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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 six months, second and third quarter (October – December) 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,Fourth 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	$g=(a+e) - c$
<b>October</b>	3,057,684	80,928	16,039,114	814,490	15,768	147	-12,965,662
<b>November</b>	2,376,622	63,496	13,767,204	610,377	14,164	48	-11,376,418
<b>December</b>	3,047,795	90,184	15,697,951	717,370	25,515	240	-12,624,640
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,482,101</b>	<b>234,608</b>	<b>45,504,268</b>	<b>2,142,237</b>	<b>55,446</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>-36,966,721</b>

**Table 2 : Value and Net Weight of Major Export Commodities, Foruth Quarter 2011**

<b>Major Commodities</b>	<b>Value in Birr</b>	<b>Net Weight in Kilos</b>
Coffee, Not Roasted or Decaffeinated	2,088,053,314	22,332,710
Other vegetables, fresh or chilled, nes	1,060,353,051	11,150,330
Sesamum seeds	1,005,821,688	43,262,936
Roses	690,812,018	10,886,006
Ox	602,972,424	24,522,860
Tanned/Crust Skins of sheep/Lamps.inthedry state (Curst)	315,928,186	676,801
Dried kidney beans, incl. white pea beans, shelled	280,585,963	25,096,307
Fresh, chilled or frozen goat meat	244,044,614	2,923,696
Dried broad beans and horse beans, shelled	175,446,957	13,947,237
Camels	156,172,993	7,786,135
Tanned/Crust Hides/Skins of Goats or Kids in the dry state (Crust)	129,243,599	518,911
Ginger	116,632,447	2,501,746
Leather prepared after Tanning/Crusting inclu. Parchement Dressed Leather..	114,432,101	152,621
LiveSheep	105,683,622	3,359,735
Dried chickpeas, shelled	77,900,633	5,808,762
Unrooted Cuttings and Slips	69,153,613	247,926
Natural Gums,Resins,NaturalOleor'ins/Balsams(Excl.Gumarabic)	49,813,510	747,803
Other potatoes, fresh or chilled	49,767,188	9,799,538
Other cut flowers	48,760,668	674,693
Fresh or chilled lamb carcasses and half carcasses	43,843,507	532,619
Others	1,056,678,895	47,678,567
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,482,100,990</b>	<b>234,607,937</b>

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

<b>Major Commodities</b>	<b>Value in Birr</b>	<b>Net Weight in Kilos</b>
Other Petroleum Oils and Oils Obtained from Bituminous Min...	5,962,991,013	345,269,935
Durum wheat	1,901,037,020	278,241,129
Spelt, common wheat and meslin	1,757,411,152	224,379,509
Edible Palm Oil	1,321,927,948	54,963,699
Iron/Steel Bars & Rods, Httrolled, Twisted with /Deformtns from Rolling proc.	987,714,412	68,681,928
Raw cane sugar, in solid form	972,796,901	73,737,425
Dumpers for off- Highway Use	972,558,839	10,646,005
Mineral or chemical fertilizers with nitrogen and phosphorus, nes	687,593,262	52,574,310
Pup. Transport taype Vehicle(Diesle/Semi-D) Seat capacity <15 Passeng .	555,092,308	5,115,718
Other WovenFabrics of Synth'cYarn >=85% Textrd/non-Textrd Polystyr Filmnt	509,755,164	5,075,670
Other Medicaments of Mixed/Unmixed products, Frs(Exc.Anaesthetics)	490,735,252	1,933,548
Parts of aeroplanes or helicopters, nes	476,885,021	48,083
Printed books, brochures, leaflets and similar printed matter, nes	448,034,778	4,585,952
New Pneumatic Tyres, of Rubber of Kind Used on Buses or Lorries	434,549,214	5,546,720
Maize (corn) flour	429,422,830	16,906,682
Flat/hot-rolled iron/steel,in colis, width >=600mm, not pickled,<3mm thick	367,887,046	25,796,984
Crushing or Grinding Machines for Earth, Stone, Ores, etc	351,507,939	2,845,075
Dried peas, shelled	338,334,782	26,796,222
Self-Propelled Bulldozers and Angledozers, Track Laying	318,982,012	2,152,281
Goods Vehi.with Dis/Semi-Dengines,gvw <= 5 Tonne Scarr.cap. > 1500	306,229,044	3,444,945
Others	25,912,822,186	933,495,540
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,504,268,120</b>	<b>2,142,237,362</b>

**Table 4 :Imports By END USE,Fourth Quarter 2011**

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Value in Birr</b>	<b>%</b>
RawMaterials	1,236,137,302	2.72
Semi-Finished Products	7,656,296,288	16.83
Fuel	6,793,749,434	14.93
Capital Goods(Transport)	4,200,502,643	9.23
Capital Goods(Agriculture)	514,944,985	1.13
Capital Goods (Industrial)	8,966,232,169	19.70
Consumer Goods (Durable)	3,295,537,498	7.24
Consumer Goods (Non-Durable)	11,896,195,285	26.14
8:Miscellaneous	944,672,516	2.08
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,504,268,120</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**Table 5 : Value and Net weight of Major Export by Destination,  
Fourth Quarter 2011**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Value in Birr</b>	<b>Net Weight in Kilos</b>
Somalia	1,210,833,875	37,786,996
Sudan	838,880,872	37,031,963
China	829,357,482	30,343,915
Saudi Arabia	785,684,335	12,116,915
Netherlands	768,236,255	11,995,351
Germany	688,883,918	6,739,830
Dlibouti	393,407,267	22,093,751
United Arab Emirates	360,809,082	10,566,818
Italy	297,033,324	2,772,583
United Kingdom	219,922,423	2,423,398
Israel	210,970,776	7,591,525
Egypt	194,914,299	8,360,988
France	184,598,784	2,105,663
Belgium	134,929,963	2,062,180
India	123,078,289	2,998,135
United States	116,180,728	2,415,783
Japan	104,155,231	1,313,427
Korea, Republic of	97,341,164	927,642
Yemen	94,667,774	5,618,248
HongKong	71,547,992	296,592
Others	756,667,158	27,046,233
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,482,100,990</b>	<b>234,607,937</b>

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

<b>Country</b>	<b>Value in Birr</b>	<b>Net Weight in Kilos</b>
China	9,290,119,443	201,725,271
Saudi Arabia	5,975,725,868	344,480,049
India	4,733,787,296	174,438,476
United States	3,821,862,567	259,600,298
Russian Federation	2,239,837,446	309,712,713
Japan	2,165,466,630	17,074,184
Italy	1,896,847,137	45,012,460
Turkey	1,819,824,447	107,530,932
Indonesia	1,197,786,042	50,894,467
United Arab Emirates	1,183,065,679	77,433,234
Malasia	1,052,569,116	39,837,306
Germany	915,856,930	11,614,181
Korea, Republic of	841,013,626	17,619,746
Ukraine	599,374,051	48,648,058
Thailand	541,854,424	16,504,454
France	531,753,843	5,906,215
Brazil	502,032,710	10,380,430
South Africa	487,328,221	57,112,330
Sweden	469,861,824	3,862,769
United Kingdom	455,691,080	3,406,284
Others	4,782,609,739	339,443,506
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,504,268,120</b>	<b>2,142,237,362</b>