%	⇒0%	↑14%
Bangula	-	-	-	-	-	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	-	-	-	-	-	-	⇒0%	-
Lunzu	2367	2367	2367	2367	3500	2400	2400	2400	2400	2400	-	-	-	-	-	↑48%	⇒0%	-
Mangochi	2900	2900	2900	2900	2900	4050	4050	4050	4050	4050	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	⇒0%	⇒0%	⇒0%
Ngabu	-	-	-	-	-	2700	2700	2700	2700	2700	-	-	-	-	-	-	⇒0%	-
Bvumbwe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2600	2600	2600	2600	2600	-	-	⇒0%
Chiringa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2400	2400	2400	2400	2500	-	-	↑4%
Liwonde	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2500	2500	2500	2500	2400	-	-	↓4%
Mwanza	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2600	2567	2567	2600	2600	-	-	⇒0%
All markets	2912	2944	2944	2944	3359	2711	2711	2711	2711	2762	2445	2441	2441	2438	2512	↑15%	↑2%	↑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 in this market.

Figure 2. Retail prices of fresh Chambo, fresh Micheni, fresh Mlamba and fresh Usipa (MWK/unit) during April 2021

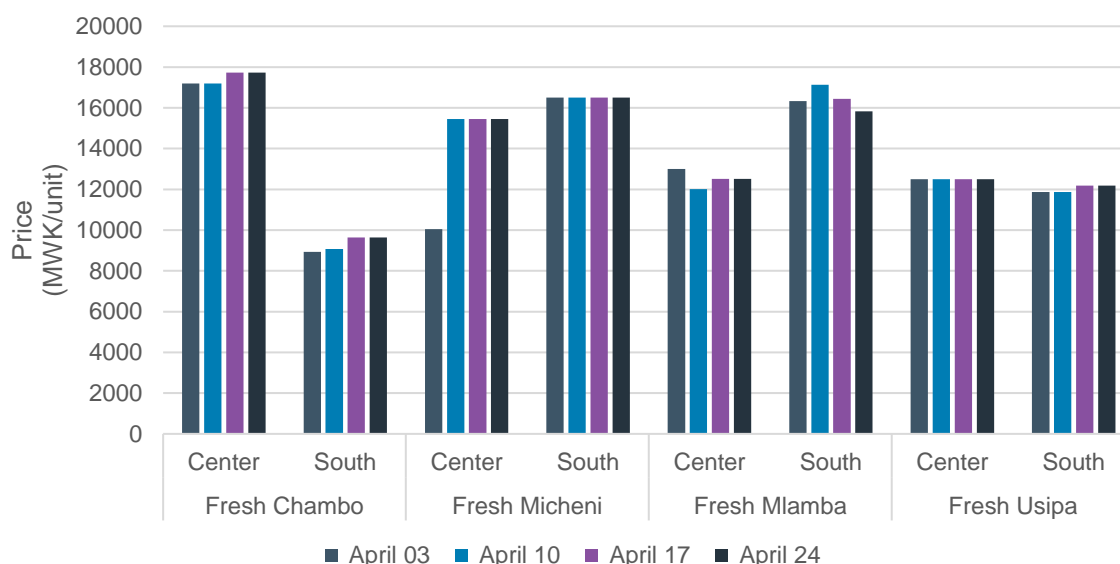


Table 2. Retail prices of fresh Chambo and fresh Micheni (MWK/unit) during April 2021

Market	Fresh Chambo					Fresh Micheni					Change since March 27	
	March 27	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 24	March 27	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 24	Fresh Chambo	Fresh Micheni
Center												
Area 2 fish market	21000	21000	21000	21000	21000	19500	19500	19500	19500	19500	↔ 0%	↔ 0%
Kasungu boma	18000	18000	18000	18000	18000	15000	15000	15000	15000	15000	↔ 0%	↔ 0%
Nkhotakota boma	17100	17100	17100	17100	17100	15000	15000	15000	15000	15000	↔ 0%	↔ 0%
Salima-kamuzu road	14100	13200	13200	15000	15000	14000	12000	12000	12000	12000	↑ 6%	↓ -14%
South												
Limbe	9708	9708	10083	9708	9708	15000	15000	15000	15000	15000	↔ 0%	↔ 0%
Liwonde	6400	6400	6400	7800	7800	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 22%	-
Mbulumbuzi	9000	9000	9000	9000	9000	12000	12000	12000	12000	12000	↔ 0%	↔ 0%
Songani	6800	6800	6800	9000	9000	18000	18000	18000	18000	18000	↑ 32%	↔ 0%
Zomba market	18000	18000	18000	18000	18000	24000	24000	24000	24000	24000	↔ 0%	↔ 0%
All markets	12338	12230	12320	12878	12878	15383	12917	15917	15917	15917	↑ 4%	↑ 3%

Note: Chambo and Micheni are priced per dozen fish; - = commodity not monitored in this market.

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

Market	Fresh Mlamba					Fresh Usipa					Change since March 27	
	March 27	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 24	March 27	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 24	Fresh Mlamba	Fresh Usipa
Center												
Area 2 fish market	9840	9840	9840	9840	9840	12500	12500	12500	12500	12500	↔ 0%	↔ 0%
Kasungu boma	9200	9200	9200	9200	9200	-	-	-	-	-	↔ 0%	-
Nkhotakota boma	13920	13920	13920	13920	13920	12500	12500	12500	12500	12500	↔ 0%	↔ 0%
Salima-kamuzu road	16500	16500	13200	14880	14880	12500	12500	12500	12500	12500	↓ -10%	↔ 0%
South												
Limbe	33000	33000	33000	33000	33000	11250	11250	11250	11250	11250	↔ 0%	↔ 0%
Liwonde	8640	8640	8640	8640	6640	11250	11250	11250	12500	12500	↓ -23%	↑ 11%
Mbulumbuzi	12000	12000	12000	12000	12000	12500	12500	12500	12500	12500	↔ 0%	↔ 0%
Songani	18467	15800	18467	16133	16133	11250	12500	12500	12500	12500	↓ -13%	↑ 11%
Zomba market	-	-	-	-	-	12500	12500	12500	12500	12500	-	↔ 0%
All markets	14315	14665	14570	14472	14172	11964	12143	12143	12330	12321	↓ -1%	↑ 3%

Note: Mlamba is priced per dozen; Usipa is priced per 5 litre pail; - = commodity was not monitored.

Figure 3. Retail prices of dried Chambo, dried Micheni, dried Mlamba and dried Usipa (MWK/unit), April 2021



Table 4. Retail prices of dried Chambo and dried Micheni (MWK/unit) during April 2021

Market	Dried Chambo					Dried Micheni					Change since March 27	
	March 27	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 24	March 27	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 24	Dried Chambo	Dried Micheni
Center												
Area 2 fish market	9600	9600	9600	8600	8600	7200	7500	7500	7500	7500	↓ -10%	↑ 4%
Kasungu boma	4500	4500	4500	4500	4500	7167	6667	7167	6667	6667	→ 0%	↓ -7%
Nkhotakota boma	9000	9000	9000	9000	9000	4200	4200	4200	4200	4200	→ 0%	→ 0%
Salima-kamuzu road	12000	12000	12000	12000	12000	4200	4200	4200	4200	4200	→ 0%	→ 0%
South												
Limbe	4500	5500	5500	5500	5500	7500	7500	7500	7500	7500	↑ 22%	→ 0%
Liwonde	9200	9200	8533	7800	7800	6800	6800	6800	7500	7500	↓ -15%	↑ 10%
Mbulumbuzi	16000	16000	16000	19600	16000	11800	11800	11800	11800	11800	→ 0%	→ 0%
Mulanje boma	7200	7200	7700	7650	7650	8100	8100	8100	8400	8400	↑ 6%	↑ 4%
Songani	8167	8167	8167	8167	7200	7800	7800	7800	7800	7800	↓ -12%	→ 0%
Zomba market	7200	7200	7200	8700	8700	8000	8000	8000	8000	8000	↑ 21%	→ 0%
All markets	8468	8837	8820	9152	8695	7458	7321	7412	7421	7421	↑ 3%	↓ -0.5%

Note: Chambo and Micheni are priced per dozen; - = commodity was not monitored.

Table 5. Retail prices of dried Mlamba and dried Usipa (MWK/unit) during April 2021

Market	Dried Mlamba					Dried Usipa					Change since March 27	
	March 27	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 24	March 27	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 24	Dried Mlamba	Dried Usipa
Center												
Area 2 fish market	4000	4000	4000	4000	4000	4750	4750	4750	4750	4750	→ 0%	→ 0%
Kasungu boma	4800	4800	4800	4800	4800	4333	4333	4333	4333	4500	→ 0%	↑ 4%
Nkhotakota boma	4000	4000	4000	4000	4000	4500	4500	4500	4500	4500	→ 0%	→ 0%
Salima-kamuzu road	4000	4000	4000	4000	4000	4500	4500	4500	4500	4500	→ 0%	→ 0%
South												
Limbe	4833	4167	5167	4833	5167	6000	6000	6000	6000	6500	↑ 7%	↑ 8%
Liwonde	4800	4800	4800	6400	6400	5000	4833	5000	5500	6000	↑ 33%	↑ 20%
Mbulumbuzi	6000	6000	6000	6000	6000	6500	6500	6500	6500	7000	→ 0%	↑ 8%
Mulanje boma	9200	9200	9200	9200	9200	5000	4875	5000	5250	6000	→ 0%	↑ 20%
Songani	18000	18000	18000	18000	18000	6000	6000	6000	6000	6000	→ 0%	→ 0%
Zomba market	6000	6000	6000	6000	6000	4833	4833	4333	5000	5500	→ 0%	→ 0%
All markets	6537	6463	6574	6715	6765	5142	5053	5038	5174	5509	↑ 3%	↑ 7%

Note: Mlamba are priced per dozen; Usipa is priced per 5 litre pail; - = commodity not monitored in 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 were phased-in, starting with legumes, root crops and other cereals, and then expanding to include livestock products and fish. Fish prices are included in the bulletins from January 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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