

INFORMAL CROSS BORDER TRADE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

JULY 2018

- Volumes of maize grain traded in the month of July increased marginal of seven percent compared to June. Flows from Mozambique to Malawi were highest. Maize grain flows from Zambia to Malawi were significantly higher compared to volumes in previous months. The increase has been attributed to a spike in demand as the Malawian NFRA had begun buying maize from traders and farmers (**Table 1**).
- In comparison to July 2017, volumes of maize grain traded were 40 percent lower, with notable decreases in outflows from Malawi to Tanzania. Zambia to Malawi maize grain outflows were 39 percent higher in the review month compared to respective 2017 levels, indicating reduced supplies in Malawi.
- Maize meal volumes traded decreased marginally by five percent in July compared to June. Zambia to DRC flows have remained dominant (**Table 2**). However, compared to respective 2017 levels, volumes were 16 percent lower.
- Volumes of milled rice traded increased by nine percent between June and July with flows from Tanzania to Zambia being the largest (**Table 3**). July 2018 traded volumes were 12 percent less compared to July 2017 volumes. The largest flows were still those from Tanzania to Zambia; and Zambia to DRC.
- Dry beans volumes traded declined by seven percent in the month of review. Flows from Tanzania to Zambia were highest (**Table 4**). Compared to respective 2017 levels, volumes of dry beans traded were seven percent lower.

Table 1: Maize grain volumes traded

Source	Destination	Volumes in MT							% change last month
		Jan 18	Feb 18	Mar 18	Apr 18	May 18	Jun 18	Jul 18	
Mozambique	Malawi	1,226	1,054	1,426	1,431	2,636	1,924	1,561	-19%
Zambia	Malawi	47	212	112	55	161	121	886	632%
Malawi	Tanzania	4,227	4,112	2,129	195	601	1,040	720	-31%
Zambia	DRC	1,704	1,070	941	359	409	524	718	37%
Zambia	Tanzania	1,230	860	704	779	594	622	643	3%
Malawi	Zambia	1,241	0	185	666	177	6	7	17%
Malawi	Mozambique	2,025	450	0	0	0	0	2	-
South Africa	Zimbabwe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Tanzania	Malawi	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	-
Total		11,700	7,758	5,497	2,055	4,578	4,237	4,543	7%

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Table 2: Maize meal volumes traded

Source	Destination	Volumes in MT							% change last month
		Jan 18	Feb 18	Mar 18	Apr 18	May 18	Jun 18	Jul 18	
Zambia	DRC	1,255	1,449	965	593	1,363	941	867	-8%
South Africa	Zimbabwe	104	66	68	66	69	73	76	4%
Zambia	Malawi	18	24	56	59	46	51	49	-4%
Zambia	Tanzania	56	59	76	59	75	30	34	13%
Malawi	Mozambique	17	16	15	14	18	18	29	61%
Total		1,450	1,614	1,180	791	1,571	1,113	1,055	-5%

Table 3: Rice volumes traded

Source	Destination	Volumes in MT							% change last month
		Jan 18	Feb 18	Mar 18	Apr 18	May 18	Jun 18	Jul 18	
Tanzania	Zambia	982	550	500	583	722	602	931	55%
Zambia	DRC	1,382	1,071	1,140	216	664	246	326	33%
Malawi	Tanzania	57	1,110	223	1,045	470	383	180	-53%
Mozambique	Malawi	3	2	1	4	38	82	65	-21%
South Africa	Zimbabwe	53	26	27	30	33	36	29	-19%
Malawi	Mozambique	24	36	42	27	61	44	24	-45%
Zambia	Zimbabwe	27	22	22	23	44	29	24	-17%
Malawi	Zambia	11	9	12	9	13	40	18	-55%
Total		2,539	2,826	1,967	1,937	2,045	1,462	1,597	9%

Table 4: Dry beans volumes traded

Source	Destination	Volumes in MT							% change last month
		Jan 18	Feb 18	Mar 18	Apr 18	May 18	Jun 18	Jul 18	
Tanzania	Zambia	1,161	781	601	803	979	989	1,039	5%
Zambia	DRC	2,497	1,793	1,719	588	1,833	430	527	23%
Mozambique	Malawi	747	614	1,337	998	1,224	580	341	-41%
Tanzania	Malawi	21	285	362	261	115	276	247	-11%
Malawi	Zambia	179	15	9	18	31	32	26	-19%
South Africa	Zimbabwe	5	12	16	12	17	19	17	-11%
Zambia	Zimbabwe	4	8	8	3	6	4	2	-50%
Zambia	Tanzania	6	4	5	3	4	3	2	-33%
Malawi	Tanzania	0	0	0	0	13	26	0	-
Malawi	Mozambique	0	23	0	0	516	0	0	-
Total		4,620	3,535	4,057	2,686	4,738	2,359	2,201	-7%

Figure 1: Map of informal cross border monitored sites

