

Quarterly Market Report

Report No. 3b for Animal Products, April to June 2021

This quarterly market report was developed by researchers at IFPRI Malawi with the goal of providing clear and accurate information on the variation of weekly and monthly retail prices of 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 chicken and goat in all the regions by 1 to 23 percent.
- Egg prices increased by 3 and 8 percent in the Center and North respectively while marginally decreasing by 1 percent in the South.
- Fish prices were mostly unstable and increasing in the last two months of the quarter.

Livestock and Livestock products

Table 1 presents the regional average retail prices of chicken, eggs and goat meat during the second quarter of 2021.

Retail prices (MWK/kg) of live chickens increased in all the regions, the highest increase being recorded in the Center (23 percent) followed by South (19 percent) and North (11 percent)

Egg prices (MWK/30 eggs) increased in the North and Center by 8 and 3 percent while marginally decreasing by 1 percent in the South. Goat meat price (MWK/kg) increased by 4 and 1 percent in the Center and South respectively.

Table 1. Livestock and Livestock products retail prices (MWK/unit) by region

	April	May	June	Percentage change (April-June)	
Chicken					
North	3473	3845	3841	↑	11%
Center	2793	3444	3449	↑	23%
South	2750	3300	3277	↑	19%
All markets	3005	3530	3523	↑	17%
Egg					
North	2410	2608	2614	↑	8%
Center	2790	2878	2880	↑	3%
South	2954	2969	2932	↓	-1%
All markets	2718	2819	2809	↑	3%
Goat					
Center	2413	2527	2520	↑	4%
South	2472	2503	2495	↑	1%
All markets	2442	2515	2508	↑	3%

Note: Number of markets monitored: Chicken = 11; Egg = 13; Goat = 8; Goat meat monitored only in the Center and South

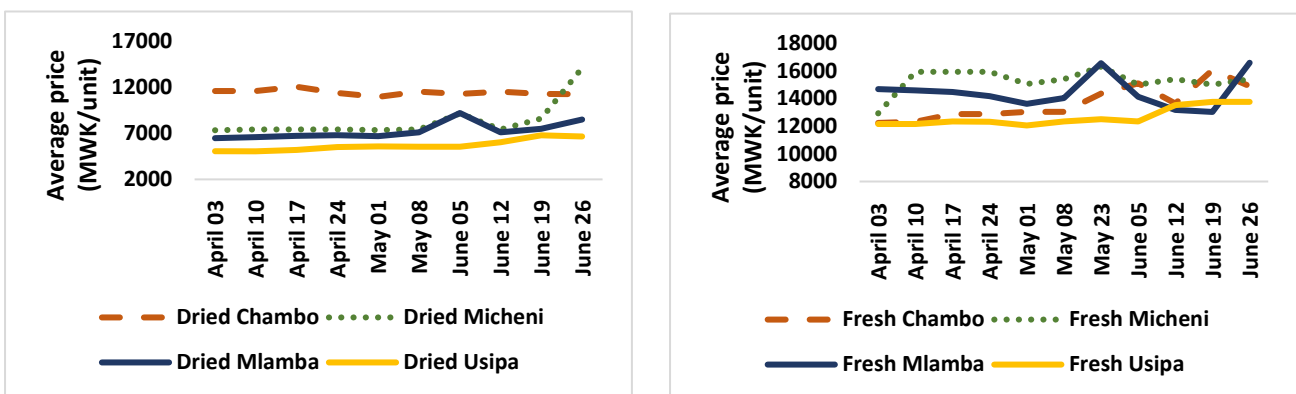
Fish

Fish prices were fluctuating in the last two months of the quarter, which mark the start of the winter season. Fish supplies in the winter tend to be unstable as fish are less active than in other seasons and little or no courtship or breeding take place due to the cold weather.

Dried chambo retail prices were highest among the monitored dried fish prices averaging MWK11,417 per dozen throughout the quarter (Figure 1). Dried usipa which is being priced per 5-liter bucket, was the lowest at MWK5,687 throughout the quarter.

On average, fresh micheni prices were highest among the fresh fish being monitored during the quarter at MWK15,286 per dozen. Fresh usipa averaged at MWK12,651 per 5-liter bucket during the quarter.

Figure 1. Average retail prices of dried and fresh fish



Note: Chambo, mlamba and micheni (dried and fresh) are priced per dozen; usipa (dried and fresh) is priced per 5-liter bucket

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 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](#)