Price movement of white maize grain, Breakfast and Roller meal in selected public markets

At the beginning of January the price of white maize grain went up in Ndola and showed a slight decrease in Kasama. There were, however no changes in Lusaka and Choma prices.

For breakfast mealy meal there was an increase in price in Ndola, Lusaka, Kasama and Choma. In Kabwe and Solwezi the prices remained the same as in the previous reporting period.

There was a decline in Roller meal prices in Ndola. Lusaka and Kasama reported an increase. The prices remained unchanged Choma while the other districts did not report any price movements for this same period.

It has been observed that increase in prices in these commodities has been lesser in this period compared to the period last year.

Figure 1 below shows the white maize trend from December 2005 to December 2006 in Solwezi, Kasama and Lusaka districts.

Cassava chips and beans price movements.

The price movement in beans was on decline in Ndola and Lusaka while Kasama reported an increase in the price for beans. The price was stable in Choma. The other reporting districts did not report any price movements during period under review.

The price of cassava chips remained unchanged in almost all reporting districts between the first and second weeks of January 2007.

Figure 2 below shows price trends for beans and cassava chips from December 2005 to December 2006 in Mansa, Lusaka and Solwezi districts.
Table 1: Nominal Retail Prices for Maize Grain, Breakfast Meal and Roller Meal  
1st week January compared 2nd week January, 2007 (ZMK/kg)

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Previous week: Week beginning 2st January; Current week: Week beginning 8th January  
Source: AMIC, 2007

Table 2 below shows price movements in mixed beans and cassava chips.

Table 2: Nominal Retail Prices for Mixed Beans and Cassava Chips  
1st week January compared 2nd week January, 2007 (ZMK/kg)

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Source: AMIC, 2007
Fertilizer

Fertilizer prices remained stable in all the reporting districts during the period under review.

Table 3 shows price movements in Comp ‘D’ and Urea fertilizers.

Table 3: Nominal Retail Prices for Fertilizers: Comp’ D’ and Urea 1st week January compared 2nd week January, 2007 (ZMK/kg)

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Source: AMIC, 2007

Seeds

Not much activity in this sub sector, as there were no changes observed.

Table 4 below shows the price of seeds.

Table 4: Nominal Retail Prices for Maize seed: Early, Medium and Late Maturing 1st week January compared 2nd week January, 2007 (ZMK/kg)

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Source: AMIC, 2007
## Foreign Exchange Rates as at 12th January, 2006

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<td>ZAR/ZMK</td>
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**Source:** Finance Bank: Market rates  
The rates are only indicative; readers are therefore, advised to check with individual forex dealers.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Tune to ZNBC Radio 2 every Saturday Morning (6:45 Hrs) for your weekly commodity prices in Selected Markets!
- Soya beans farmers are advised to enter into contracts with potential buyers before planting the crop.
- During the 2006/2007 farming season the subsidy by Government has been from 50% to 60%, whilst individual farmer will contribute 40% of the price of inputs. Each farmer will receive a standard inputs pack for cultivation of one (1) hectare of maize.

## USEFUL WEBSITES FOR YOUR FOOD SECURITY INFORMATION:

- [http://www.aec.msu.edu/agecon/fs2/zambia/index.htm](http://www.aec.msu.edu/agecon/fs2/zambia/index.htm)
- [http://www.ebz.co.zm](http://www.ebz.co.zm)
- [http://www.fews.net](http://www.fews.net)
- [http://www.sagis.org.za](http://www.sagis.org.za)
- [http://www.sarpn.org.za](http://www.sarpn.org.za)
- [http://www.africanhunger.org](http://www.africanhunger.org)
- [http://www.easternchamber.co.zm](http://www.easternchamber.co.zm)
- [http://www.comesa.int/index_html/view](http://www.comesa.int/index_html/view)
- [http://www.boz.zm](http://www.boz.zm)
- [http://www.zatac.org](http://www.zatac.org)