

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 and goat decreased by 3 and 5 percent respectively during January 2021 while egg prices increased by 12 percent.
- Average retail prices of fresh chambo, fresh mlamba and fresh micheni decreased by 16 to 47 percent while prices for fresh usipa increased by 14 percent.
- Average retail prices of dried usipa, dried chambo and dried micheni increased by 13 to 42 percent while prices of dried mlamba decreased by 23 percent.

Livestock and Livestock Products

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

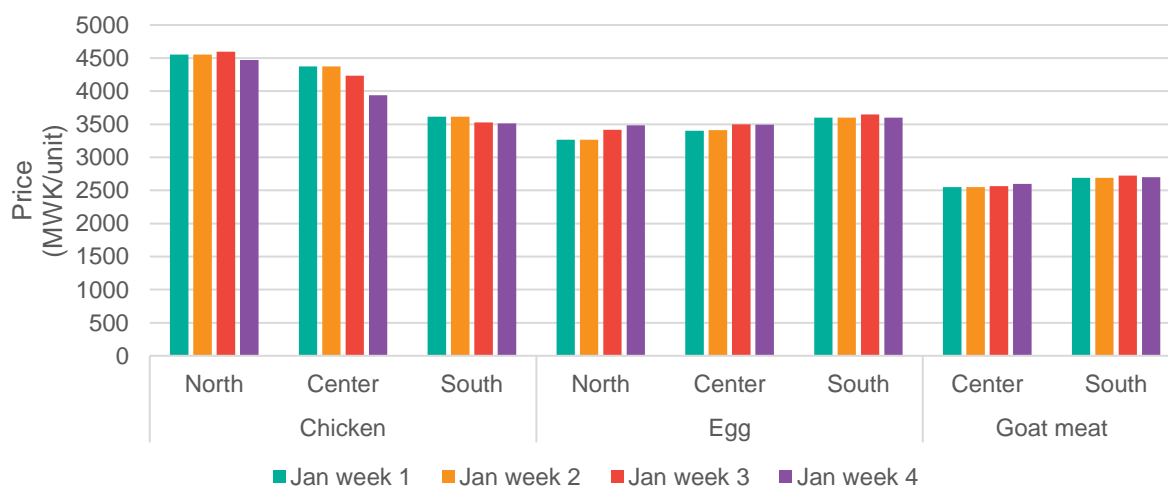
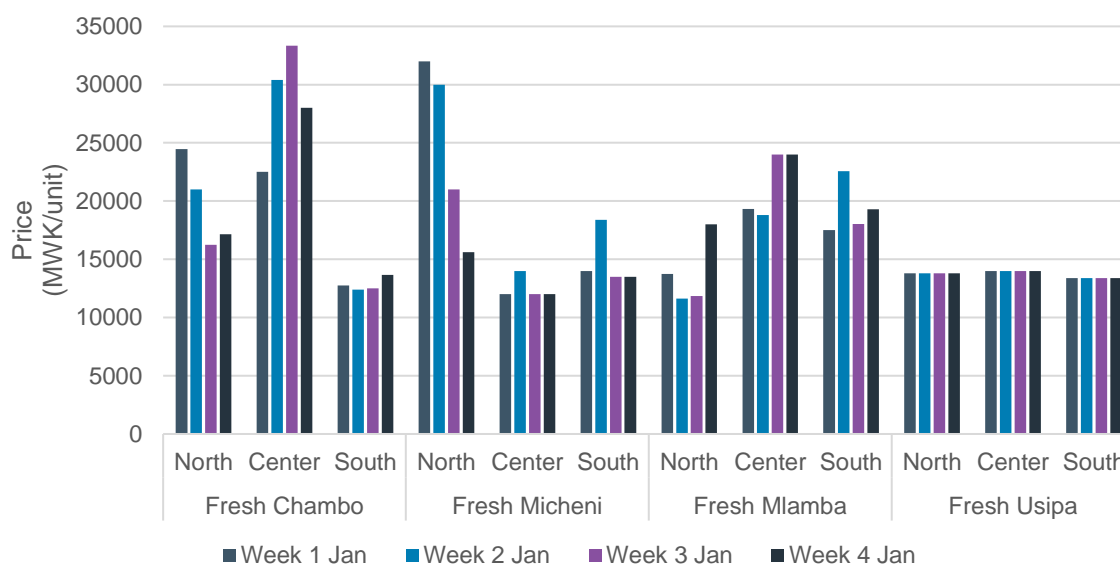


Table 1. Retail prices of livestock and livestock products (MWK/unit) during January 2021

Market	Chicken					Egg					Goat meat					Change since Dec 25		
	Dec	Jan				Dec	Jan				Dec	Jan				Chicken	Egg	Goat meat
	Dec 25	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Dec 25	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Dec 25	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4			
North	4688	4556	4556	4596	4473	3054	3268	3268	3417	3484	-	-	-	-	-	↔ -5%	↑ 14%	-
Chitipa-boma	4167	4167	4167	4538	3625	3200	3250	3250	3250	3825	-	-	-	-	-	↓ -13%	↑ 20%	-
Jenda	4167	3500	3500	4000	4050	2963	3200	3200	3600	3388	-	-	-	-	-	↓ -3%	↑ 14%	-
Karonga-boma	4833	5500	5500		4000	2950	3225	3225	3433	3125	-	-	-	-	-	↓ -17%	↓ -3%	-
Mzuzu	5583	5333	5333	5250	5979	3150	3500	3500	3375	3600	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 7%	↑ 14%	-
Center	4083	4375	4375	4233	3938	3176	3400	3413	3500	3495	2567	2550	2550	2567	2600	↓ -4%	↑ 10%	↑ 1%
Chimbiya	-	-	-	-	-	3240	3500	3500	3600	3600	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	-	↑ 11%	↔ 0%
Mchinji	3667	4483	4483	4133	3875	3600	3350	3350	3600	3750	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 6%	↑ 4%	-
Mitundu	3500	3500	3500	3500	4000	2933	3300	3300	3250	3150	2600	2600	2600	2600	2633	↑ 14%	↑ 7%	↑ 1%
Salima-boma	5000	4650	4650	4750	4000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	↓ -20%	-	-
Salima-kamuzu road	-	-	-	-	-	3050	3400	3400	3600	3300	-	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 8%	-
South	3507	3613	3613	3529	3514	3208	3600	3600	3650	3600	2862	2689	2689	2723	2700	↑ 0%	↑ 12%	↓ -6%
Balaka	3750	3875	3875	3767	3733	3600	3600	3600	3600	3600	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	↓ 0%	↔ 0%	↔ 0%
Bangula	-	-	-	-	-	3000	4500	4500	4200	3600	-	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 20%	-
Lunzu	3450	3500	3500	3500	3500	3200	3300	3300	3200	3300	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 1%	↑ 3%	-
Mangochi	3200	3200	3200	3200	3200	3300	3150	3150	3600	3750	2800	2650	2650	2800	2550	-	↑ 14%	↓ -9%
Ngabu	-	-	-	-	-	3100	3500	3500	3467	3600	-	-	-	-	-	-	↑ 16%	-
Bvumbwe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2800	3000	3000	2833	3000	-	-	↑ 7%
Chiringa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	-	-	↔ 0%
Liwonde	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3500	2500	2500	2500	2600	-	-	↓ -26%
Mwanza	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2500	2400	2400	2400	2400	-	-	↓ -4%
All markets	4121	4252	4252	4088	3981	3159	3447	3453	3538	3529	2806	2646	2646	2694	2676	↓ -3%	↑ 12%	↓ -5%

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 January 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 January 2021

Market	Fresh Chambo					Fresh Micheni					Change since Dec 25	
	Dec	Jan				Dec	Jan				Fresh Chambo	Fresh Micheni
	Dec 25	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Dec 25	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4		
North	26571	19250	19439	17910	17693	29143	32000	30000	21000	15600	↓ -33%	↓ -46%
Mzuzu	28000	24460	20990	16240	17140	36000	30000	27000	24000	15000	↓ -39%	↓ -58%
Ngara	28000	16150	13980	13600	12567	28000	36000	32000	18000	16200	↓ -55%	↓ -42%
Tukombo	18000	30000	28000	18000	24000	12000	-	-	-	-	↑ 33%	-
Center	32500	22500	30400	33333	28000	17667	12000	14000	12000	12000	↓ -14%	↓ -32%
Area 2 fish market	28000	12000	-	28000	-	23000	12000	-	-	-	→ 0%	↓ -48%
Kasungu boma	12000	15000	-	-	18000	-	12000	6000	-	12000	-	-
Nkhotakota boma	45000	39000	36000	36000	33000	15000	12000	18000	12000	12000	↓ -15%	→ 0%
Salima-kamuzu road	-	18000	19200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South	16483	12743	12408	12493	13671	19000	14000	18375	13500	13500	↓ -17%	↓ -29%
Limbe	21000	13000	15750	12800	13000	12000	12000	12000	12000	12000	↓ -38%	→ 0%
Liw onde	9450	7600	7950	7725	7650	-	-	16500	-	-	-	-
Lunzu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mbulumbuzi	18000	18000	9000	16500	18000	9000	9000	9000	6000	-	→ 0%	↓ -33%
Songani	-	6000	6000	9000	9400	-	-	-	6000	-	-	-
Zomba market	20000	24000	20000	17200	27000	36000	21000	36000	30000	15000	↓ -58%	↓ -58%
All markets	22495	19016	17897	17479	18796	23000	18333	21389	17250	13886	↓ -16%	↓ -40%

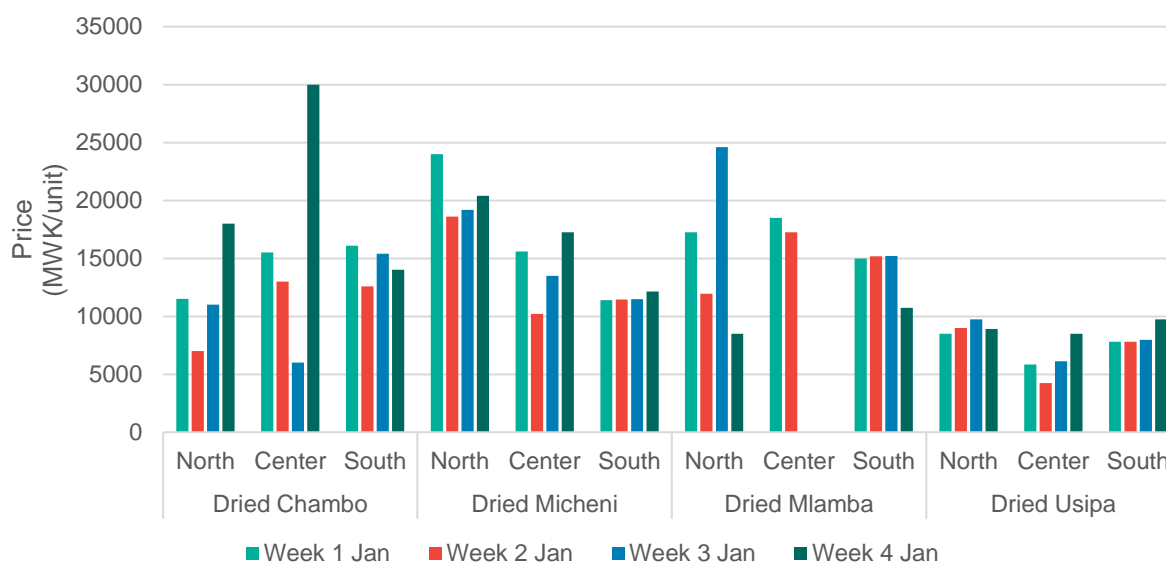
Note: Chambo and Micheni are priced per dozen fish; - = prices not reported from this market.

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

Market	Fresh Mlamba					Fresh Usipa					Change since Dec 25	
	Dec	Jan				Dec	Jan				Fresh Mlamba	Fresh Usipa
	Dec 25	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Dec 25	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4		
North	30600	13750	11625	11833	18000	12250	13800	13800	13800	13800	↓ -41%	↑ 13%
Mzuzu	24000	21000	18000	18000	-	12500	13000	13000	13000	13000	↓ -25%	↑ 4%
Ngara	33000	11333	9500	8750	18000	11875	15000	15000	15000	15000	↓ -45%	↑ 26%
Tukombo	32400	-	-	-	-	12500	13000	13000	13000	13000	-	↑ 4%
Center	48000	19320	18800	24000	24000	12500	14000	14000	14000	14000	↓ -50%	↑ 12%
Area 2 fish market	72000	-	-	-	-	12500	15000	15000	15000	15000	-	↑ 20%
Kasungu boma	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nkhotakota boma	36000	24000	21000	24000	24000	12500	13000	13000	13000	13000	↓ -33%	↑ 4%
Salima-kamuzu road	-	15600	14400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South	26640	17520	22556	18040	19291	12094	13375	13375	13375	13375	↓ -28%	↑ 11%
Limbe	38500	25000	30500	21000	32500	12833	13667	13667	13667	13667	↓ -16%	↑ 6%
Liw onde	11200	11250	20400	12100	11020	11250	15000	15000	15000	15000	↓ -2%	↑ 33%
Mbulumbuzi	21000	-	-	-	-	11250	-	-	-	-	-	-
Songani	-	9000	9000	9000	6000	-	12500	12500	12500	12500	-	-
Zomba market	24000	11143	8933	-	12000	11250	13000	13000	13000	13000	↓ -50%	↑ 16%
All markets	32456	16041	16467	15475	17253	12051	13685	13685	13685	13685	↓ -47%	↑ 14%

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), January 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 January 2021

Market	Dried Chambo					Dried Micheni					Change since Dec 25	
	Dec	Jan				Dec	Jan				Dried Chambo	Dried Micheni
	Dec 25	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Dec 25	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4		
North	12833	11500	7000	11000	18000	15200	24000	18600	19200	20400	↑ 40%	↑ 34%
Mzuzu	9000	9333	7000	11000	18000	21600	-	18600	19200	20400	↑ 100%	↓ -6%
Ngara	-	18000	-	-	-	-	24000	-	-	-	-	-
Tukombo	14750	-	-	-	-	12000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Center	18500	15500	13000	6000	30000	13550	15600	10200	13500	17267	↑ 62%	↑ 27%
Area 2 fish market	22000	18000	-	-	-	19200	24000	-	-	-	-	-
Kasungu boma	-	18000	-	-	30000	11000	24000	-	17000	10900	-	↓ -1%
Nkhotakota boma	-	8000	8000	6000	-	12000	8400	8400	6500	30000	-	-
Salima-kamuzu road	15000	18000	18000	-	-	12000	6000	12000	-	-	↑ 20%	→ 0%
South	12069	16091	12587	15413	14013	11889	11400	11464	11473	12136	↑ 16%	↑ 2%
Limbe	18625	28500	18089	13767	13750	10000	12067	11500	11833	12000	↓ -52%	↑ 20%
Liw onde	9000	9000	9000	22500	9000	9000	9000	9000	9000	9000	→ 0%	→ 0%
Mbulumbuzi	10500	-	-	-	-	9000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mulanje boma	-	30000	-	22500	36000	6400	19200	21600	14100	16500	↑ 20%	↑ 158%
Songani	12000	10200	12000	-	12000	12000	6000	6000	7500	7500	→ 0%	↓ -38%
Zomba market	10800	16500	10500	9000	10200	12000	12000	12000	12000	12000	↓ -38%	→ 0%
All markets	12978	16685	11798	14128	18421	12200	14467	12388	12142	14788	↑ 42%	↑ 21%

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 January 2021

Market	Dried Mlamba					Dried Usipa					Change since Dec 25	
	Dec	Jan				Dec	Jan				Dried Mlamba	Dried Usipa
	Dec 25	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Dec 25	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4		
North	19825	17250	11950	24600	8500	5625	8500	9000	9750	8900	↓ -57.1%	↑ 58%
Mzuzu	12650	8500	11950	24600	8500	9250	8500	9000	9750	9000	↓ -32.8%	↓ 0.0
Ngara	-	26000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8750	-	-
Tukombo	27000	-	-	-	-	2000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Center	10833	18500	17250	-	-	6808	5833	4250	6125	8500	↑ 59%	↑ 25%
Area 2 fish market	9667	21000	-	-	-	7000	9000	-	-	-	-	-
Kasungu boma	-	-	-	-	-	7000	-	-	6500	-	-	-
Nkhotakota boma	-	30000	30000	-	-	8500	3500	3500	5000	8500	-	-
Salima-kamuzu road	-	4500	4500	-	-	5000	5000	5000	-	-	⇒ 0%	⇒ 0%
South	11978	14988	15174	15207	10744	8643	7814	7809	7985	9750	↓ -10%	↑ 13%
Limbe	13667	16150	14922	10833	13833	8500	9317	8467	9100	5000	↑ 1%	↓ -41%
Liw onde	12000	8100	9000	19500	9400	8500	8500	8000	9500	-	↓ -22%	↑ 12%
Mbulumbuzi	9000	-	-	-	-	8500	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mulanje boma	-	31200	33600	19500	12000	8000	6500	8000	8500	8000	-	⇒ 0%
Songani	15000	-	-	-	-	8500	5250	6500	8000	-	-	↓ -6%
Zomba market	-	16500	16500	15000	-	8500	8500	8500	6500	11000	↓ -9%	↑ 29%
All markets	14140	17994	17210	17887	10933	7438	7119	7121	7856	8375	↓ -23%	↑ 13%

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 January 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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