



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 groundnut, soybeans and pigeon peas decreased by 6 to 19 percent while common bean increased by 2 percent.
- Average retail prices of cassava and sweet potato decreased by 23 and 11 percent respectively while irish potatoes prices increased by 49 percent.
- Average retail prices of rice and sorghum increased by 5 and 7 percent respectively.

Legumes

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

Market	Common bean					Pigeon pea					Change since April week 4	
	April	May				April	May				Bean	P. pea
	Week 4	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 4	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4		
North	894	956	867	831	869	-	-	-	-	-	↓ -3%	-
Jenda	650	850	850	788	863	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 33%	-
Karonga-boma	900	950	850	850	850	-	-	-	-	-	↓ -6%	-
Mzuzu	1013	1013	900	900	900	-	-	-	-	-	↓ -11%	-
Center	1100	1125	1075	713	1163	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 6%	-
Chimbiya	900	900	900	900	900	-	-	-	-	-	→ 0%	-
Mchinji	1300	1100	1100	1450	1350	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 4%	-
Mitundu	1100	1250	1150	250	1200	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 9%	-
South	1217	1167	1250	1217	1233	713	725	730	700	650	↑ 1%	↓ -9%
Balaka	1225	1150	1275	1225	1250	650	717	725	800	700	↑ 2%	↑ 8%
Bangula	-	-	-	1200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lunzu	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	700	700	700	700	700	→ 0%	→ 0%
Mangochi	-	-	-	-	-	800	800	800	600	600	-	↓ -25%
Ngabu	-	-	-	-	-	700	700	700	700	600	-	↓ -14%
All markets	1053	1075	1065	893	1075	713	725	730	700	650	↑ 2%	↓ -9%

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

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

Market	Soybean					Groundnut					Change since April week 4	
	April	May				April	May				Soybean	Groundnut
	Week 4	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 4	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4		
North	1267	1267	1267	1267	1267	1338	1313	1313	1240	1075	⇒ 0%	↓ -20%
Jenda	-	-	-	-	-	1300	1200	1200	1100	800	-	↓ -38%
Karonga-boma	1400	1400	1400	1400	1400	1400	1400	1400	1400	1500	⇒ 0%	↑ 7%
Mzuzu	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1250	1250	1250	1200	1200	-	↓ -4%
Center	770	736	740	840	860	1250	1325	1150	1100	1025	↑ 12%	↓ -18%
Chimbiya	740	740	850	850	850	1050	1000	1000	1000	1000	↑ 15%	↓ -5%
Mchinji	1000	1000	800	1000	1000	1400	1300	1100	1400	1300	⇒ 0%	↓ -7%
Mitundu	600	600	600	750	800	1500	1500	1250	1000	900	↑ 33%	↓ -40%
South	1288	1150	1050	1080	1060	1300	1400	950	1075	1050	↓ -18%	↓ -19%
Balaka	1375	1100	900	1100	1050	1300	1500	1000	1100	1000	↓ -24%	↓ -23%
Bangula	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lunzu	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mangochi	1200	1200	1200	1000	1000	-	-	-	-	-	↓ -17%	-
Ngabu	-	-	-	-	-	1300	1300	900	900	1000	-	↓ -23%
All markets	1094	1007	975	1031	1031	1295	1335	1175	1146	1050	↓ -6%	↓ -19%

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 May 2022

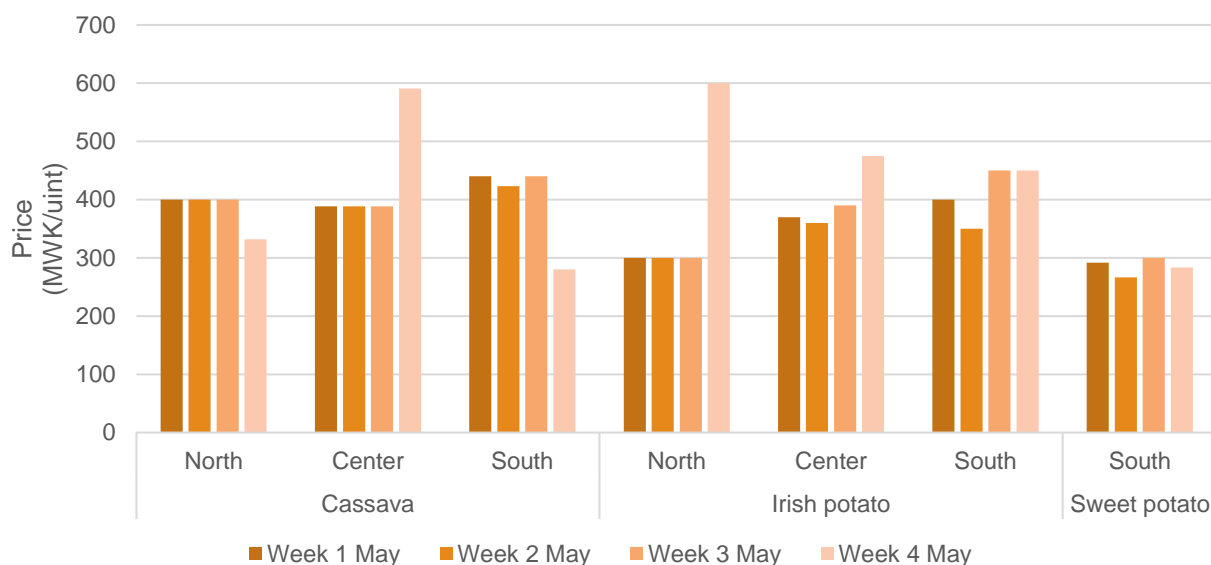


Table 3. Retail prices of roots and tubers (MWK/unit) during May 2022

Commodity	Market	April	May				Change	
		Week 4	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	since April week 4	
Cassava	North	456	400	400	400	332	↓	-12%
	Mpamba	512	-	-	-	-		-
	Mzuzu	400	400	400	400	332	↓	-17%
	Nkhatabay-boma	-	-	-	-	-		-
	Center	389	389	389	389	591	↑	52%
	Chinkhoma	389	389	389	389	591	↑	52%
	Kawamba	-	-	-	-	-		-
	Mitundu	-	-	-	-	-		-
	South	420	440	423	440	280	↓	-33%
	Limbe	-	320	320	320	320	→	0%
Namwera turn-off	420	560	474	560	240	↓	-43%	
All markets	472	417	410	414	363	↓	-23%	
Sweet potato	South	317	292	267	300	283	↓	-11%
	Bangwe	333	250	200	333	200	↓	-40%
	Chilobwe	333	292	250	250	250	↓	-25%
	Chinakanaka	333	333	292	292	292	↓	-12%
	Ndirande	292	292	292	333	333	↑	14%
	Zingwanga	-	-	-	-	-		-
All markets	317	292	267	300	283	↓	-11%	
Irish potato	North	200	300	300	300	600	↑	200%
	Jenda	200	300	300	300	600	↑	200%
	Center	363	370	360	390	475	↑	31%
	Lizulu-Lilongwe	300	400	350	500	600	↑	100%
	Lizulu	375	375	375	375	450	↑	20%
	Tsangano turn-off	400	350	350	350	400	→	0%
	South	300	400	350	450	450	↑	50%
	Blantyre market	300	300	325	500	500	↑	67%
Limbe	-	500	400	400	400	↓	-20%	
All markets	325	361	350	394	486	↑	49%	

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 May 2022

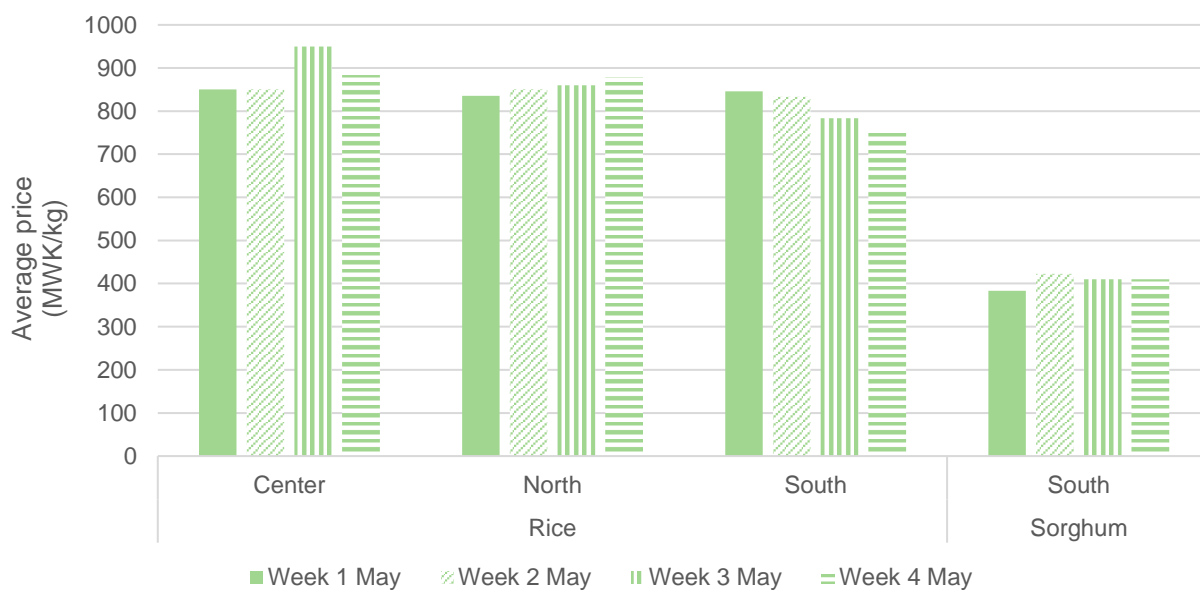


Table 4. Retail prices of other cereals (MWK/kg) during May 2022

Commodity	Market	April	May				Change since April week 4	
		Week 4	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4		
Rice	North	821	836	850	860	879	↑	7%
	Karonga-boma	800	800	800	800	800	→	0%
	Mzimba-boma	850	850	850	875	875	↑	3%
	Nkhatabay-boma	1000	1000	1000	1000	925	↓	-8%
	Pusi	775	800	800	-	1000	↑	29%
	Wowwe	750	800	800	750	750	→	0%
	Center	850	850	850	950	883	↑	4%
	Nkhotakota-boma	800	800	800	800	775	↓	-3%
	Salima-kamuzu road	900	900	900	1100	1100	↑	22%
	South	767	846	833	783	750	↓	-2%
	Chiringa	700	825	850	800	700	→	0%
	Phalombe	850	1000	950	850	850	→	0%
	Songani	750	790	700	700	700	↓	-7%
All markets	813	841	845	855	850	↑	5%	
Sorghum	South	383	383	423	410	410	↑	7%
	Chikwawa	400	400	400	375	375	↓	-6%
	Ngabu	-	-	540	540	540		-
	Nsanje	350	350	350	350	350	→	0%
	All markets	383	383	423	410	410	↑	7%

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 May 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 May 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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