

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 in Malawi.

Highlights

- Average retail prices of common bean, soybeans and pigeon peas decreased by 2 to 18 percent while groundnuts marginally increased by 0.4 percent.
- Average retail prices of cassava and irish potatoes decreased by 1 and 20 percent respectively while sweet potatoes prices increased by 22 percent.
- Average retail prices of rice increased by 5 percent while sorghum retail prices decreased by 4 percent.

Legumes

Table 1. Retail prices (MWK/kg) of common beans and pigeon pea by region during April 2022

| Market | Common bean | | | | | Pigeon pea | | | | | Change since March week 5 | |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|--------|
| | March | April | | | | March | April | | | | Bean | P. pea |
| | Week 4 | Week 1 | Week 2 | Week 3 | Week 4 | Week 4 | Week 1 | Week 2 | Week 3 | Week 4 | | |
| North | 1233 | 850 | 867 | 931 | 894 | 700 | - | - | - | - | ↓ -28% | - |
| Jenda | 1200 | 800 | 750 | 750 | 650 | - | - | - | - | - | ↓ -46% | - |
| Karonga-boma | 1200 | 900 | 950 | 950 | 900 | 700 | - | - | - | - | ↓ -25% | - |
| Mzuzu | 1300 | 900 | 900 | 1013 | 1013 | - | - | - | - | - | ↓ -22% | - |
| Center | 1425 | 1300 | 1133 | 1133 | 1100 | - | - | - | - | - | ↓ -23% | - |
| Chimbiya | 1200 | - | 900 | 900 | 900 | - | - | - | - | - | ↓ -25% | - |
| Mchinji | 1700 | - | 1200 | - | 1300 | - | - | - | - | - | ↓ -24% | - |
| Mitundu | 1400 | 1300 | 1300 | 1250 | 1100 | - | - | - | - | - | ↓ -21% | - |
| South | 1517 | 800 | 1050 | 1238 | 1217 | 750 | 775 | 780 | 725 | 713 | ↓ -20% | ↓ -5% |
| Balaka | 1575 | 500 | 900 | 1250 | 1225 | 775 | 900 | 850 | 717 | 650 | ↓ -22% | ↓ -16% |
| Bangula | - | - | - | 1200 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Lunzu | 1400 | 1100 | 1200 | 1200 | 1200 | 700 | 700 | 700 | 700 | 700 | ↓ -14% | ⇒ 0% |
| Mangochi | - | - | - | - | - | 800 | 800 | 800 | 800 | 800 | - | ⇒ 0% |
| Ngabu | - | - | - | - | - | 750 | 700 | 700 | 700 | 700 | - | ↓ -7% |
| All markets | 1288 | 878 | 1013 | 1098 | 1053 | 743 | 775 | 780 | 725 | 713 | ↓ -18% | ↓ -4% |

Note: - = commodity not monitored or prices not reported in this market.

Table 2. Retail prices (MWK/kg) of soybean and groundnut by region during April 2022

| Market | Soybean | | | | | Groundnut | | | | | Change since March week 5 | |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| | March | April | | | | March | April | | | | Soybean | Groundnut |
| | Week 4 | Week 1 | Week 2 | Week 3 | Week 4 | Week 4 | Week 1 | Week 2 | Week 3 | Week 4 | | |
| North | 1350 | 1150 | 1150 | 1267 | 1267 | 1300 | 1233 | 1150 | 1213 | 1338 | ↓ -6% | ↑ 3% |
| Jenda | - | - | - | - | - | 1200 | 1100 | 1100 | 800 | 1300 | - | ↑ 8% |
| Karonga-boma | 1350 | 1300 | 1300 | 1400 | 1400 | 1350 | 1400 | 1300 | 1400 | 1400 | ↑ 4% | ↑ 4% |
| Mzuzu | - | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | - | 1200 | 1050 | 1250 | 1250 | - | ↑ 4% |
| Center | 1000 | 900 | 867 | 670 | 770 | 1175 | 1333 | 1350 | 1333 | 1250 | ↓ -23% | ↑ 6% |
| Chimbiya | 1000 | 850 | 850 | 740 | 740 | 1100 | 1200 | 1200 | 1000 | 1050 | ↓ -26% | ↓ -5% |
| Mchinji | 1000 | - | - | - | 1000 | 1200 | - | - | - | 1400 | → 0% | ↑ 17% |
| Mitundu | 1000 | 950 | 900 | 600 | 600 | 1200 | 1400 | 1500 | 1500 | 1500 | ↓ -40% | ↑ 25% |
| South | 1350 | 1250 | 1200 | 1340 | 1288 | 1400 | 1275 | 1267 | 1467 | 1300 | ↓ -5% | ↓ -7% |
| Balaka | 1500 | 1200 | 1200 | 1433 | 1375 | 1450 | 1250 | 1200 | 1550 | 1300 | ↓ -8% | ↓ -10% |
| Bangula | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Lunzu | 1200 | 1200 | 1200 | 1200 | 1200 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Mangochi | 1200 | 1350 | 1200 | 1200 | 1200 | 1500 | 1300 | 1300 | - | - | → 0% | ↓ -13% |
| Ngabu | - | - | - | - | - | 1200 | 1300 | 1300 | 1300 | 1300 | - | ↑ 8% |
| All markets | 1120 | 1117 | 1063 | 1098 | 1094 | 1291 | 1280 | 1244 | 1325 | 1295 | ↓ -2% | ↑ 0.4% |

Note: - = prices not reported from this market; soybean and groundnut are priced per kilogram

Roots and Tubers

Figure 1. Regional average retail prices (MWK/unit) of cassava, Irish potato, and sweet potato during April 2022

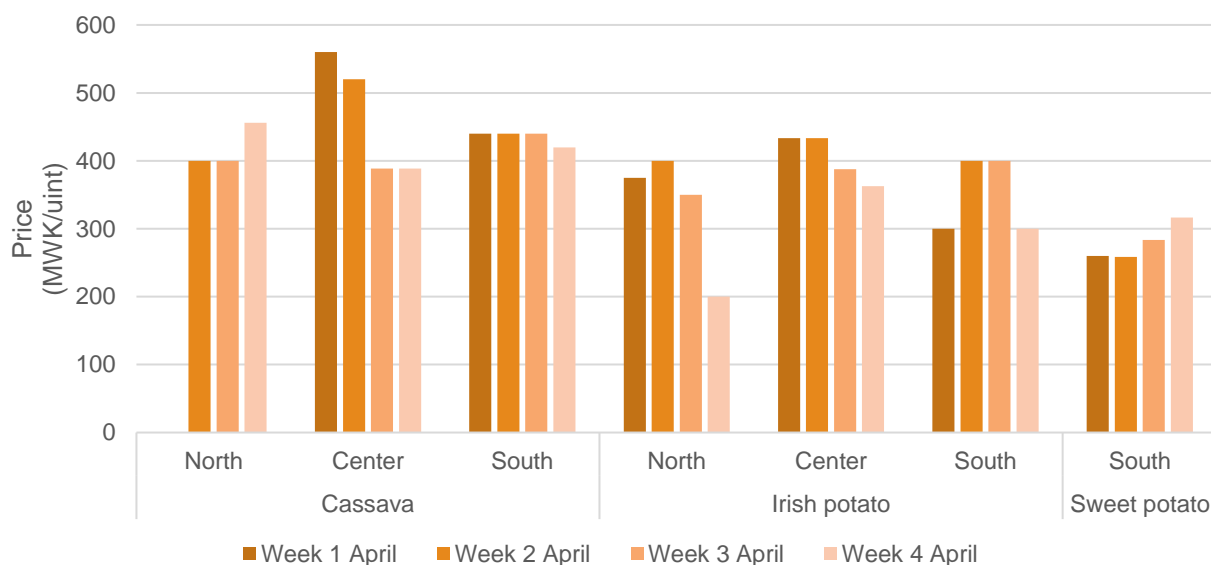


Table 3. Retail prices of roots and tubers (MWK/unit) during April 2022

| Commodity | Market | March | April | | | | Change | |
|---------------------|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------|--------|
| | | Week 4 | Week 1 | Week 2 | Week 3 | Week 4 | since March week 5 | |
| Cassava | North | 450 | - | 400 | 400 | 456 | ↓ | -11% |
| | Mpamba | 640 | - | - | - | 512 | ↓ | -20% |
| | Mzuzu | 260 | - | 400 | 400 | 400 | ↑ | 54% |
| | Nkhatabay-boma | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Center | - | 560 | 520 | 389 | 389 | ↓ | -31% |
| | Chinkhoma | - | 560 | 520 | 389 | 389 | ↓ | -31% |
| | Kawamba | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Mitundu | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | South | 531 | 440 | 440 | 440 | 420 | ↓ | -21.0% |
| | Limbe | - | 320 | 320 | 320 | 320 | → | 0% |
| Namwera turn-off | 531 | 560 | 560 | 560 | 420 | ↓ | -21% | |
| All markets | 477 | 480 | 464 | 417 | 472 | ↓ | -1% | |
| Sweet potato | South | 260 | 260 | 258 | 283 | 317 | ↑ | 22% |
| | Bangwe | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 | 333 | ↑ | 11% |
| | Chilobwe | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 333 | ↑ | 33% |
| | Chinakanaka | 300 | 300 | 275 | 333 | 333 | ↑ | 11% |
| | Ndirande | 200 | 200 | 200 | 250 | 292 | ↑ | 46% |
| | Zingwanga | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| All markets | 260 | 260 | 258 | 283 | 317 | ↑ | 22% | |
| Irish potato | North | 800 | 375 | 400 | 350 | 200 | ↓ | -75% |
| | Jenda | 800 | 375 | 400 | 350 | 200 | ↓ | -75% |
| | Center | 300 | 433 | 433 | 388 | 363 | ↑ | 21% |
| | Lizulu-Lilongwe | 300 | 500 | 500 | 400 | 300 | → | 0% |
| | Lizulu | 300 | 400 | 400 | 375 | 375 | ↑ | 25% |
| | Tsangano turn-off | 300 | 400 | 400 | 400 | 400 | ↑ | 33% |
| | South | 383 | 300 | 400 | 400 | 300 | ↓ | -22% |
| | Blantyre market | 300 | 400 | 350 | 300 | 300 | → | 0% |
| | Limbe | 550 | 250 | 450 | 500 | - | ↓ | -9% |
| All markets | 407 | 369 | 413 | 386 | 325 | ↓ | -20% | |

Note: - = prices not reported from this market; cassava and Irish potatoes are priced per kilogram; sweet potatoes are priced per heap.

Other Cereals

Figure 2. Regional average retail prices (MWK/kg) of rice during April 2022

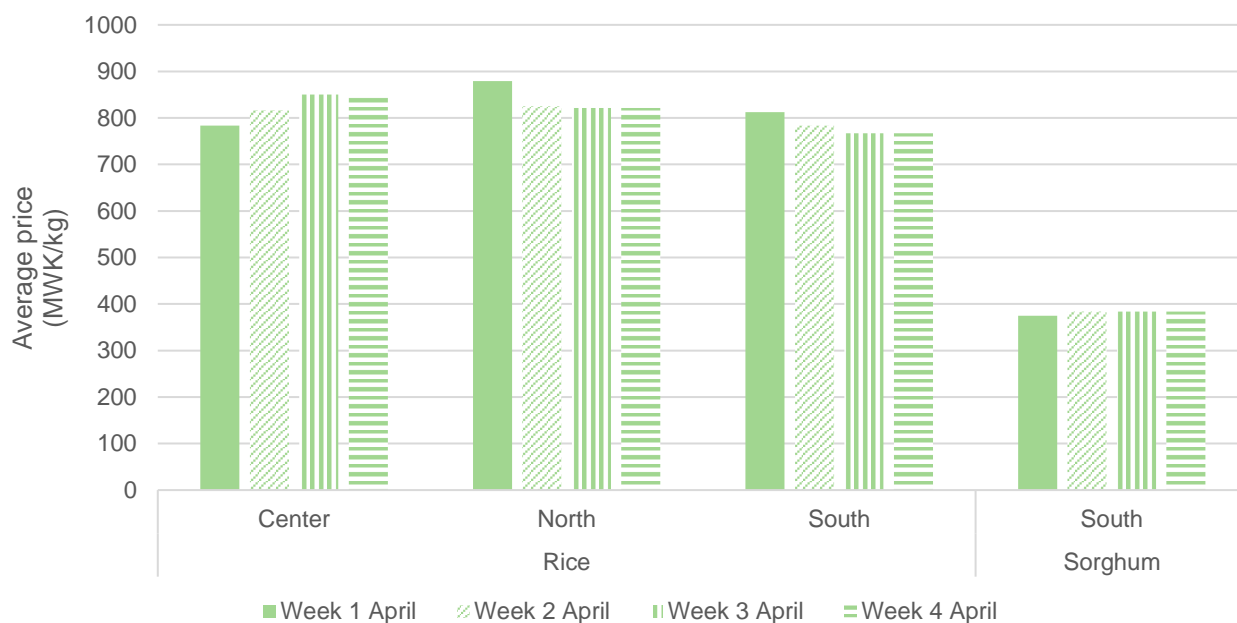


Table 4. Retail prices of other cereals (MWK/kg) during April 2022

| Commodity | Market | March | April | | | | Change since March week 5 | |
|--------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------------------------|------------|
| | | Week 4 | Week 1 | Week 2 | Week 3 | Week 4 | | |
| Rice | North | 814 | 879 | 825 | 821 | 821 | ↑ | 1% |
| | Karonga-boma | 800 | 925 | 800 | 800 | 800 | → | 0% |
| | Mzimba-boma | 900 | 900 | 900 | 850 | 850 | ↓ | -6% |
| | Nkhatabay-boma | 1000 | 950 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | → | 0% |
| | Pusi | 775 | 800 | 800 | 775 | 775 | → | 0% |
| | Wowwe | 650 | 750 | 725 | 750 | 750 | → | 0% |
| | Center | 750 | 783 | 817 | 850 | 850 | ↑ | 13% |
| | Nkhotakota-boma | 700 | 800 | 800 | 800 | 800 | → | 0% |
| | Salima-kamuzu road | 800 | 775 | 850 | 900 | 900 | ↑ | 13% |
| | South | 725 | 813 | 783 | 767 | 767 | ↑ | 6% |
| | Chiringa | 650 | 825 | 800 | 700 | 700 | ↑ | 8% |
| | Phalombe | 800 | 850 | 825 | 850 | 850 | ↑ | 6% |
| | Songani | 650 | 750 | 725 | 750 | 750 | ↑ | 15% |
| All markets | 777 | 837 | 807 | 813 | 813 | ↑ | 5% | |
| Sorghum | South | 400 | 375 | 383 | 383 | 383 | ↓ | -4% |
| | Chikwawa | 350 | 400 | 400 | 400 | 400 | ↑ | 14% |
| | Ngabu | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Nsanje | 500 | 350 | 350 | 350 | 350 | → | 0% |
| | All markets | 400 | 375 | 383 | 383 | 383 | ↓ | -4% |

Note: - = prices not reported from this market; rice and sorghum are priced per kilogram

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 April 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 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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