Most of the commodities covered in this edition indicated stable prices as compared to the previous two weeks.

**Price movement of white maize grain, Breakfast & Roller meal**

In Ndola White Maize registered an increase of 4% whilst the rest of the reporting districts recorded stable prices.

Breakfast Mealie meal price increased by 2% in Kabwe, Kasama and Choma and 7% in Ndola. Prices in other reporting districts remained stable.

Roller Meal prices increased by 3% in Kabwe and Ndola, 6% in Lusaka and 13% in Kasama. The rest of other reporting districts observed no change.

Figure 1 below shows the white maize trend from September 2007 to September 2008 in Kasama, Chipata and Ndola districts.

**Price movement of cassava chips and beans**

Mixed Beans reflected no price change in all the reporting districts.

Cassava Chips price registered no price change in all the reporting districts.

Figure 2 below shows price trends for beans from September 2007 to 2008 in Ndola, Lusaka, Chipata districts.

**Trade in other products**

Other food and vegetables trading on the Lusaka market with supply coming from Lusaka farmers and other places in the country were Onions, Tomatoes and Sweet Potatoes.
Table 1: Nominal Retail Prices for Maize Grain, Breakfast Meal and Roller Meal
3rd week September compared 4th week September, 2008 (ZMK/kg)

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Product</th>
<th>White Maize Grain</th>
<th>Breakfast Mealie meal</th>
<th>White Roller meal</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Previous</td>
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<td>%Change</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kabwe</td>
<td>847</td>
<td>847</td>
<td>0%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ndola</td>
<td>1,218</td>
<td>1,271</td>
<td>4%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Chipata</td>
<td>1,695</td>
<td>1,695</td>
<td>0%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Lusaka</td>
<td>1,483</td>
<td>1,483</td>
<td>0%</td>
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<td>Kasama</td>
<td>953</td>
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<td>0%</td>
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<td>Solwezi</td>
<td>847</td>
<td>847</td>
<td>0%</td>
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<td>Choma</td>
<td>1,094</td>
<td>1,094</td>
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<td>Mongu</td>
<td>1,216</td>
<td>1,216</td>
<td>0%</td>
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Previous week: Week beginning 15th September; Current week: Week beginning 22nd September 2008
Source: AMIC, 2008

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

Table 2: Nominal Retail Prices for Mixed Beans and Cassava Chips
3rd week September compared 4th week September, 2008 (ZMK/kg)

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<th>Product</th>
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Source: AMIC, 2008
Price for both Compound D and Urea fertilizer remained stable 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**
3rd week September compared 4th week September, 2008 (ZMK/kg)

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<td>4,600</td>
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<td>Choma</td>
<td>4,700</td>
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Source: AMIC, 2008

**Seeds.**

All reporting districts registered stable prices for the categories of the three Maize seeds.

**Table 4: Nominal Retail Prices for Maize seed: Early, Medium and Late Maturing**
3rd week September compared to 4th week September, 2008 (ZMK/kg)

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<td>18,400</td>
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Previous week: Week beginning 15th September; Current week: Week beginning 22nd September
Source: AMIC, 2008
## Safex Futures Prices

SAFEX Future Prices in South African Rand (RSA) and US Dollar as at 26/09/08. $/R exchange rate at 8.23

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ANNOUNCEMENTS/NOTICES:

- Zambia’s inflation rate has maintained the upward trend, rising by one per cent to 14.2 per cent for the month of September from 13.2 per cent in August. According to the Central Statistics Office (CSO), compared with the same period last year, the annual rate of inflation has increased by 4.9 percentage points from 9.3 percent in September 2007.  
  **Source:** Times of Zambia, 26/09/08.

- The Central Statistics Office (CSO) also announced that according to their survey, price of Maize grain continued to rise, exerting pressure on the cost of Maize meal. A comparison of retail price, carried out between the months of August and September, indicates that the average price of a 25 kilogramme bag of Roller meal increased by 5.8 per cent from K38, 370 to K40, 577.  
  **Source:** Times of Zambia, 26/09/08.

- The Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives Hon. Sarah Sayifwanda in a press briefing of 17th September, 2008 announced that government would not privatise Nitrogen Chemical of Zambia (NCZ) but would instead recapitalise it.  
  **Source:** NAIS

- Government has increased the subsid level of the farming inputs (fertiliser and seed) given to farmers under the Fertiliser Support Programme from 60 percent to 75 per cent for the 2008/2009 Farming Season. This means that small-scale farmers would only be required to pay 25 per cent of the market price. This was also announced by Hon. Minister.  
  **Source:** NAIS

- Following the court injunction restraining the Food Reserve Agency (FRA) from increasing the buying price of Maize grain from farmers from the K45, 000 to K55, 000 per 50 kilogramme bag, the earlier announcement issued in AMIC Bulletin edition no.62 that FRA had increased the Maize purchasing price and extended the marketing season until October 31, 2008, is null and void.  
  **Source:** Times of Zambia edition no. 14,265

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