

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 price of common beans, pigeon peas, and groundnuts changed only marginally (3, 6, and -2 percent respectively). Soybean and increased by 21 percent.
- Average retail prices of cassava increased by 30 percent, driven by price rises in Central and Southern regions. Average retail prices of sweet potatoes increased by 4 percent, while those of Irish potatoes decreased by 13 percent.
- Average retail price of rice increased by 3 percent while sorghum retail prices decreased by 14 percent.

## Legumes

**Table 1.** Retail prices (MWK/kg) of common beans and pigeon pea by region during July 2021

Market	Common beans						Pegionpea						Change since June 26	
	June 26	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31	May 23	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31	Bean	P. pea
<b>North</b>														
Jenda	950	967	850	875	850	850	-	-	-	-	-	-	↓ -12%	-
Karonga-boma	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	-	-	-	331	395	421	→ 0%	↑ 27%
Mzuzu	925	1650	1850	1000	1000	1042	-	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 13%	-
<b>Center</b>														
Chimbiya	875	875	900	900	900	1050	-	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 20%	-
Mchinji	1200	1100	1100	1200	1200	1200	-	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 9%	-
Mitundu	1050	1100	1000	1000	1050	1050	-	-	-	-	-	-	→ 0%	-
<b>South</b>														
Balaka	1300	1300	1000	1100	1150	1267	-	300	300	300	300	373	↓ -3%	↑ 24%
Bangula	800	800	1000	1000	1000	1000	400	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 25%	-
Lunzu	975	975	1063	975	983	1000	400	550	525	550	415	440	↑ 3%	↑ 10%
Mangochi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	600	600	600	600	600	-	→ 0%
Ngabu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	550	550	400	400	400	-	↓ -27%
<b>All markets</b>	<b>1009</b>	<b>1132</b>	<b>1129</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>995</b>	<b>1042</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>↑ 3%</b>	<b>↑ 6%</b>

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

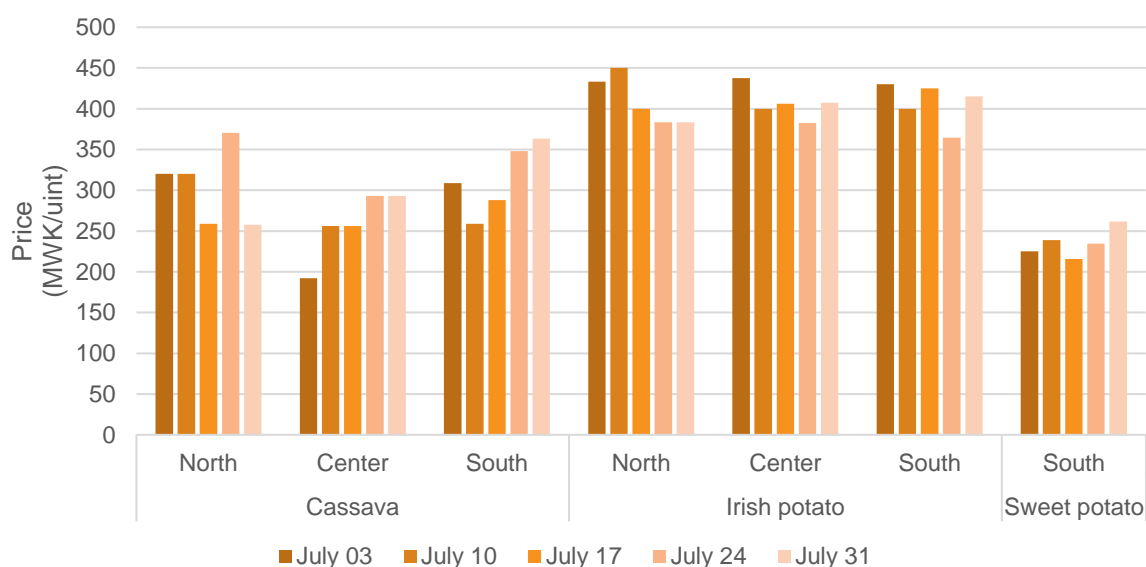
**Table 2.** Retail prices (MWK/kg) of soybean and groundnut by region during July 2021

Market	Soybean						Groundnut						Change since June 26	
	June 26	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31	June 26	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31	Soybean	Groundnut
<b>North</b>														
Jenda	-	-	-	-	-	-	700	700	750	775	720	700	-	↔ 0%
Karonga-boma	700	700	717	717	717	717	1000	1000	1100	1000	1000	1000	↑ 2%	↓ -9%
Mzuzu	550	550	550	550	550	550	800	800	800	825	800	800	↔ 0%	↔ 0%
<b>Center</b>														
Chimbiya	500	500	517	523	600	567	810	810	793	843	850	853	↑ 13%	↑ 5%
Mchinji	700	700	700	700	700	800	1000	1000	1000	-	-	1000	↑ 14%	↔ 0%
Mitundu	-	-	600	-	600	600	900	900	900	-	900	900	↔ 0%	↔ 0%
<b>South</b>														
Balaka	500	500	550	600	525	525	1100	1100	1000	1200	1133	1117	↑ 5%	↑ 2%
Bangula	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lunzu	500	500	500	500	500	500	-	-	-	-	-	-	↔ 0%	-
Mangochi	600	600	550	550	550	550	975	975	925	800	800	800	↓ -8%	↓ -18%
Ngabu	-	-	-	-	-	-	820	820	-	800	875	875	-	↑ 7%
<b>All markets</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>↑ 21%</b>	<b>↓ -2%</b>

**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 July 2021



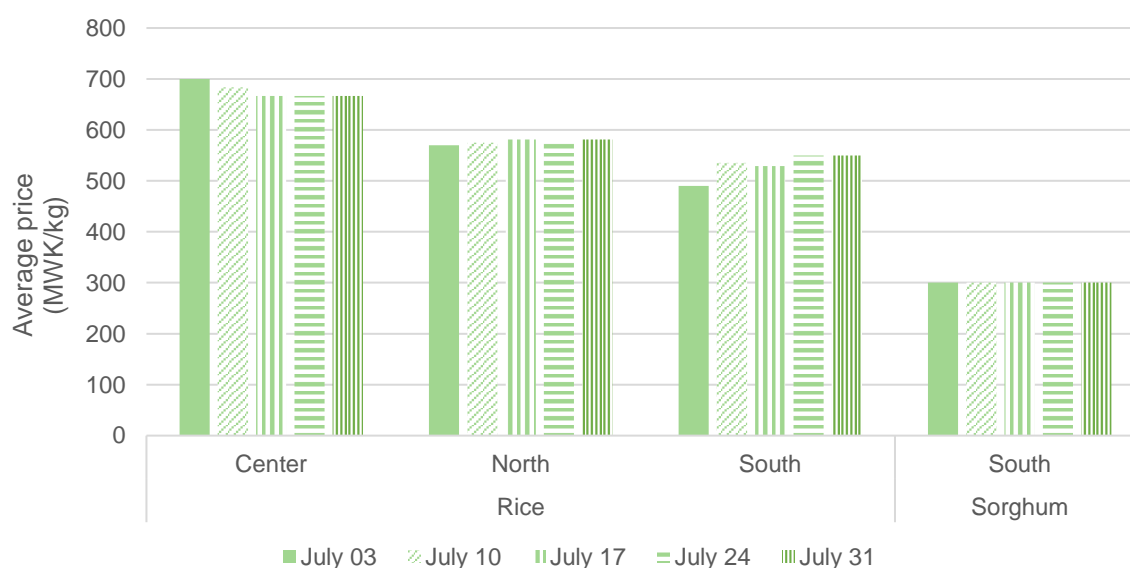
**Table 3.** Retail prices of roots and tubers (MWK/unit) during July 2021

Commodity	Market	June 26	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31	Change since June 26
<b>Cassava</b>	<b>North</b>							
	Mpamba	-	-	-	150	395	150	⇒ 0%
	Mzuzu	-	-	-	314	346	294	↓ -6%
	Nkhatabay-boma	-	320	320	-	-	-	⇒ 0%
	<b>Center</b>							
	Chinkhoma	-	-	256	256	293	293	↑ 14%
	Kawamba	-	320	288	320	-	-	⇒ 0%
	Mitundu	-	256	320	-	-	-	↑ 25%
	<b>South</b>							
	Limbe	309	309	288	315	395	395	↑ 28%
Namwera turn-off	192	-	201	208	208	270	↑ 8%	
<b>All markets</b>		<b>270</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>↑ 30%</b>
<b>Sweet potato</b>	<b>South</b>							
	Bangwe	200	200	200	200	200	200	⇒ 0%
	Chilobwe	250	250	250	250	250	250	⇒ 0%
	Chinakanaka	225	250	250	209	246	307	↑ 9%
	Ndirande	200	200	225	200	225	238	↑ 13%
	Zingwanga	-	-	300	225	275	333	↑ 11%
	<b>All markets</b>		<b>225</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>262</b>
<b>Irish potato</b>	<b>North</b>							
	Jenda	433	433	450	400	383	383	↓ -12%
	<b>Center</b>							
	Lizulu-Lilongwe	550	550	-	400	400	400	↓ -27%
	Lizulu	400	400	400	400	387	400	↓ -3%
	Tsangano turn-off	400	400	400	417	367	425	↓ -8%
	<b>South</b>							
	Blantyre market	400	400	400	450	329	430	↓ -18%
	Limbe	475	475	400	400	400	400	↓ -16%
	<b>All markets</b>		<b>433</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>406</b>

**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 July 2021



**Table 4.** Retail prices of other cereals (MWK/kg) during July 2021

Commodity	Market	June 26	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31	Change since June 26
Rice	<b>North</b>							
	Karonga-boma	400	400	400	400	400	400	⇒ 0%
	Mzimba-boma	850	850	850	850	800	800	↓ -6%
	Nkhatabay-boma	567	600	600	600	600	600	↑ 6%
	Pusi	-	-	-	600	600	650	↑ 8%
	Wowwe	-	-	-	600	600	600	⇒ 0%
	<b>Center</b>							
	Nkhotakota-boma	-	-	700	700	700	700	⇒ 0%
	Salima-kamuzu road	700	700	675	650	650	650	↓ -7%
	<b>South</b>							
	Chiringa	450	-	450	450	500	500	↑ 11%
	Phalombe	490	490	545	573	575	575	↑ 17%
	Songani	-	-	600	525	550	550	↓ -8%
<b>All markets</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>↑ 3%</b>	
Sorghum	<b>South</b>							
	Chikwawa	300	300	300	300	300	300	⇒ 0%
	Ngabu	-	-	-	300	300	300	⇒ 0%
	Nsanje	450	300	300	300	300	300	↓ -33%
	<b>All markets</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>↓ -14%</b>

**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 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](#)



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