

Malawi Baseline Livelihood Profiles (Draft) May/June 2003

Shire Highlands		
Food Crops	Maize Cassava	Landholdings are small in this most densely populated zone in the country. The zone produces roughly enough to feed itself in most years. However, income-generating opportunities are limited and both 'poor' and 'middle' sell quite a high proportion of their production just after their harvest to obtain cash, becoming heavily dependent on the market later in the year. Crop production is relatively undiversified, with a dependence upon maize supplemented to a limited extent by cassava. Other sources of cash besides sale of crops are ganyu (for both 'poor' and 'middle'), petty trade and grass sales.
Income Sources	Food crops Other	
Livestock	Goats	

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