

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 increased by 1 to 6 during October 2021.
- Average retail prices of fresh chambo decreased by 19 percent, fresh mlamba and fresh micheni increased by 4 and 0.1 percent respectively while prices for fresh usipa remained constant.
- Average retail prices of dried chambo and dried usipa increased by 5 and 8 percent respectively while prices of dried mlamba decreased by 7 percent and dried micheni prices remained constant.

Livestock and Livestock Products

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

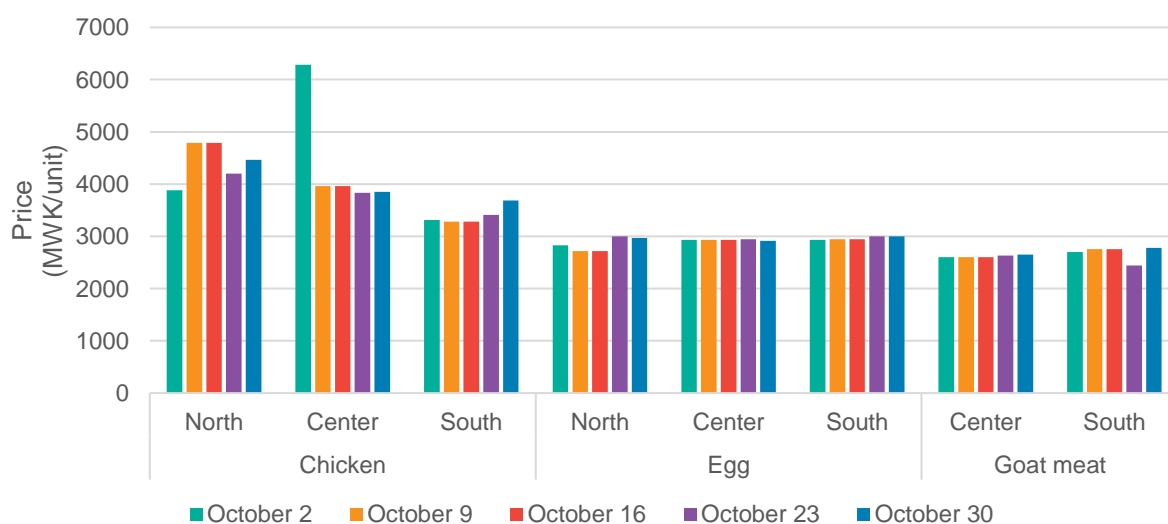
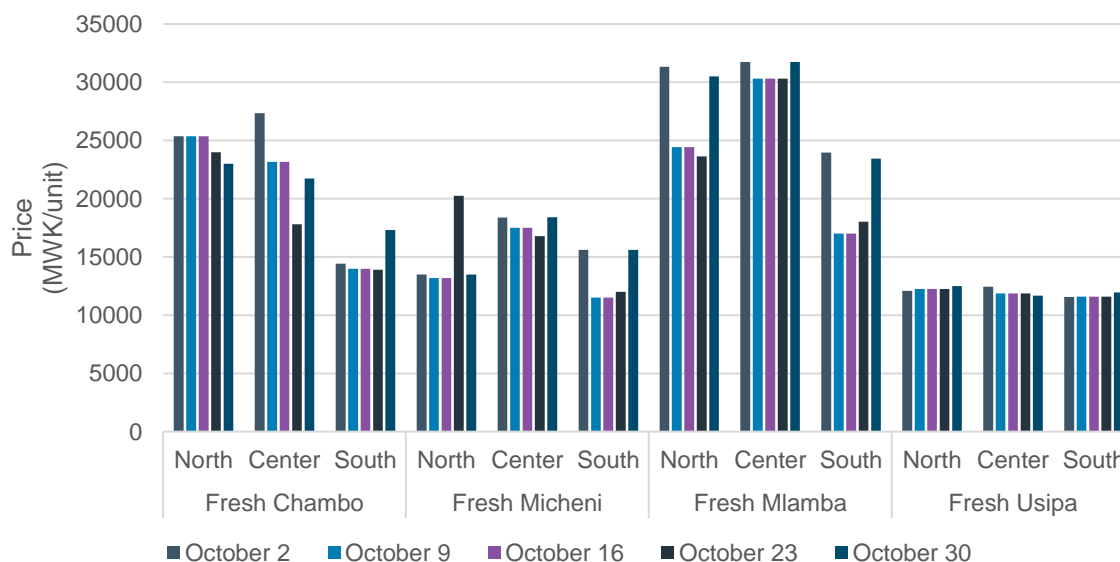


Table 1. Retail prices of livestock and livestock products (MWK/unit) during October 2021

Market	Chicken						Egg						Goat meat						Change since September 25		
	Sept 25	Oct 2	Oct 9	Oct 16	Oct 23	Oct 30	Sept 25	Oct 2	Oct 9	Oct 16	Oct 23	Oct 30	Sept 25	Oct 2	Oct 9	Oct 16	Oct 23	Oct 30	Chicken	Egg	Goat meat
North	4150	3880	4788	4788	4198	4464	2930	2827	2721	2721	3000	2970							↑ 8%	⇒ 1%	-
Chitipa-boma	4000	4000	5000	5000	4125	4875	3150	3150	2850	2850	3000	3000	-	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 22%	↓ 5%	-
Jenda	3500	3667	3500	3500	4167	4083	2800	2483	2483	2483	3000	2900	-	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 17%	↑ 4%	-
Karonga-boma	3750	3750	-	-	4000	4250	2700	2800	2700	2700	3000	3000	-	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 13%	↑ 11%	-
Mzuzu	5033	4056	5325	5325	4333	4938	2850	2550	-	-	3000	3000	-	-	-	-	-	-	↓ 2%	↑ 5%	-
Center	3867	6286	3960	3960	3831	3850	2913	2935	2930	2930	2945	2911	2617	2600	2600	2600	2633	2650	↓ 0.4%	↓ 0.0%	↑ 1%
Chimbiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	3175	3250	2825	2825	2867	2800	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	-	↓ 12%	⇒ 0%
Mchinji	3917	3756	4000	4000	3833	3500	2733	2733	3500	3500	3000	3000	-	-	-	-	-	-	↓ 11%	↑ 10%	↑
Mitundu	3200	3200	3200	3200	3550	3400	3000	3000	2700	2700	3000	3000	2675	2650	2650	2650	2700	2800	↑ 6%	⇒ 0%	↑ 5%
Salima-boma	4125	11625	4300	4300	4250	4250	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 3%	-	-
Salima-kamuzu road	-	-	-	-	-	-	2700	2700	2800	2800	2933	2900	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 7%	-
South	3190	3310	3283	3283	3413	3683	2931	2931	2944	2944	3000	3000	2717	2700	2757	2757	2444	2779	↑ 15%	↑ 2%	↑ 2%
Balaka	3050	3250	3250	3250	3375	4000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	↑ 31%	⇒ 0%	⇒ 0%
Bangula	-	-	-	-	-	-	2800	2800	-	-	3050	3000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 7%	-
Lunzu	3400	3400	3300	3300	3450	3450	3000	3000	2850	2850	3000	3000	-	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 1%	⇒ 0%	-
Mangochi	-	-	-	-	-	-	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	2600	2600	-	-	-	2800	-	⇒ 0%	↑ 8%
Ngabu	-	-	-	-	-	-	2925	2925	2950	2950	2950	3000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 3%	-
Bvumbwe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2700	2500	2800	2800	2800	2800	-	-	↑ 4%
Chiringa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	-	-	⇒ 0%
Liwonde	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2750	2850	-	-	2700	3000	-	-	↑ 9%
Mwanza	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2500	2500	2500	2500	1400	2500	-	-	⇒ 0%
All markets	3825	4459	4067	4067	3894	4044	2923	2910	2887	2887	2979	2962	2697	2680	2710	2710	2492	2750	↑ 6%	↑ 1%	↑ 2%

Note: Chickens are priced per live chicken; eggs are priced per tray (tray = 30 eggs); goat meat is priced per kg; - = commodity not monitored or prices not reported from this market.

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



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

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

Market	Fresh Chambo						Fresh Micheni						Change since September 26	
	Sept 25	Oct 2	Oct 9	Oct 16	Oct 23	Oct 30	Sept 25	Oct 2	Oct 9	Oct 16	Oct 23	Oct 30	Fresh Chambo	Fresh Micheni
North	25714	25371	25371	25371	24000	23000	13500	13500	13200	13200	20250	13500	↓ -11%	→ 0%
Mzuzu	34750	26000	26000	26000	26000	26000	12000	12000	12000	12000	24000	12000	↓ -25%	→ 0%
Ngara	-	27200	27200	27200	28000	26000	18000	18000	12000	12000	36000	18000	↓ -4%	→ 0%
Tukombo	18000	18000	18000	18000	-	18000	12000	12000	18000	18000	10500	12000	→ 0%	→ 0%
Center	34750	27333	23170	23170	17800	21750	18375	18375	17500	17500	16800	18400	↓ -37%	↑ 0%
Area 2 fish market	-	29000	22917	22917	18000	28000	24750	24750	22000	22000	22000	22667	↓ -3%	↓ -8%
Kasungu boma	-	-	-	-	-	12000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nkhotakota boma	-	24000	23550	23550	23500	23500	12000	12000	13000	13000	12000	12000	↓ -2%	→ 0%
Salima-kamuzu road	-	-	-	-	13933	-	-	-	-	-	6000	-	-	-
South	14380	15600	11500	11500	12000	15600	15600	11500	11500	12000	15600	15600	↑ 8%	→ 0%
Limbe	-	13500	13500	13500	-	13500	13500	13500	13500	-	13500	-	→ 0%	→ 0%
Liwonde	8600	-	9000	9000	-	-	-	-	9000	9000	-	-	↑ 5%	-
Lunzu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mbulumbuzi	9000	9000	7500	7500	-	9000	9000	9000	7500	7500	-	9000	→ 0%	→ 0%
Songani	-	18000	18000	18000	13500	18000	18000	18000	18000	18000	13500	18000	→ 0%	→ 0%
Zomba market	-	24000	-	-	13500	24000	24000	24000	-	-	13500	24000	→ 0%	-
All markets	24948	22768	20014	20014	17933	20117	15825	15825	14067	14067	16350	15833	↓ -19%	↑ 0.1%

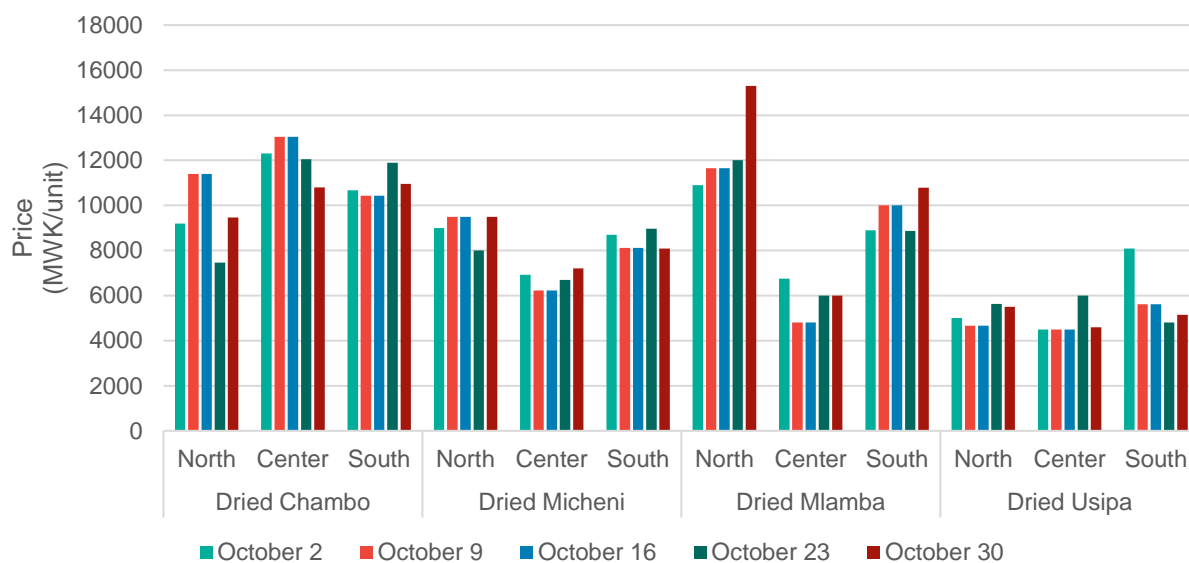
Note: Chambo and Micheni are priced per dozen fish; - = prices not reported from this market.

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

Market	Fresh Mlamba						Fresh Usipa						Change since September 26	
	Sept 25	Oct 2	Oct 9	Oct 16	Oct 23	Oct 30	Sept 25	Oct 2	Oct 9	Oct 16	Oct 23	Oct 30	Fresh Mlamba	Fresh Usipa
North	27000	31333	24429	24429	23625	30500	12500	12083	12250	12083	12250	12500	↑ 13%	→ 0%
Mzuzu	27000	26667	20000	20000	20000	27000	12500	12500	12500	12500	12500	12500	→ 0%	→ 0%
Ngara	-	36000	26000	26000	26000	33000	12500	-	11875	-	11875	12500	↓ -8%	→ 0%
Tukombo	36000	36000	33000	33000	25500	36000	12500	11250	12500	11250	12500	12500	→ 0%	→ 0%
Center	31750	31750	30303	30303	30303	31750	11667	12438	11875	12438	11875	11667	→ 0%	→ 0%
Area 2 fish market	29500	29500	32967	32967	32967	32967	11250	11875	11250	11875	11250	11250	↑ 12%	→ 0%
Kasungu boma	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nkhotakota boma	34000	34000	27640	27640	27640	34000	11875	13000	12500	13000	12500	11875	→ 0%	→ 0%
Salima-kamuzu road	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South	23429	23967	17000	17000	18029	23429	11964	11563	11607	11563	11607	11964	→ 0%	→ 0%
Limbe	34500	42000	33000	33000	36000	36000	12500	-	12500	-	12500	12500	↑ 4%	→ 0%
Liwonde	9500	6900	8933	8933	12200	9500	11250	11250	11250	11250	11250	11250	→ 0%	→ 0%
Mbulumbuzi	21000	15000	-	16500	16500	21000	12500	12500	12500	12500	11250	12500	→ 0%	→ 0%
Songani	27500	23000	18100	18100	23000	23000	11250	11250	11250	11250	11250	11250	↓ -16%	→ 0%
Zomba market	-	-	24000	24000	24000	24000	12500	-	-	-	-	12500	→ 0%	-
All markets	27393	29017	23911	23911	23986	28560	12044	12028	11911	12028	11911	12044	↑ 4%	→ 0%

Note: Mlamba is priced per dozen; Usipa is priced per 5 litre pail; - = prices not reported from this market

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



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

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

Market	Dried Chambo						Dried Micheni						Change since September 26	
	Sept 25	Oct 2	Oct 9	Oct 16	Oct 23	Oct 30	Sept 25	Oct 2	Oct 9	Oct 16	Oct 23	Oct 30	Dried Chambo	Dried Micheni
North	8700	9200	11400	11400	7467	9467	9500	9000	9500	9500	8000	9500	↑ 9%	⇒ 0%
Mzuzu	8700	9200	11400	11400	8450	8450	9500	9000	9500	9500	8000	9500	↓ -3%	⇒ 0%
Ngara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6000	-	-	-
Tukombo	-	-	-	-	5500	11500	-	-	-	-	9000	-	-	-
Center	13050	12300	13050	13050	12043	10800	7200	6925	6220	6220	6700	7200	↓ -17%	⇒ 0%
Area 2 fish market	-	-	-	-	9000	9000	-	-	-	-	7000	-	-	-
Kasungu boma	9600	9600	9600	9600	9600	9600	7800	7833	7567	7567	6000	7800	⇒ 0%	⇒ 0%
Nkhotakota boma	-	-	-	-	7500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salima-kamuzu road	16500	15000	16500	16500	16200	15000	6000	4200	4200	4200	6600	6000	↓ -9%	⇒ 0%
South	9543	8900	10006	10006	8863	10789	8088	8692	8108	8108	8967	8088	↑ 13%	⇒ 0%
Limbe	-	10500	10042	10042	11050	10500	9000	8000	-	-	9650	9000	⇒ 0%	⇒ 0%
Liwonde	9000	7133	9000	9000	7900	10000	9000	9000	9000	9000	8267	9000	↑ 11%	⇒ 0%
Mbulumbuzi	-	12200	11000	11000	9000	12000	6700	9000	6425	6425	8750	6700	↓ -2%	⇒ 0%
Mulanje boma	9120	9180	9120	9120	5000	6800	7933	9000	8800	8800	6000	7933	↓ -25%	⇒ 0%
Songani	10500	10500	9000	9000	15000	9000	9000	9000	9000	9000	11000	9000	↓ -14%	⇒ 0%
Zomba market	-	7100	6600	6600	8000	8400	7500	8000	-	-	12000	7500	↑ 18%	⇒ 0%
All markets	10193	10779	10980	10980	11380	10653	7983	8353	7596	7596	8173	7983	↑ 5%	⇒ 0%

Note: Chambo and Micheni are priced per dozen; - = prices not reported from this market

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

Market	Dried Mlamba						Dried Usipa						Change since September 26	
	Sept 25	Oct 2	Oct 9	Oct 16	Oct 23	Oct 30	Sept 25	Oct 2	Oct 9	Oct 16	Oct 23	Oct 30	Dried Mlamba	Dried Usipa
North	15300	10900	11650	11650	12000	15300	5500	5000	4667	4667	5625	5625	⇒ 0%	2%
Mzuzu	15300	10900	11650	11650	-	15300	5500	5000	5500	5500	6000	6000	⇒ 0%	↑ 0.1
Ngara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3000	3000	4750	-	-	-
Tukombo	-	-	-	-	12000	-	-	-	-	-	7000	-	-	-
Center	6000	6750	4800	4800	6000	6000	4600	4500	4500	4500	6000	6000	⇒ 0%	↑ 30%
Area 2 fish market	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6000	-	-	-
Kasungu boma	6000	6000	4800	4800	-	4800	4333	3750	4500	4500	-	4333	↓ -20%	⇒ 0%
Nkhotakota boma	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salima-kamuzu road	6000	7500	4800	4800	6000	6200	5000	6000	4500	4500	6000	5000	↑ 3%	⇒ 0%
South	10789	8900	10006	10006	8863	10789	5141	8083	5613	5613	4800	4800	⇒ 0%	↓ -7%
Limbe	10500	10500	10042	10042	11050	11050	7000	7000	6900	6900	5250	7000	↑ 5%	⇒ 0%
Liwonde	10000	7133	9000	9000	7900	10000	5000	5000	5333	5333	5333	5333	⇒ 0%	↑ 7%
Mbulumbuzi	9000	7500	8750	8750	9000	9000	5500	5500	5750	5750	5750	5750	⇒ 0%	↑ 5%
Mulanje boma	9200	9000	9200	9200	9200	9200	4500	5500	5000	5000	5000	5000	⇒ 0%	↑ 11%
Songani	15000	12000	13000	13000	13000	13000	5833	6000	6000	6000	4000	5000	↓ -13%	↓ -14%
Zomba market	8400	6000	6000	6000	6000	6000	4250	17917	4333	4333	-	4250	↓ -29%	⇒ 0%
All markets	9743	8880	9032	9032	8908	9032	5080	5861	4927	4927	5475	5475	↓ -7%	↑ 8%

Note: Mlamba are priced per dozen; Usipa is priced per 5 litre pail; - = prices not reported from 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 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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