

This price bulletin was developed by researchers at IFPRI Malawi with the goal of providing clear and accurate information on the variation of weekly 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

- Prices of legumes and non-maize cereals were not significantly different across the three regions.
- Cassava prices declined while sweet potato prices remained constant.

Legumes

Table 1. Retail legume prices (MWK/kg) by region as of October 31, 2020

Region	Market	Common bean	Pigeon pea	Soybean	Groundnut
North	Karonga	700	500	-	1,000
	Mzuzu	850	-	400	1,000
	Jenda	783	-	400	733
Center	Mchinji	1,000	-	375	1,000
	Mitundu	950	-	400	925
	Chimbiya	733	-	400	900
South	Balaka	1,100	633	450	1,200
	Lunzu	1,000	488	450	-
	Mangochi	-	500	-	1,200
	Ngabu	-	450	-	1,000
	Bangula	983	-	-	-
All markets		900	514	411	995

Note: - = commodity is not monitored in this market.

Roots and Tubers

Table 2. Retail prices of roots and tubers (MWK/unit) as of October 31, 2020

Commodity	Market	Oct 10	Oct 17	Oct 24	Oct 31	Change since Oct 10
Cassava	Limbe	160	160	128	128	↓ -20%
	Namwera turn-off	-	160	155	155	↓ -3%
Sweet potato	Bangwe	250	250	250	250	→ 0%
	Chilobwe	333	333	333	333	→ 0%
	Ndirande	200	200	200	200	→ 0%
	Zingwangwa	275	275	275	275	→ 0%
	Chinakanaka	275	275	275	275	→ 0%
Irish potato	Jenda	-	-	-	400	-
	Lizulu-Lilongwe	-	-	-	350	-
	Lizulu-Dedza	-	-	-	300	-
	Tsangano turn-off	-	-	-	350	-
	Blantyre market	400	400	400	400	→ 0%
	Limbe	367	367	367	400	↑ 9%

Note: Cassava and Irish potatoes are priced per kilogram while sweet potatoes are priced per heap; - = commodity was not monitored.

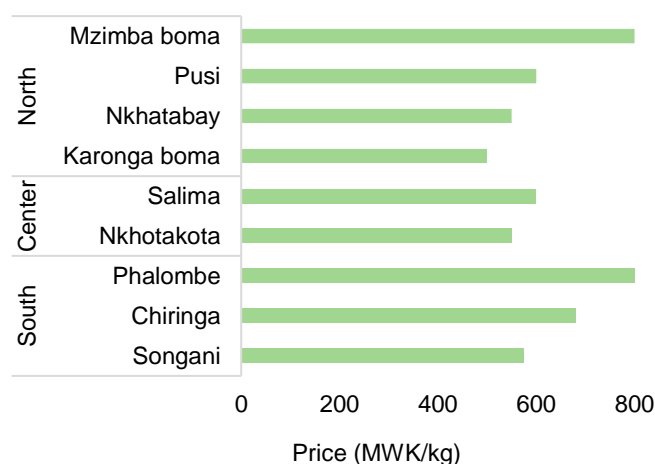
Other Cereals

Table 3. Retail prices for sorghum as of October 31, 2020

Region	Market	Price (MWK/kg)
North	Pusi	-
	Karonga boma	-
	Mzimba boma	-
	Nkhatabay	-
Center	Nkhotakota	-
	Salima	-
South	Songani	-
	Chiringa	-
	Phalombe	-
	Chikwawa	450
	Ngabu	450
	Nsanje	500
All markets		467

Note: - = commodity is not monitored in this market.

Figure 1. Retail prices for rice as of October 31, 2020



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. At least 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 will be phased-in, starting with legumes, root crops and other cereals, and then expanding to include livestock and livestock products, and fish (fresh and smoked) by the end of 2020. 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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