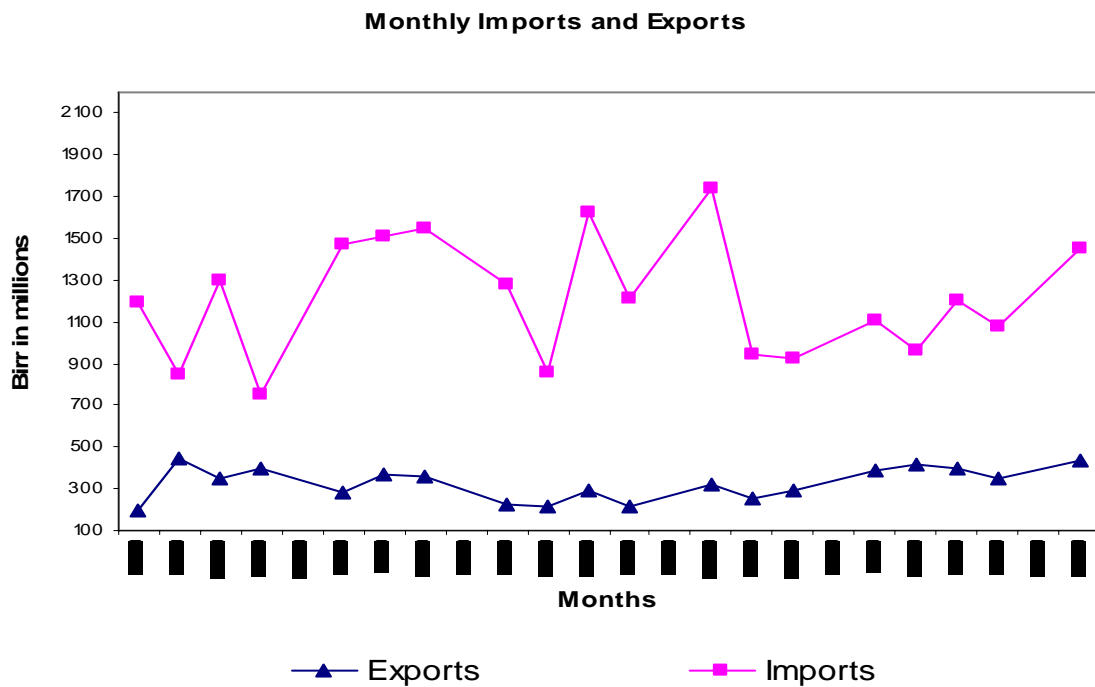


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# INTRODUCTION

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, second quarter (April – June) 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, Second 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	$g=(a + e) - c$
<b>April</b>	3,270,702	108,904	8,559,465	528,963	4,001	2	-5,284,762
<b>May</b>	2,747,165	110,271	10,194,566	755,947	23,806	284	-7,423,595
<b>June</b>	3,211,517	120,284	9,313,564	573,361	6,454	53	-6,095,593
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,229,384</b>	<b>339,459</b>	<b>28,067,595</b>	<b>1,858,272</b>	<b>34,261</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>-18,803,950</b>

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

<b>Major Commodities</b>	<b>Value in Birr</b>	<b>Net Weight in Kilos</b>
Coffee, Not Roasted or Decaffeinated	3,199,790,380	77,898,666
Sesame seeds	1,464,901,318	83,233,661
Semi-manufactured gold (incl. gold plated with platinum), Non-monetary	1,063,082,885	2,320
Fresh chat	810,701,601	10,446,188
Roses	494,913,176	9,933,650
Ox	217,697,642	10,845,820
Other oil seeds and oleaginous fruits, nes	183,149,761	17,280,294
Camels	149,172,272	9,096,622
Dried broad beans and horse beans, shelled	126,703,885	15,796,256
Dried chickpeas, shelled	116,088,949	17,159,256
Dried kidney beans, incl. white pea beans, shelled	113,136,046	12,994,783
Tanned/Crust Skins of Sheep/ Lambs in the Dry State (Crust)	112,406,487	355,904
Fresh, chilled or frozen goat meat	91,573,032	1,814,938
Ginger	78,148,739	3,216,257
Niobium, tantalum and vanadium ores and concentrates	73,372,554	109,401
Tanned/Crust Hides/Skins of Goats or Kids in the dry State (Crust)	63,668,961	384,535
Grain sorghum	59,025,387	12,296,700
Unrooted Cuttings and Slips	46,574,762	210,329
Cotton, carded or combed	38,336,105	1,799,239
Natural Gums, Resins, Gum-Resins, Natural Oleor'ins / Balsams (excl. Gum Arabic)	34,158,627	726,254
Others	692,781,429	53,857,766
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,229,383,999</b>	<b>339,458,839</b>

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

<b>Major Commodities</b>	<b>Value in Birr</b>	<b>Net Weight in Kilos</b>
Other Petroleum Oils and Oils Obtained From Bituminous Min...	4,705,547,220	497,201,609
Durum wheat	1,594,657,288	441,588,240
Edible Palm Oil	1,078,069,779	86,384,922
Other Medicaments of Mixed/Unmixed Products, (exc. Anesthetics)	1,003,049,941	1,890,057
Structures and Parts of structures, nes of Iron or Steel	495,589,196	19,751,333
Benzene Regular or Super	440,626,494	41,775,860
Parts	377,964,146	1,548,615
Mosquito Nets of Cotton (not Knitted or Crocheted)	356,608,291	3,395,205
Goods Vehicles, With Diesel or Semi - Diesel Engines, GVW 5-20 Tones	326,359,910	3,739,909
Grain sorghum	324,043,014	60,410,000
Vehicles with Spark-IGN of Cylinder Capacity >3000 cc, NES.	283,463,199	849,758
Machines for the reception, conversion & transmission or regeneration of voice, image.	270,174,030	80,994
New Pneumatic Tyres, of Rubber of a kind Used on Buses or Lorries	252,047,283	5,485,024
Dumpers for off-highway use	247,177,855	4,148,135
Spelt, common wheat and meslin	241,889,744	43,947,150
Vehicles with Diesel/Semi-D Engine Cylinder Capacity >2500 cc, NES	234,723,930	1,250,903
Goods Vehicles, With Diesel or Semi - D Engines, GVW <=5 Tons	232,965,323	2,045,035
Other Woven Fabrics of Synthetic yarn >=85%	221,449,196	4,445,525
Transformer, NES, Power Handling Capacity 16-500 KVA	195,061,950	1,746,946
Raw cane sugar, in solid form	180,651,747	20,079,051
Others	15,005,475,487	616,507,251
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,067,595,020</b>	<b>1,858,271,523</b>

**Table 4 : Import by End Use, Second Quarter 2010**

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Value In Birr</b>	<b>%</b>
Raw Materials	358,710,567	1.28
Semi-Finished Products	3,391,001,089	12.08
Fuel	5,285,677,773	18.83
Capital Goods (Transport)	1,795,104,533	6.40
Capital Goods (Agriculture)	183,261,214	0.65
Capital Goods (Industrial)	6,703,136,151	23.88
Consumer Goods (Durable)	2,501,105,330	8.91
Consumer Goods (Non Durable)	7,229,503,635	25.76
Miscellaneous	24,214,525	0.09
Unspecified	595,880,203	2.12
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,067,595,020</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**Table 5 : Major Export Destinations, by Value, Second Quarter 2010**

<b>Countries</b>	<b>Value in Birr</b>	<b>%</b>
Germany	1,323,658,915	14.34
China	1,235,353,919	13.39
Somalia	688,063,499	7.46
Saudi Arabia	595,320,422	6.45
Switzerland	588,819,735	6.38
Sudan	578,009,044	6.26
South Africa	532,036,045	5.76
Netherlands	514,149,255	5.57
United States	426,520,868	4.62
United Arab Emirates	331,056,409	3.59
Belgium	218,749,722	2.37
United Kingdom	204,266,286	2.21
Japan	171,585,563	1.86
Djibouti	171,211,100	1.86
Italy	169,517,540	1.84
Egypt	150,302,447	1.63
France	136,576,893	1.48
India	125,577,674	1.36
Sweden	108,289,610	1.17
Pakistan	94,334,164	1.02
Others	865,984,887	9.38
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,229,383,999</b>	<b>100.00</b>

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

<b>Countries</b>	<b>Value In Birr</b>	<b>%</b>
China	5,894,014,506	21.00
Saudi Arabia	2,977,745,612	10.61
United Arab Emirates	2,428,434,878	8.65
India	1,934,031,149	6.89
United States	1,765,699,912	6.29
Japan	1,692,266,227	6.03
Italy	1,584,324,264	5.64
Malaysia	1,055,242,486	3.76
Turkey	759,715,083	2.71
Thailand	616,112,071	2.20
Germany	531,320,565	1.89
Egypt	491,511,509	1.75
Sudan	480,444,683	1.71
Netherlands	461,914,648	1.65
Ukraine	394,164,324	1.40
Indonesia	331,423,942	1.18
Vietnam	309,007,890	1.10
Bulgaria	293,836,631	1.05
United Kingdom	288,112,657	1.03
France	271,560,670	0.97
Others	3,506,711,314	12.49
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,067,595,020</b>	<b>100.00</b>