

Market Price Report

The MAU tracks market prices in southern Sagaing Region. Data are collected from three vendors per product per market at the end of each month. The data include prices from Monywa (main market), Myaung (village), Shwebo (main market), Ye-U (village), and Yinmarbin (village). Data and product specs are available at www.themimu.info/market-analysis-unit.

KEY FINDINGS

- **Prices were very stable across the region in March** with fewer price changes than in past months;
- **Rice prices were stable or rising just 2-3%**, and cooking oil prices stabilized after last month's increases;
- **Vegetable prices drifted slightly lower**, but vegetable price trends differed somewhat by market;
- **Meat and fish prices fell slightly in Monywa**, but meat/fish prices were stable elsewhere;
- **Prices for hygiene NFIs were very stable**, continuing a multi-month trend for these products;
- **NFI prices were generally very stable**, although Monywa and Shwebo saw some price movement;
- **Prices were most stable in Yinmarbin**, locking in February's price increases there.

Product-Level Price Changes

Essential Foods – Essential food prices remained very stable in March. Rice prices were stable or rising just 2-3% in a few cases. Cooking oil prices were generally stable after rising in February, although prices for cooking oil and pulses fell 1-9% in several cases.

Vegetables – Vegetable prices varied by market in March, but prices often continued to drift downward. Prices for onion, long bean, garlic, and green chili fell at least 3-13% in most markets in March, while eggplant prices rose 25%. Vegetable prices rose in Monywa and Myaung, and they fell in Yinmarbin. Vegetable price trends were mixed in Ye-U and stable in Shwebo.

Meat and Fish – Meat and fish prices were stable in March, except in Monywa where prices fell. Prices for shrimp, fresh fish, and fish paste fell a modest 4-7% in March, while chicken prices declined 21%. In other markets meat/fish prices were very stable with just a few cases of prices rising 7-10%.

Hygiene Products – Prices for hygiene products held stable again in March. Notwithstanding a few price increases of 3-7% for detergent and soap, prices for hygiene products were stable in all markets monitored. Prices for hygiene products have remained quite stable for several month nows.

Other NFIs – NFI prices shifted in Monywa and Shwebo, but prices were stable elsewhere. Prices for cooking pots, plastic tarps, and longyis rose 1-9% in Monywa in March, while prices for cooking pots and umbrellas rose 4-17% in Shwebo. There were otherwise few prices changes for NFIs in the region as Myaung and Yinmarbin saw broad NFI price stability, possibly due in part to limited product turnover in these small markets.

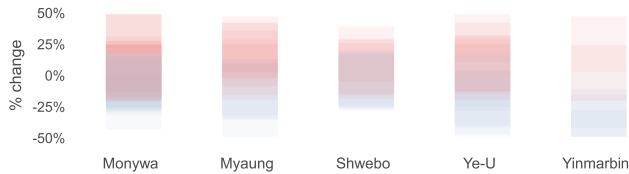
Chart 1. Median Price Change (One Month)



Township-Level Price Changes

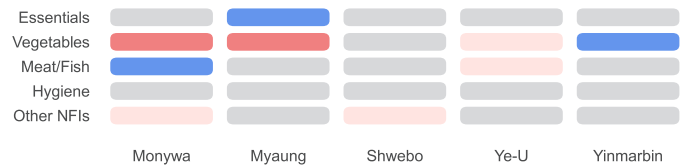
Prices were quite stable across markets in March, although prices shifted slightly more in Monywa and Myaung. Half of all prices monitored were stable in Monywa, and three-quarters of all prices were stable in other markets monitored. Moreover, price changes were small in March. One-quarter of all prices monitored in Monywa increased just 2% or more, and other markets saw even smaller price changes. Yinmarbin saw the most price stability with few notable price shifts outside of vegetables.

Chart 2. Price Change for All Products, by Township (One Month)



The above chart provides a general impression of the frequency of rising/falling prices in each market. Horizontal bands represent the density of products at a given percent-change. Red indicates rising prices, blue indicates falling prices.

Chart 3. Direction of Price Change, by Township and Product Category (One Month)



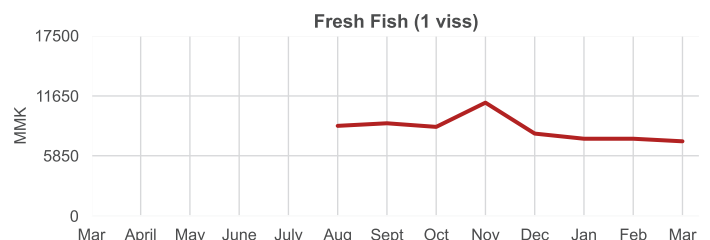
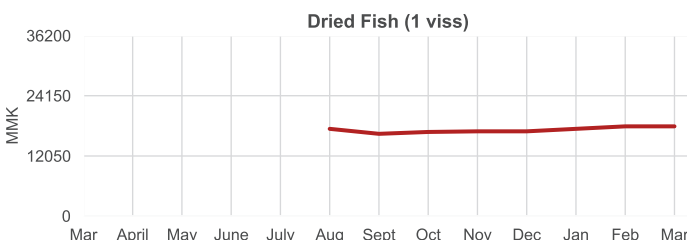
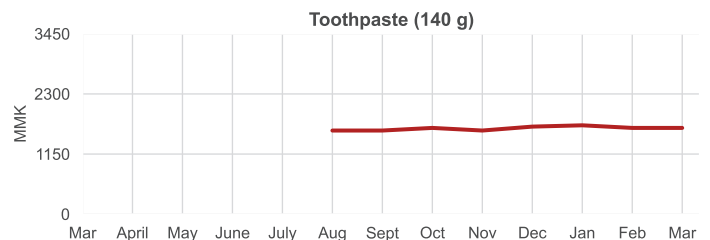
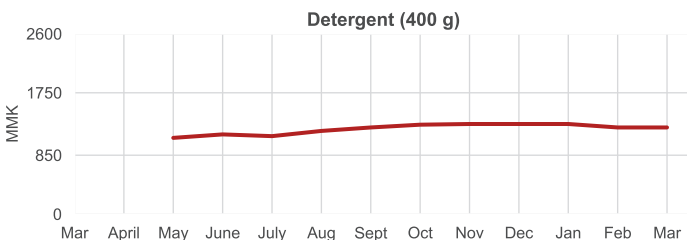
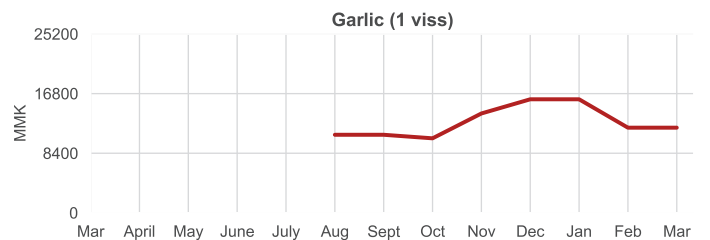
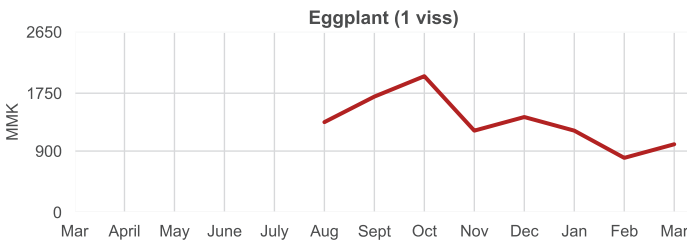
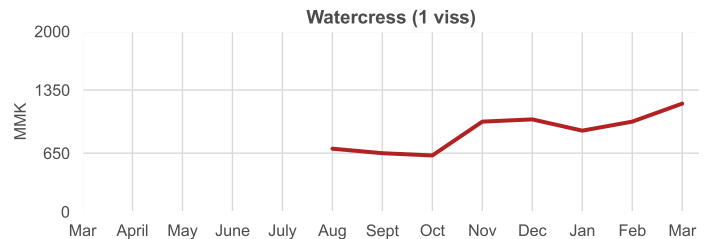
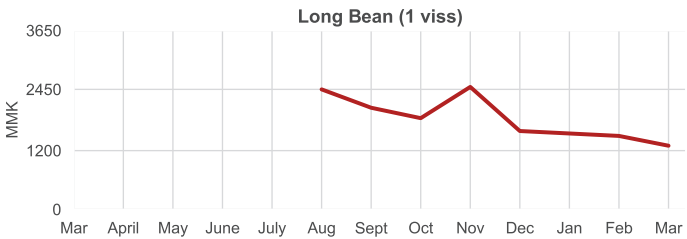
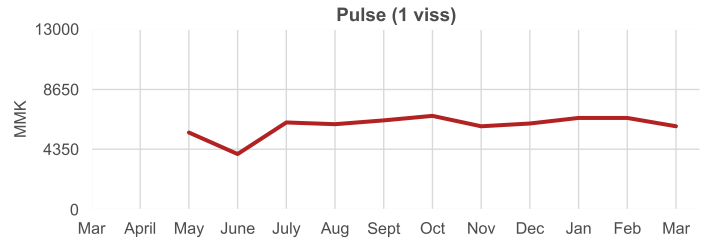
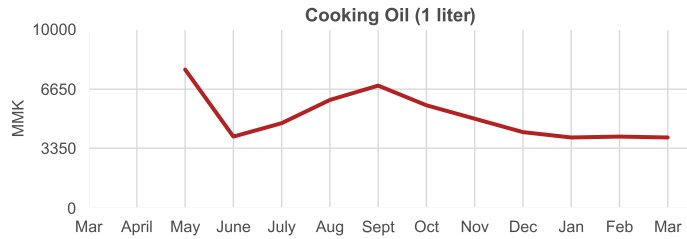
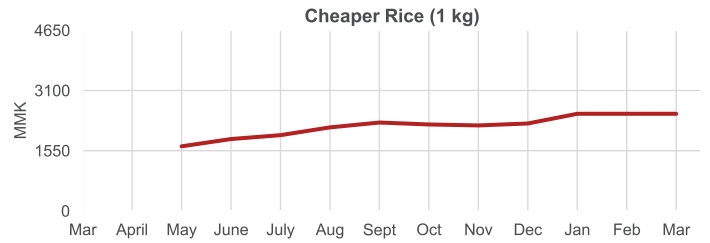
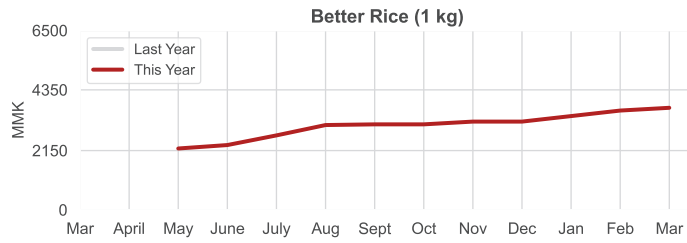
The above chart provides a general impression of the direction of price changes in each market by product category. Product categories are labeled as stable (grey), falling (blue), rising (red), or mixed (pink).

Stable Mixed Falling Rising

Prices for March 2024 (MMK)

Product	Monywa	Myaung	Shwebo	Ye-U	Yinmarbin
Better Rice (1 kg)	3,400	3,700	3,800	2,600	3,750
Cheaper Rice (1 kg)	2,300	2,800	2,500	1,600	2,750
Cooking Oil (1 liter)	3,850	3,775	3,950	4,000	6,000
Pulse (1 viss)	6,000	6,000	5,700	7,800	7,200
Salt (500 g)	400	250	300	-	350
Garlic (1 viss)	12,000	10,000	14,000	12,000	10,000
Onion (1 viss)	2,000	2,200	3,000	3,000	2,000
Eggplant (1 viss)	700	1,200	1,400	700	1,000
Long Bean (1 viss)	2,100	-	1,500	1,100	1,000
Watercress (1 viss)	1,300	1,200	1,400	775	1,000
Green Chili (1 viss)	1,700	2,500	2,500	1,550	2,500
Banana (1 bunch)	2,000	2,500	2,500	1,550	2,000
Shrimp (1 viss)	13,500	20,000	-	12,000	14,000
Fresh Fish (1 viss)	6,500	8,000	-	6,000	12,000
Dried Fish (1 viss)	18,000	18,000	13,500	13,000	20,000
Fish Paste (1 viss)	4,300	6,000	3,000	5,000	4,000
Chicken (1 viss)	7,500	11,000	12,500	11,000	11,000
Ar Bae Kyauk (1 viss)	17,500	23,000	14,500	15,000	22,000
Toothpaste (140 g)	1,600	1,400	1,900	-	1,700
Detergent (400 g)	1,100	1,225	1,250	1,300	1,500
Soap (60 g)	850	-	1,000	1,800	1,000
Sanitary Pad (10 pc)	850	800	1,000	1,000	1,200
Charcoal (1 viss)	700	700	350	700	800
Cooking Pot (4 cans)	8,500	7,800	7,500	8,400	8,250
Blanket	8,000	10,000	-	10,500	8,750
Mosquito Net	8,500	11,000	-	11,250	12,250
Plastic Tarpaulin	16,500	17,500	-	18,000	17,000
Men's Longyi	8,500	-	5,250	12,250	8,500
Women's Longyi	8,000	9,000	8,250	8,500	9,500
Umbrella	6,500	9,000	7,000	7,650	7,750
Towel	3,800	2,700	2,100	5,250	3,250

Charts 3-14. Median Township Price, Selected Products (Thirteen Months)



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