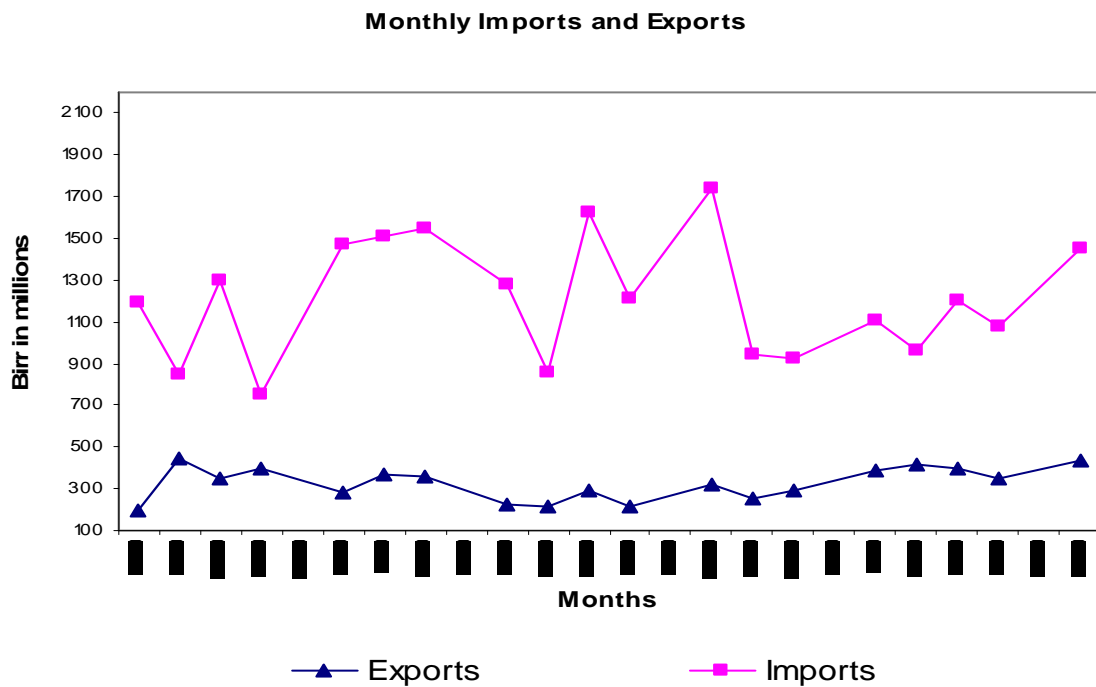


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**External Merchandise Trade Statistics,  
Third Quarter, 2010**



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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, third quarter (July – September) 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, Third Quarter 2010**

Period	Export		Import		Re-Exp
	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
<b>July</b>	2,521,960	100,540	8,002,107	489,855	22,642
<b>August</b>	2,623,458	102,677	8,966,579	481,452	238,725
<b>September</b>	2,455,225	81,108	11,527,937	546,782	652
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,600,643</b>	<b>284,325</b>	<b>28,496,622</b>	<b>1,518,090</b>	<b>262,019</b>

Export	Balance Of Trade
Net Weight in Tons	Value in '000 Birr
f	$g=(a + e) - c$
90	-5,457,505
1,351	-6,104,395
'0.15	-9,072,060
<b>1,441</b>	<b>-20,633,960</b>

**Table 2 : Value and Net Weight Of Major Export Commodities, Third Quarter 2010**

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Major Commodities	Value in Birr
Coffee,Not Roastedd or Decaffeinated	2,664,073,640
Sesamum seeds	904,235,360
Fresh chat	851,327,104
Roses	433,737,458
Semi-Manufactured Gold (incl. Gold Plated with Platinum), Non-Monetary	281,767,804
OX	276,030,272
Camels	181,351,718
Parts for boring or sinking machinery of subheading 8430.41 or 8430.49	162,817,680
Dried kidney Beans, incl. White Pea Beans, Shelled	155,568,375
Dried Chickpeas, Shelled	116,181,552
Fresh, Chilled or Frozen Goat Meat	114,858,765
Maize (excl. seed)	105,339,360
Tanned/Crust Skins of Sheep/Lamps ..in the Dry State(Crust)	105,269,723
Dried Broad Beans and Horse Beans, Shelled	94,002,665
Other Oil Seeds and Oleaginous Fruits, nes	92,572,734
Tanned/crust Hides/Skins of Goats or Kids in the Dry State(Crust)	68,923,567
Unrooted Cuttings and Slips	57,759,122
Natural Gums,Resins,Gum-Resins,Natural Oleor'ins/Balsams (excl.Gum Arabic)	45,351,930
Grain Sorghum	42,302,927
Ginger	41,592,518
Others Total	805,578,892
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,600,643,166</b>

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**Net Weight in Kilos**

56,265,829  
46,197,241  
10,360,894  
7,994,701  
655  
12,806,290  
10,796,885  
488,635  
19,172,108  
14,972,408  
1,968,600  
27,103,900  
352,092  
10,851,500  
9,102,698  
427,545  
225,148  
951,288  
8,938,206  
1,253,975  
44,094,358

**284,324,956**

**Table 3 : Value and Net Weight of Major Import Commodities**

<b>Major Commodities</b>
Other Petroleum Oil Obtained From Bituminous Min...
Parts
Edible Palm Oil
Other Medicaments of Mixed/Unmixed Products,(exc. Anesthetics)
Raw Cane Sugar, in Solid form
Goods Vehicles,With Diesel or Semi - Diesel Engines,GVW 5-20 Tonnes
Machines for the Reception, Conversion & Transmission or Regeneration of Voice, image.
Dumpers for off-highway use
Benzen Regular or Super
Goods Vehicles,With Diesel or Semi - D Engines,GVW <=5 Ton SCARR.CAP.>1500
Structures and Parts of structures,Nes of Iron or Steel
Other Woven Fabrics of Synthic yarn >=85% Textrd/ Non-Textrd Polystr Filmnt
Transformer,NES ,Power Handling Capacity 16-500 KVA
Spelt, common wheat and meslin
New Pneumatic Tyres ,of Rubber of a kind Used on Buses or Lorries
Instruments & Apparatus for Medical,Surgical,Dental,Veterinary Sciences;NES
Parts Suitalbe for Machines of 8501/8502(excl 8501.1000,3100,5100)
Crusing or Grinding Machines for Earth Stone,ORES,ETC
Desk Top Computers
Co-axial Cable and other Co-axial Electric Conductors
Others
<b>Total</b>

s, Third Quarter 2010

2010	
Value in Birr	Net Weight in Kilos
5,300,340,716	509,017,303
1,185,155,344	1,670,455
929,628,234	62,700,828
854,505,484	1,830,669
744,811,354	92,128,576
593,458,187	6,108,553
469,864,454	136,572
392,617,898	6,450,578
385,555,570	37,140,047
333,272,170	2,724,430
320,046,853	12,449,854
286,795,627	4,376,748
271,568,696	1,045,428
261,744,273	71,748,486
227,839,978	4,761,926
165,677,916	294,726
161,738,479	508,599
153,696,201	1,614,095
149,559,860	423,826
146,531,762	1,219,778
15,162,213,224	699,738,247
<b>28,496,622,279</b>	<b>1,518,089,724</b>



**Table 4 : Imports By END USE, Third Quarter 2010**

<b>Classification</b>	<b>2010</b>	
	<b>Valu in Birr</b>	<b>%</b>
Raw Materials	549,320,342	1.93
Semi-Finished Products	3,294,536,502	11.56
Fuel	5,850,396,715	20.53
Capital Goods (Transport)	2,302,107,202	8.08
Capital Goods (Agriculture)	322,024,210	1.13
Capital Goods (Industrial)	7,769,823,116	27.27
Consumer Goods (Durable)	2,191,610,426	7.69
Consumer Goods (Non Durable)	5,613,266,569	19.70
Miscellaneous	68,133,725	0.24
Unspecified	535,403,472	1.88
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,496,622,279</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**Table 5 : Value and Net Weight of Major Export by Destination, Third Quarter 2010**

Countries	2010	
	Value in Birr	Net Weight in Kilos
Germany	882,915,703	19,382,116
China	796,813,521	40,754,334
Somalia	792,194,997	19,853,166
Sudan	533,383,671	59,176,672
Saudi Arabia	468,469,528	10,888,342
Netherlands	460,419,141	8,390,436
United Arab Emirates	457,647,830	13,842,184
United States	445,789,113	12,406,325
Italy	299,798,675	5,302,896
Switzerland	289,980,282	211,531
United Kingdom	239,365,531	10,649,776
Belgium	212,641,874	5,100,330
Egypt	189,359,454	10,275,639
Djibouti	179,244,228	14,570,050
France	146,892,864	3,672,510
Japan	141,399,424	2,981,637
Israel	116,961,573	4,993,109
Sweden	109,661,402	2,378,826
Pakistan	101,624,654	14,121,525
Turkey	93,970,638	2,612,483
Others	642,109,066	22,761,070
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,600,643,166</b>	<b>284,324,956</b>

**Table 6 : Value and Net Weight of Major Import by Origin, Third Quarter 2010**

<b>Countries</b>	<b>2010</b>	
	<b>Value in Birr</b>	<b>Net Weight In Kilos</b>
China	6,388,532,166	191,836,807
Saudi Arabia	3,182,656,609	310,425,355
India	2,146,223,276	86,753,073
United Arab Emirates	2,114,977,346	182,380,833
Japan	1,542,343,311	13,470,299
Italy	1,357,503,723	26,859,140
Turkey	918,012,084	32,983,983
Brazil	909,272,547	97,864,347
Malaysia	890,732,096	56,902,523
United States	869,912,230	130,665,780
Germany	855,023,398	7,805,674
Spain	467,197,274	5,448,331
Belgium	462,341,106	11,711,002
Thailand	437,566,861	15,410,232
Sudan	406,365,178	72,913,666
Ukraine	393,506,795	74,630,635
Bahrain	391,775,462	31,629,274
France	348,323,916	5,938,770
Indoniasia	343,216,305	19,140,263
United Kingdom	337,381,352	2,871,387
Others	3,733,759,242	140,448,350
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,496,622,279</b>	<b>1,518,089,724</b>