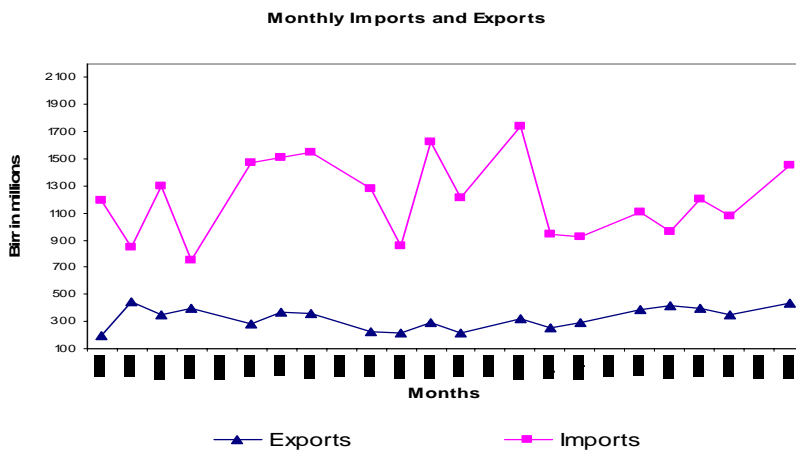


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External Merchandise Trade Statistics, First Quarter, 2011



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INTRODUCTION

International trade is the exchange of goods and services between nations. It enables a nation to specialize in those goods it can produce most cheaply and efficiently. Moreover, trade enlarges the potential market for the goods of a particular economy. The increased international demand for goods translates into greater production and more extensive use of raw materials and labour, which in turn leads to growth in domestic employment. Competition from international trade can also force domestic firms to become more efficient through modernization and innovation. Since the beginnings of international trade, nations have striven to achieve and maintain a favourable balance of trade – that is, to export more than they import. Trade has always been the major force behind the economic relations among nations.

In view of this vital role international trade plays in the economic development of a country, and the overall responsibility of the Central Statistical Agency (CSA) to provide a convenient statistical reference in all fields of statistics, the Agency found it imperative to resume the publication of data pertaining to Ethiopia's international trade. With this in mind it will be a timely thought to take a glimpse of Ethiopia's International trade for the past three months, first quarter (January – March) of 2011 in this flier. The tables convey volume and value of trade that goes out and comes to the country, visible balance of trade, the major commodities of exports and imports, imports by end-use, and direction of trade. This flier however, is intended as a birds-eye view to the rapidly increasing foreign trade of the country, not as a detailed report.

Table 1 : Trade Balance, First Quarter 2011

Period	Export		Import		Re-Export		Balance Of Trade
	Value in '000 Birr	Net Weight in Tons	Value in '000 Birr	Net Weight in Tons	Value in '000 Birr	Net Weight in Tons	Value in '000 Birr
	a	b	c	d	e	f	g=(a + e) - c
January	4,869,377	132,680	11,541,381	541,846	162,702	1,011	-6,509,302
February	4,905,377	191,682	11,397,884	551,948	371,130	1,916	-6,121,378
March	6,198,909	222,089	12,144,924	569,868	288,766	1,578	-5,657,250
Total	15,973,663	546,451	35,084,189	1,663,662	822,597	4,505	-18,287,929

Table 2 : Value and Net Weight Of Major Export Commodities, First Quarter 2011

Major Commodities	Value in Birr	Net Weight in Kilos
Coffee, Not Roasted or Decaffeinated	4,512,329,400	56,329,880
Sesame seeds	2,263,525,008	98,273,557
Fresh chat	1,742,627,609	18,611,605
Roses	1,486,439,151	22,969,127
Semi-Manufactured Gold (incl. Gold Plated with Platinum), Non-Monetary OX	816,590,291	1,330
Maize (excl. seed)	711,065,174	31,718,358
Dried kidney Beans, incl. White Pea Beans, Shelled	459,261,878	109,406,150
Unrooted Cuttings and Slips	389,521,856	41,531,120
Dried Chickpeas, shelled	378,558,596	1,375,108
Tanned/crust Hides/Skins of Goats or Kids in the Dry State(Crust)	227,270,395	19,715,705
Fresh, Chilled or Frozen Goat Meat	224,549,925	555,350
Camels	209,470,751	2,998,919
Other Cut Flowers	159,490,550	8,998,258
Dried Broad Beans and Horse Beans, Shelled	159,105,680	1,925,771
Other Oil Seeds and Oleaginous Fruits, nes	158,493,896	16,431,945
Ginger	141,901,527	12,116,376
Niobium, Tantalum and Vanadium Ores and Concentrates	130,620,934	2,585,202
Beans, Fresh or Chilled	125,791,701	86,959
Leather Prepared after Tanning /Crusting INCLU.Parchment Dressed	119,239,178	4,174,020
Others	90,481,331	133,510
Total	15,973,662,548	546,450,615

Table 3 : Value and Net Weight of Major Import Commodities, First Quarter 2011

Major Commodities	Value in Birr	Net Weight in Kilos
Other Petroleum Oil Obtained From Bituminous Min...	5,414,650,059	423,306,622
Diammonium Hydrogenorthophosphate (Diammonium Phosphate)	2,162,337,504	233,247,571
Benzen Regular or Super	824,707,459	59,376,335
Other Medicaments of Mixed/Unmixed Products,FRS(exc.Anesthetics)	727,830,935	2,777,580
Goods Vehicles,With Diesel or Semi - Diesel Engines ,GVW 5-20 Tons	647,365,701	5,702,864
Edible Palm Oil	634,786,212	28,180,025
Urea	607,461,072	78,023,794
Dumpers for off-highway use	570,842,223	8,669,966
Parts of Aeroplanes or Helicopters, nes	546,550,249	122,221
Static Converters	392,088,627	369,434
Goods Vehicles,With Diesel or Semi - Diesel Engines	339,543,611	2,471,211
Anaesthetics Medicaments of Mixed /Unmixed Product FRS,NES	337,405,616	89,036
Other Woven Fabrics of Synthic Yarn >=85 %Tetrad/Non-Tetrad	294,706,467	3,917,592
Parts	266,088,488	326,871
Iron/Steel Bars & Rods,Hotrolled,Twisted	247,474,915	21,253,490
Pub.Transport Type Vehicle(Diesle/Semi-D)Seat Capacity <15 Passeng.	231,662,112	1,867,273
New Pneumatic Tyres,of Rubber of a kind used on buses or Lorries	218,527,059	3,552,024
Exceeding 1800 cc but not exceeding 3000cc	213,205,341	1,138,033
Self-Propelled Bulldozers,Excavators...,NES	202,769,133	2,219,790
Lead -Acid Accumulators(Excl.For Startting Piston Engines)	198,244,027	281,386
Others	20,005,942,158	786,768,497
Total	35,084,188,968	1,663,661,617

Table 4 : Imports By END USE, First Quarter 2011

Classification	Value in Birr	%
Raw Materials	845,357,166	2.41
Semi-Finished Products	6,681,199,950	19.04
Fuel	6,606,871,551	18.83
Capital(Transport)	3,397,621,003	9.68
Capital (Agriculture)	202,338,208	0.58
Capital Goods (Industrial)	7,532,635,172	21.47
Consumer Goods (Durable)	2,538,851,836	7.24
Consumer Goods (Non Durable)	5,261,693,342	15.00
Miscellaneous	2,017,620,740	5.75
Total	35,084,188,968	100.00

**Table 5 : Value and Net Weight of Major Export by Destination,
First Quarter 2011**

Countries	Value in Birr	Net Weight in Kilos
Germany	2,096,273,548	24,515,945
Netherlands	1,762,786,373	28,186,508
Somalia	1,651,677,867	41,608,812
China	1,600,475,262	69,782,577
Switzerland	824,178,337	355,210
Sudan	820,963,803	72,932,572
Italy	818,198,676	96,432,201
Saudi Arabia	625,370,824	17,121,055
United States	622,376,788	15,930,771
Belgium	537,230,997	9,105,072
Israel	469,247,008	26,414,525
United Arab Emirates	447,676,409	15,654,969
Turkey	433,878,228	17,050,026
Djibouti	426,115,807	19,509,057
United Kingdom	309,792,211	4,448,678
Egypt	273,155,766	13,097,899
France	268,072,815	4,434,912
Sweden	227,084,261	2,781,936
India	221,855,204	8,182,277
Japan	144,599,495	2,364,821
others	1,392,652,869	56,540,791
Total	15,973,662,548	546,450,615

Table 6 : Value and Net Weight of Major Import by Origin, First Quarter 2011

Countries	Value in Birr	Net Weight In Kilos
China	6,166,587,572	139,918,871
Saudi Arabia	3,346,916,377	268,687,525
United Arab Emirates	2,708,441,268	222,169,841
India	2,014,248,649	54,176,690
Japan	1,994,817,223	14,581,491
Jordan	1,704,732,744	169,352,691
United States	1,568,433,772	30,826,886
Italy	1,462,327,671	20,831,261
Turkey	1,263,708,316	51,121,967
Sudan	1,129,262,527	123,658,741
Ukraine	907,096,527	104,854,374
Germany	682,305,234	5,951,698
Netherlands	629,720,535	4,934,487
Malaysia	616,483,478	25,844,597
United Kingdom	606,127,498	3,322,343
Pakistan	542,628,278	166,900,569
Spain	503,255,523	4,408,376
Thailand	461,139,912	15,346,145
France	457,238,991	4,541,439
Korea Republic of	443,558,816	10,995,280
Others	5,875,158,057	221,236,343
Total	35,084,188,968	1,663,661,617