

## Malawi Baseline Livelihood Profiles (Draft)

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Western Rumphu/Mzimba		
Food Crops	Maize	<p>Cropping patterns are relatively undiversified, with all wealth groups remaining heavily reliant on just two crops, maize and tobacco. The zone produces just about enough to feed itself in an average year, so that crops sold out of the zone post-harvest have to be replaced by imports later in the year. Incomes tend to be higher than in non-tobacco-growing zones, but there is little to fall back on should the tobacco crop fail.</p> <p>There are above average opportunities for collecting wild foods, given the proximity of the Nyika National Park and Vwaza Game Reserve. The zone also benefits from its proximity to the neighbouring Nkhata Bay Cassava zone, a potential source of employment in bad years.</p>
Income Sources	Tobacco	
Livestock	Pigs	

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