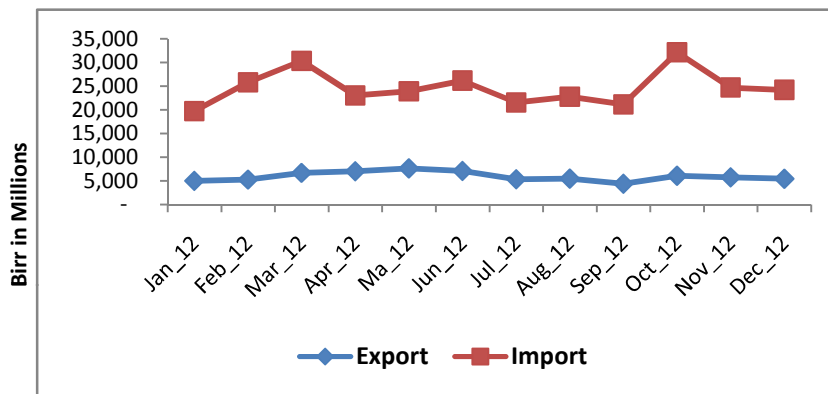


**THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
OF ETHIOPIA**

Central Statistical Agency

External Merchandise Trade Statistics,
First Quarter, 2013

Monthly Imports and Exports



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Months	Export	Import
Jan_12	5,011	14,732
Feb_12	5,278	20,532
Mar_12	6,722	23,625
Apr_12	7,067	15,962
Ma_12	7,660	16,267
Jun_12	7,117	19,061
Jul_12	5,336	16,216
Aug_12	5,507	17,266
Sep_12	4,408	16,725
Oct_12	6,099	26,040
Nov_12	5,765	18,945
Dec_12	5,463	18,749

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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 2013 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.

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Table 1 : Trade Balance, First Quarter 2013

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	5,849,188	161,145	20,834,844	775,380	651	5	-14,985,006
February	5,813,827	167,071	14,216,277	526,585	4,139	187	-8,398,312
March	6,665,240	181,623	17,065,977	648,747	8,849	75	-10,391,887
Total	18,328,255	509,839	52,117,098	1,950,711	13,638	267	-33,775,205

Table 2 : Value and Net Weight of Major Export Commodities, Frist Quarter 2013

Major Commodities	Value in Birr	Net Weight in Kilos
Coffee, Not Roasted or Decaffeinated	3,401,259,671	47,732,800
Sesamum seeds	3,166,454,633	92,495,127
Other vegetables, fresh or chilled, nes	2,215,228,943	22,131,692
Roses	2,113,599,636	29,799,104
Semi-manufactured gold (incl. gold plated with platinum), non-monetary	814,591,502	1,093
Ox	757,834,803	26,443,755
Dried kidney beans, incl. white pea beans, shelled	660,342,450	53,633,189
Unrooted cutting and Slips	473,037,423	2,159,588
Camels	359,904,273	13,477,912
Lifting, handling, loading or unloading machinery, nes	292,125,051	41,796
Leather prepared after tanning/Crusting inclu.Parchment Dressed Leather..	286,748,953	383,988
Fresh, chilled or frozen goat meat	269,675,647	2,863,150
Dried chickpeas, shelled	267,786,183	23,200,000
Other oil seeds and oleaginous fruits, nes	215,538,064	14,507,826
--Other cut flowers	208,496,108	2,761,678
Soya beans	200,309,782	20,415,120
Live sheep	176,736,622	4,614,158
Leather of Goats or Kids prepared after Tanning or Crusting..	169,836,932	495,606
Parts of aircraft (excl. aeroplanes/helicopters)	150,565,589	354,092
Dried broad beans and horse beans, shelled	134,502,391	13,675,284
Others	1,993,680,275	138,651,884
Total	18,328,254,930	509,838,840

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Table 3 : Value and Net Weight of Major Import Commodities, Frist Quarter 2013

Major Commodities	Value in Birr	Net Weight in Kilos
Spelt, common wheat and meslin	2,501,375,213	359,187,000
Jet fuel	2,458,397,117	135,736,800
Dumpers for off -Highway use	1,906,657,008	22,756,933
Edible Palm Oil	1,814,433,169	90,410,681
Other Petroleum Oils and Oils Obtained from Bituminous min...	1,793,106,751	103,197,784
Durum wheat	1,241,709,655	190,065,690
Self-Propelled Bulldozers, Excavators..., nes	946,362,977	10,168,291
Goods Vehicles, with Diesel or Semi-Diesel Engines, gvw5-20Tonnes	883,740,541	5,947,599
Structures and parts of structures, nes of Iron or Steel	569,735,165	10,003,779
Ammonium dihydrogenorthophosphate (monoammonium phosphate)	565,239,227	49,992,000
Mineral or chemical fertilizers with nitrogen and phosphorus, nes	562,377,363	50,005,290
Diammonium hydrogenorthophosphate (diammonium phosphate)	549,580,383	48,915,000
Other medicaments of mixed/unmixed products,frs,(exc.anaesthetics	497,643,392	2,926,171
Self-Propelled coal or rock cutters and tunnelling machinery	495,827,195	1,522,637
Medicaments of other hormones, for retail sale, nes	435,202,062	500,663
New Pneumatic Tyres, of Rubber of kind used on Buses or Lorries	417,430,630	5,298,656
Urea	412,505,199	47,602,182
Tube or pipe fittings of stainless steel, nes	409,118,109	5,358,865
Iron/Steel Bars & Rods,Hotrolled,Twisted/with deformtns from Rolling proc.	408,562,081	33,246,770
Towers and lattice masts of iron or steel	381,079,537	9,591,090
Others	32,867,015,436	768,277,177
Total	52,117,098,208	1,950,711,058

Table 4 : Imports by END USE, First Quarter 2013

Classification	Value in Birr	%
Raw Materials	660,925,360	1.27
Semi-Finished Products	9,382,922,119	18.00
Fuel	4,746,429,653	9.11
Capital Goods (Transport)	5,320,981,745	10.21
Capital Goods (Agriculture)	712,478,248	1.37
Capital Goods (Industrial)	13,870,648,158	26.61
Consumer Goods (Durable)	3,319,629,212	6.37
Consumer Goods (Non-Durable)	12,377,816,176	23.75
Miscellaneous	1,725,267,538	3.31
Total	52,117,098,208	100.00

**Table 5 : Value and Net Weight of Major Export by Destination,
First Quarter 2013**

Countries	Value in Birr	Net Weight in Kilos
Somalia	2,353,095,499	68,210,728
Nethrelands	2,169,358,319	32,999,779
China	1,768,305,973	55,562,199
Germany	1,297,131,168	15,185,014
Saudi Arabia	1,033,905,639	21,066,824
Djibouti	997,490,251	32,320,991
Israel	951,612,401	26,564,668
Switzerland	816,435,439	27,676
United States	805,711,290	16,428,743
Sudan	629,831,951	57,451,579
Turkey	606,390,590	19,494,057
Japan	511,305,647	8,909,551
Aunited Arab Emirates	451,195,880	11,463,219
Egypt	361,495,428	16,531,312
Italy	339,997,061	5,592,290
Belgium	337,478,276	5,752,716
Pakistan	309,801,093	27,787,781
United Kingdom	288,915,990	3,591,198
India	221,438,858	9,625,615
Hong Kong	178,826,579	668,703
Others	1,898,531,599	74,604,197
Total	18,328,254,930	509,838,840

**Table 6 : Value and Net Weight of Major Import by Origin,
First Quarter 2013**

Countries	Value in Birr	Net Weight in Kilos
China	15,160,310,739	280,386,130
India	7,214,847,521	609,358,030
Saudi Arabia	3,375,426,041	249,782,831
Kuwait	2,888,124,851	163,367,178
Italy	2,737,583,610	63,016,802
United States	2,381,962,545	119,482,256
Japan	2,321,217,358	14,850,411
Turkey	1,676,522,327	66,006,555
Indonesia	1,622,765,359	76,963,284
United Arab Emirates	1,347,663,536	62,888,209
Germany	1,175,742,345	8,614,595
Malaysia	906,219,665	39,461,594
Korea, Republic of	860,228,486	22,913,169
France	797,586,370	8,615,477
Thailand	559,682,972	10,491,097
Spain	514,605,079	5,553,575
Netherlands	486,153,217	6,410,055
South Africa	470,230,238	5,979,483
United Kingdom	455,289,310	2,892,792
Belgium	437,511,385	2,919,373
Others	4,727,425,254	130,758,162
Total	52,117,098,208	1,950,711,058