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**External Merchandise Trade Statistics,
First Quarter, 2012**



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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 2012 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 2012

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	5,008,927	136,840	14,491,281	733,433	24,440	188	-9,457,915
February	5,274,532	156,991	20,091,133	915,259	40,468	310	14,776,132
March	6,719,753	180,227	22,870,720	1,109,484	51,308	102	16,099,660
Total	17,003,212	474,057	57,453,134	2,758,176	116,216	599	40,333,707

Table 2 : Value and Net Weight of Major Export Commodities, First Quarter 2012

Major Commodities	Value in Birr	Net Weight in Kilos
Coffee, not roasted or Decaffeinated	3,902,532,104	43,200,980
Sesamum seeds	3,324,440,022	150,266,586
Roses	2,078,160,708	26,509,977
Other vegetables, fresh or chilled, nes	1,856,773,038	19,159,631
Ox	998,792,308	39,372,096
Semi-manufactured gold (incl. gold plated with platinum), non-monetary	865,649,760	1,133
Unrooted cuttings and slip	352,402,139	1,666,685
Dried kidney beans, incl. white pea beans, shelled	335,550,150	28,401,268
Camels	290,538,014	13,543,870
Dried chickpeas, shelled	269,229,498	20,846,841
Fresh, chilled or frozen goat meat	255,643,485	2,829,532
Leather prepared after tanning/Crusting inclu.parchment Dressed Laether..	214,612,072	275,862
Live Sheep	164,403,257	4,609,497
Dried broad beans and horse beans, shelled	164,052,769	13,043,590
Beans, fresh or chilled	152,976,641	4,498,227
Other cut flowers	142,622,633	2,043,009
Ginger	109,071,511	2,970,634
Other potatoes, fresh or chilled	96,236,510	19,013,764
Ground-nuts in shell, not roasted or otherwise cooked	95,454,448	4,524,000
Other oil seeds and oleaginous fruits, nes	65,080,663	5,128,334
Others	1,268,989,931	72,151,574
Total	17,003,211,662	474,057,088

Table 3: Value and Net Weight of Major Import Commodities, First Quarter 2012

Major Commodities	Value in Birr	Net Weight in Kilos
Other petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous min...	11,403,531,574	682,522,024
Diammonium hydrogenorthophosphate (diammonium phosphate)	2,677,620,052	207,801,950
Edible palm oil	1,637,948,387	72,100,055
Durum wheat	1,445,067,927	266,462,885
Urea	1,316,589,835	127,053,251
Other medicamentsof mixed /unmixed products, frs,(exc.anaesthetics)	1,216,070,687	1,931,542
Iron/Steel bars & rods hotrolled, twisted/with deformtns from rolling proc.	1,175,082,076	87,522,678
Dumpers for off-highway use	1,172,733,479	14,515,304
Other fertilizers, nes	884,395,895	78,053,617
Towers and lattice masts of iron or steel	807,388,703	13,944,614
Spelt, common wheat and meslin	781,264,627	183,110,550
Parts suitable for machines of8501/8502(Excl 8501.1000,3100,5100)	701,500,556	2,964,576
Benzene regular or super	685,553,172	63,829,705
Goods Vehicles, with diesel or semi-diesel engines,gvw 5-20tonnes	599,759,358	4,468,474
Mineral or chemical fertilizers with nitrogen and phosphorus, nes	562,254,388	43,867,000
Other food preparations of flour..etc,nes	562,251,860	21,346,059
Parts	509,780,928	181,052
Other woven fabrics of synth'c yarn >=85% textrd/non textrd polystr filmnt	508,459,043	4,823,057
Raw cane sugar, in solid form	437,598,611	40,931,546
New pneumatic tyres, of rubber of a kind used on buses or lorries	431,813,694	5,682,080
Others	27,936,469,258	835,063,803
Total	57,453,134,111	2,758,175,821

Table 4: Imports by END USE, First Quarter 2012

Classification	Value in Birr	%
Raw Materials	918,846,113	1.60
Semi-Finished products	12,404,084,769	21.59
Fuel	12,526,493,552	21.80
Capital Goods (Transport)	3,792,901,235	6.60
Capital Goods (Agricultural)	587,731,564	1.02
Capital Goods (Industrial)	11,528,643,311	20.07
Consumer Goods (Durable)	3,810,495,456	6.63
Consumer Goods (Non-Durable)	10,708,609,580	18.64
Miscellaneous	1,175,328,531	2.05
Total	57,453,134,111	100

**Table 5: Value and Net Weight of Major Exports by Destination,
First Quarter 2012**

Countries	Value in Birr	Net Weight in Kilos
China	2,407,156,863	104,770,777
Netherlands	2,188,920,855	29,119,498
Somalia	2,009,108,178	64,907,032
Saudi Arabia	1,208,882,153	25,672,202
Germany	1,187,616,175	12,882,291
Sudan	1,008,773,779	57,496,432
Switzerland	870,677,020	39,761
Djibouti	685,679,231	25,429,744
Israel	436,218,657	17,564,059
United States	434,036,673	7,299,948
United Arab Emirates	426,902,470	10,641,880
Belgium	421,815,156	6,497,088
Turkey	346,408,342	14,574,693
Italy	301,510,189	3,989,670
France	292,716,529	4,013,858
Egypt	280,051,946	11,457,876
Jordan	259,315,549	6,485,137
Pakistan	218,248,322	16,750,518
Sweden	208,480,519	2,347,052
United kingdom	163,285,886	3,099,361
Others	1,647,407,169	49,018,210
Total	17,003,211,662	474,057,088

**Table 6: Value and Net Weight of Major Imports by Origin,
First Quarter 2012**

Countries	Value in Birr	Net Weight in Kilos
Saudi Arabia	10,614,143,952	632,590,394
China	9,912,368,875	203,205,918
India	4,433,984,736	187,441,989
Japan	2,361,215,219	15,166,244
Turkey	2,336,706,142	121,181,100
Ukraine	2,252,833,516	235,772,711
Italy	2,007,765,961	37,612,539
United States	1,953,839,448	95,379,325
Morocco	1,926,652,209	150,075,881
Russian Federation	1,625,123,738	169,218,156
Indonesia	1,532,162,209	68,411,726
Kuwait	1,457,652,884	82,426,697
Spain	1,356,659,328	12,171,803
Brazil	1,100,090,757	98,164,794
Germany	970,862,285	8,258,152
Netherlands	948,281,815	5,488,571
United Arab Emirates	904,206,493	41,058,302
Argentina	885,599,137	167,454,008
Malaysia	876,794,845	33,931,455
Thailand	757,756,480	22,900,796
Others	7,238,434,081	370,265,259
Total	57,453,134,111	2,758,175,821