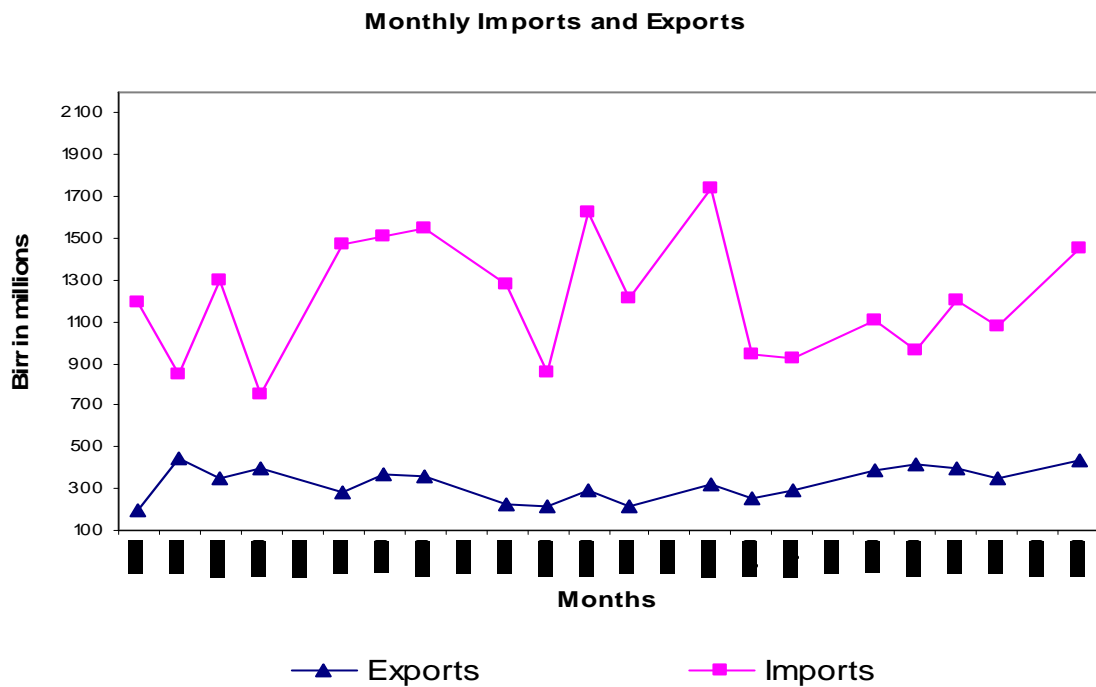


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**External Merchandise Trade Statistics,
First Quarter, 2010**



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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 of 2010 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 2010

Period	Export		Import		Re-Export		Visible 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	1,861,648	81,650	7,640,707	666,782	33,863	196	-5,745,196
February	2,536,979	92,790	10,259,079	704,512	54,051	472	-7,668,049
March	2,723,638	101,009	12,654,012	1,026,886	11,649	83	-9,918,724
Total	7,122,265	275,449	30,553,797	2,398,180	99,563	751	-23,331,970

Table 2 : Value and Net Weight of Major Export Commodities, First Quarter 2010

Major Commodities	Value in Birr	Net Weight in Kilos
Coffee, Not Roasted or Decaffeinated	1,574,603,179	35,016,180
Sesame Seeds	1,436,789,630	79,139,935
Semi-Manufactured Gold (incl. Gold Plated with Platinum), Non-Monetary	885,206,108	2,108
Fresh Chat	659,086,747	8,764,419
Roses	472,665,826	9,575,705
Dried Kidney Beans, incl. White Pea Beans, Shelled	173,670,009	22,696,547
Dried Lentils, Shelled	152,427,892	12,473,728
Ox	136,971,671	6,809,580
Camels	136,941,884	8,805,835
Unrooted Cuttings and Slips	132,415,093	484,109
Other Oil Seeds and Oleaginous Fruits, nes	125,735,494	14,412,838
Dried Broad Beans and Horse Beans, Shelled	116,515,770	15,228,235
Tanned/Crust Skins of Sheep/Lamps. in the Dry State (Crust)	77,393,323	232,917
Dried Chickpeas, Shelled	73,307,439	10,819,910
Fresh, Chilled or Frozen Goat Meat	68,295,731	1,472,472
Beans, Fresh or Chilled	66,751,898	2,486,307
Tanned/Crust Hides/Skins of Goats or Kids in the dry state Crust)	58,406,521	245,834
Ginger	48,290,086	3,202,494
Natural Gums, Resins, Gum-Resins, Natural Oleor'ins/Balsams (excl. Gum Arabic)	42,922,447	966,556
Others	683,868,085	42,613,587
Total	7,122,264,833	275,449,296

Table 3 : Value and Net Weight of Major Import Commodities, First Quarter 2010

Major Commodities	Value In Birr	Net Weight In Kilos
Other Petroleum Oils and Oils Obtained From Bituminous Min...	5,278,320,604	621,350,420
Diammonium Hydrogen orthophosphate (Diammonium Phosphate)	1,367,152,387	251,445,702
Durum Wheat	1,133,660,294	302,205,110
Parts	979,177,597	4,272,997
Structures and Parts of Structures, Nes of Iron or Steel	632,436,377	21,304,623
Benzene Regular or Super	564,063,141	58,996,080
Urea	555,271,500	117,075,453
Goods Vehicles, with Diesel or Semi-Diesel Engines, GVW 5-20 tones	527,428,170	6,175,670
Other Medicaments of Mixed/Unmixed Products, (exc. Anesthetics)	482,969,709	1,290,447
Edible Palm Oil	434,993,356	33,870,128
Mosquito Nets of Cotton (not Knitted or Crocheted)	373,186,524	3,618,082
Dumpers for off-highway use	311,329,737	3,784,556
Seamless Stainless Steel Tubes/Pipes/Profiles, Circular, nes	277,928,941	6,786,738
Grain Sorghum	259,499,348	52,850,000
Other Woven Fabrics of Synthetic Yarn >=85% Textrd/non-Textrd Polyester Flint	238,429,651	3,749,879
Co-axial Cable and other Co-axial Electric Conductors	235,567,087	4,947,555
Iron/Steel Bars & Rods, Hot rolled, Twisted/with Deforming from Rolling Proc.	231,582,818	32,322,701
New Pneumatic Tires, of Rubber of a kind used on Buses or Lorries	219,853,964	5,396,118
Self-Propelled Bulldozers and Angle dozers, Track Laying	207,654,610	1,460,074
Vehicles with Diesel/Semi-D Engine Cylinder Capacity > 2500CC, nes	196,008,021	1,203,072
Others	16,047,283,582	864,074,206
Total	30,553,797,418	2,398,179,611

Table 4 : Imports by End Use, First Quarter 2010

Classification	Value In Birr	%
Raw Materials	605,833,105	1.98
Semi-Finished Products	5,310,689,328	17.38
Fuel	5,979,050,071	19.57
Capital Goods (Transport)	1,904,414,915	6.23
Capital Goods (Agriculture)	258,757,015	0.85
Capital Goods (Industrial)	8,188,451,487	26.80
Consumer Goods (Durable)	2,483,187,254	8.13
Consumer Goods (Non-Durable)	5,261,429,380	17.22
Miscellaneous	134,446,714	0.44
Unspecified	427,538,150	1.40
Total	30,553,797,418	100.00

Table 5 : Major Export Destinations, by Value, First Quarter 2010

Countries	Value in Birr	%
China	910,934,719	12.79
Germany	589,367,151	8.27
Netherlands	570,104,623	8.00
Somalia	539,950,613	7.58
Switzerland	535,218,370	7.51
Sudan	483,822,565	6.79
South Africa	456,417,025	6.41
Saudi Arabia	416,520,116	5.85
Israel	313,361,705	4.40
United Arab Emirates	246,112,555	3.46
United States	238,586,335	3.35
Djibouti	190,757,723	2.68
Belgium	184,401,938	2.59
Turkey	164,055,745	2.30
Egypt	141,281,102	1.98
United Kingdom	129,616,931	1.82
Italy	112,219,920	1.58
India	86,282,740	1.21
Jordan	76,171,734	1.07
Pakistan	67,652,862	0.95
Others	669,428,358	9.40
Total	7,122,264,833	100.00

Table 6 : Major Origins of Imports by Value, First Quarter 2010

Countries	Value In Birr	%
China	7,076,512,488	23.16
Saudi Arabia	5,040,372,819	16.50
United States	2,271,904,969	7.44
India	2,138,091,825	7.00
Japan	1,480,302,155	4.84
United Arab Emirates	1,226,937,046	4.02
Russian Federation	1,111,818,844	3.64
Italy	1,052,691,040	3.45
Turkey	763,803,059	2.50
Germany	756,227,422	2.48
Brazil	602,747,672	1.97
Malaysia	509,214,189	1.67
Vietnam	479,713,002	1.57
Korea, Republic of	455,970,017	1.49
Bulgaria	447,918,675	1.47
Jordan	393,922,063	1.29
Thailand	295,283,325	0.97
Sudan	282,944,268	0.93
France	276,265,421	0.90
Belgium	269,926,763	0.88
Others	3,621,230,357	11.85
Total	30,553,797,418	100.00