

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 soybeans, pigeon peas and groundnuts increased by 4 to 21 percent while common bean marginally declined by 0.5 percent.
- Average retail prices of cassava, irish potatoes and sweet potatoes increased by 6 to 10 percent.
- Average retail price of rice decreased by 1 percent while sorghum retail prices increased by 17 percent.

Legumes

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

Market	Common bean					Pigeon pea					Change since October 30	
	Oct 30	Nov 6	Nov 13	Nov 20	Nov 27	Oct 30	Nov 6	Nov 13	Nov 20	Nov 27	Bean	P.pea
North	904	838	936	880	889	411	411	-	421	421	↔ -2%	↕ 3%
Jenda	850	817	867	867	883	-	-	-	-	-	↕ 4%	-
Karonga-boma	950	-	950	-	888	411	411	-	421	421	↘ -7%	↕ 2%
Mzuzu	925	900	1100	900	900	-	-	-	-	-	↘ -3%	-
Center	1130	1200	1167	1200	1200	-	-	-	-	-	↕ 6%	-
Chimbiya	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	-	-	-	-	-	↔ 0%	-
Mchinji	1025	-	1100	-	1200	-	-	-	-	-	↕ 9%	-
Mitundu	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	-	-	-	-	-	↔ 0%	-
South	1260	1250	1180	1160	1160	621	625	629	640	650	↘ -8%	↕ 5%
Balaka	1300	1250	1300	1350	1350	700	700	775	775	775	↕ 4%	↕ 11%
Bangula	-	-	900	1000	1000	-	-	-	-	-	↕ 11%	-
Lunzu	1200	-	1200	1100	1100	600	-	600	-	600	↘ -8%	↔ 0%
Mangochi	-	-	-	-	-	600	600	600	600	700	-	↕ 17%
Ngabu	-	-	-	-	-	525	500	525	525	525	-	↔ 0%
All markets	1086	1031	1081	1050	1081	595	582	629	604	625	↘ -0.5%	↕ 5%

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

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

Market	Soybean					Groundnut					Change since October 30	
	Oct 30	Nov 6	Nov 13	Nov 20	Nov 27	Oct 30	Nov 6	Nov 13	Nov 20	Nov 27	Soybean	Groundnut
North	900	1000	1000	1000	1033	915	920	983	1014	1007	↑ 15%	→ 10%
Jenda	-	-	-	-	-	850	733	775	833	783	-	↓ -8%
Karonga-boma	900	1000	1000	1000	1100	1200	1200	1200	1200	1250	↑ 22%	↑ 4%
Mzuzu	900	-	-	-	900	838	-	750	1100	1100	→ 0%	↑ 31%
Center	870	850	878	830	910	995	860	1000	903	993	↑ 5%	↓ 0%
Chimbiya	800	-	807	807	817	890	863	883	855	885	↑ 1%	↓ -1%
Mchinji	950	-	1000	-	1200	1175	-	1200	-	1200	↑ 20%	→ 0%
Mitundu	850	850	850	900	900	950	850	950	1000	1000	↑ 6%	↑ 5%
South	850	900	1075	1175	1225	1167	1225	1190	3180	1220	↑ 44%	↑ 5%
Balaka	933	950	1250	1250	1200	1267	1300	1275	1250	1350	↑ 29%	↑ 7%
Bangula	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lunzu	775	-	1000	1200	1200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mangochi	750	800	800	1000	1300	1000	1200	1200	1300	1200	↑ 73%	↑ 20%
Ngabu	-	-	-	-	-	1100	1100	1100	6050	1100	-	→ 0%
All markets	865	910	964	1002	1046	1032	995	1050	1714	1070	↑ 21%	↑ 4%

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 November 2021

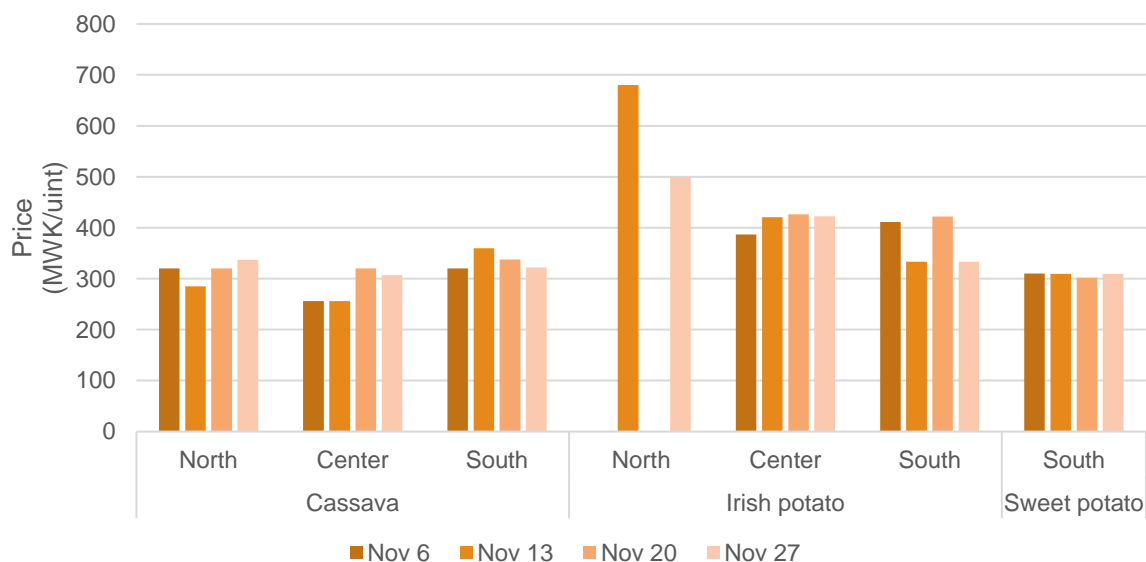


Table 3. Retail prices of roots and tubers (MWK/unit) during November 2021

Commodity	Market	Oct 30	Nov 6	Nov 13	Nov 20	Nov 27	Change	
							since	October 30
Cassava	North	307	320	285	320	337	↑	10%
	Mpamba	264		250		320	↑	21%
	Mzuzu	365	320	320	320	371	↑	2%
	Nkhatabay-boma	-	-	-	-	320		-
	Center	256	256	256	320	307	↑	20%
	Chinkhoma	256	256	256	320	307	↑	20%
	Kaw amba	-	-	-	-	-		-
	Mitundu	-	-	-	-	-		-
	South	315	320	360	338	322	↑	2%
	Limbe	373	-	400	347	323	↓	-14%
Namw era turn-of	296	320	320	320	320	↑	8%	
All markets	307	299	324	331	324	↑	6%	
Sweet potato	South	282	310	309	302	309	↑	10%
	Bangw e	211	275	221	250	221	↑	5%
	Chilobw e	292	333	333	333	333	↑	14%
	Chinakanaka	286	333	333	333	333	↑	17%
	Ndirande	375	333	350	-	350	↑	5%
	Zingw anga	275	-	333	333	333	↑	21%
	All markets	282	310	309	302	309	↑	10%
Irish potato	North	525		680		500	↓	-5%
	Jenda	525		680		500	↓	-5%
	Center	363	387	421	426	423	↑	16%
	Lizulu-Lilongw e	400		490	500	500	↑	25%
	Lizulu	372	380	387	387	387	↑	4%
	Tsangano turn-of	300	400	408	413	400	↑	33%
	South	333	411	333	422	333	→	0%
	Blantyre market	300	411	300	422	300	→	0%
Limbe	400		400		400	→	0%	
All markets	387	396	420	426	426	↑	10%	

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 November 2021

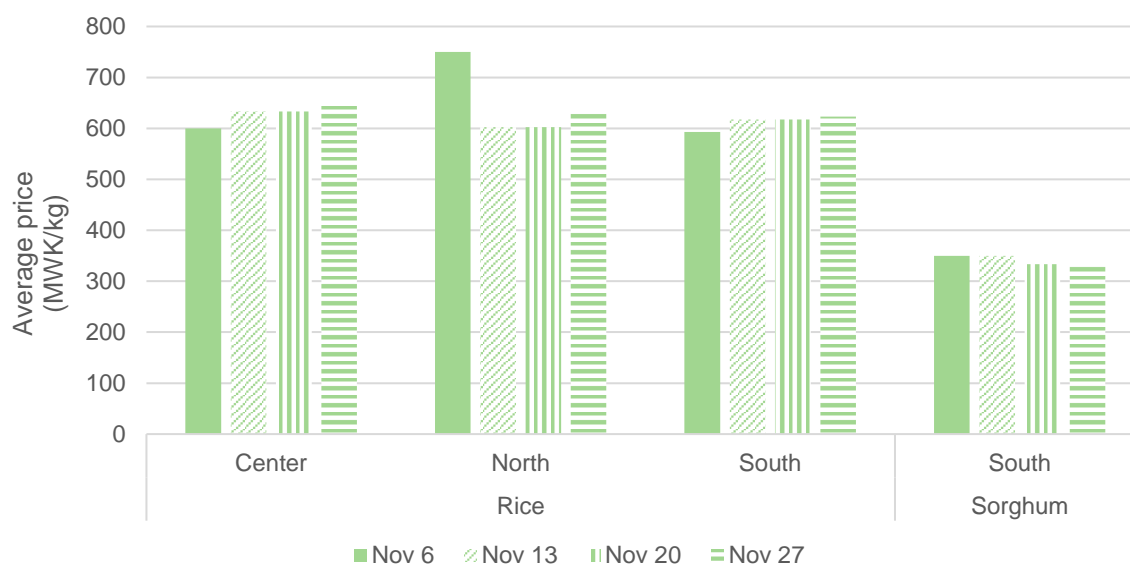


Table 4. Retail prices of other cereals (MWK/kg) during November 2021

Commodity	Market	Oct 30	Nov 6	Nov 13	Nov 20	Nov 27	Change	
							since October 30	
Rice	North	650	750	602	602	629	↓	-3%
	Karonga-boma	617	800	650	650	700	↑	14%
	Mzimba-boma	775	800	800	800	850	↑	10%
	Nkhatabay-boma	640	600	600	600	600	↓	-6%
	Pusi	700	700	650	650	650	↓	-7%
	Wovwe	550	850	475	475	508	↑	7%
	Center	600	600	633	633	650	↑	8%
	Nkhotakota-boma	-	-	700	700	650	↓	-7%
	Salima-kamuzu road	600	600	600	600	650	↑	8%
	South	622	593	617	617	623	↑	0%
	Chiringa	583	600	617	617	633	↑	9%
	Phalombe	700	-	683	683	683	↓	-2%
	Songani	583	583	552	552	553	↑	0%
	All markets	636	665	612	612	629	↓	-1%
Sorghum	South	300	350	350	333	333	↑	11%
	Chikwawa	300	300	300	300	300	→	0%
	Ngabu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Nsanje	-	400	400	400	400	→	0%
	All markets	300	350	350	350	350	↑	17%

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 November 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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