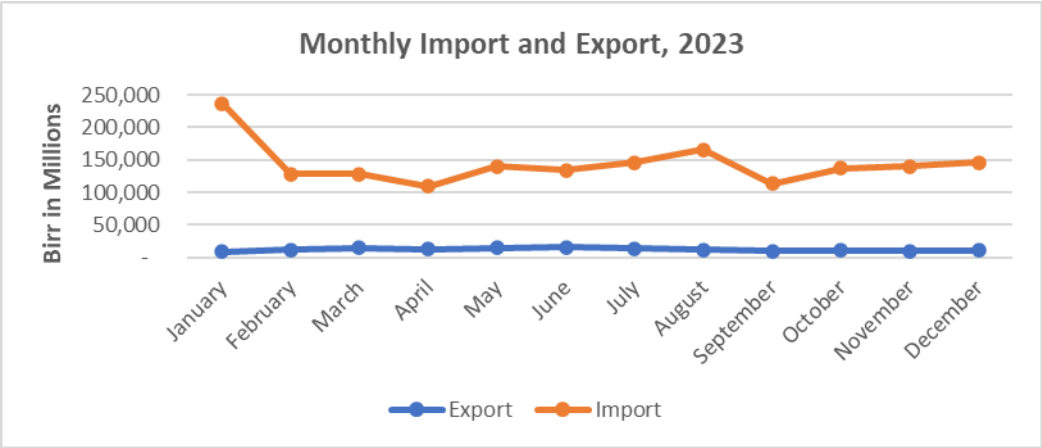


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1. Introduction

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 beginning of international trade, nations have striven to achieve and maintain a favourable balance of trade i.e. to export more than the import. Trade has always been the major force behind the economic relation among nations. The original information is obtained from the Ethiopian Customs Commission.

In view of this vital role international trade plays in the economic development of a country, and the overall responsibility of the Ethiopian statistical service (ESS) to provide a consistent statistical reference in all fields of statistics, ESS 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 snapshot of Ethiopia's international trade for the past three months, third quarter 2023 (July - September) in this file. The table conveys volume and value of trade that goes out and comes to the country, visible balance of trade, the major commodities of export and imports and the direction of trade. This file, however, is intended as a bird's eye view to the rapidly increasing foreign trade of the country, not as a detailed report.

2. Concepts and Definitions

Imports: - Are goods entered at the time of importation for consumption or warehousing into Ethiopia, including goods which are subsequently re-exported or re-directed.

Re-Exports: - Are imported goods subsequently re-exported without change of form, including ships or aircraft's stores.

Exports: - Are Ethiopian products, including imports which are exported after being transformed, improved or repaired.

Trade Balance: The total Exports plus Re-Exports minus total Imports

Country of Origin: - The importers are obliged to submit manufacturer's invoices with import declarations. Generally, the country of origin is then the country in which goods were grown or produced.

Country of Destination: - Is the country of final destination to the extent identifiable from records.

Table 1: Trade Balance, Third Quarter 2023

Period	Export		Import		Re- Export		Visible Balance of Trade
	Value in('000') Birr	NetWeight in Tons	Value in('000') Birr	NetWeight in Tons	Value in('000') B	NetWeight in To	Value in ('000')Birr
	a	b	C	d	e	f	g=(a+e)-c
July	13,853,101	116,194	128,046,296	1,777,223	381,624	1,335	- 113,811,572
August	12,063,640	99,901	149,600,677	2,668,034	517,596	2,717	- 137,019,441
September	9,441,066	89,677	100,187,907	3,295,683	335,737	1,224	- 90,411,104
Total	35,357,806	305,773	377,834,881	7,740,940	1,234,957	5,276	- 341,242,117

Table 2: Value and Net Weight of Major Export Commodities , third quarter 2023

Commodities	Value in Birr	Net Weight in Kilo
Coffee Not decaffeinated	19,754,009,904	67,984,520
Roses	2,626,052,583	10,407,950
Fresh or chilled vegetables	2,159,032,749	4,537,983
Soya beans, whether or not broken (excl. seed for sowing)	1,706,929,419	51,022,000
Sesamum seeds	1,646,966,506	14,865,387
Dried, shelled kidney beans	1,307,903,104	27,394,844
Meat of goats	618,441,900	1,543,488
dried leguminous vegetables, shelled,	390,158,093	6,240,000
Fresh Cut Flowers	351,465,762	1,287,046
Other dried beans, for seed.	339,086,797	5,436,400
soya beans	335,422,101	9,862,450
Chickpeas dried, shelled, whether or not skinned or split	287,468,119	5,925,550
Fresh Injera	282,684,745	2,733,436
Unrooted cuttings and slips	268,905,906	909,891
Carboys, bottles, flasks, jars, pots, phials, ampoules and other containers, of	193,524,780	3,293,162
Potatoes, fresh or chilled other	186,505,984	11,814,997
Other Oil Seeds and Leginous Fruits, Whether not Broken	129,921,623	1,969,800
Other vegetables; mixtures of vegetables	100,396,535	224,624
Castor oil seeds	98,456,148	2,112,000
Oil-cake and other solid residues, whether or not ground or in the form of pe	98,091,849	2,862,000
Others	2,476,381,823	73,345,282
Total	35,357,806,430	305,772,811

Table 3: Value and Net Weight of Major Import Commodities , third quarter 2023		
Commodities	Value in Birr	Net Weight in Kilo
Urea, whether or not in aqueous solution	28,292,137,183	562,980,457
Other petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous fertilizers containing nitrogen and phosphorus	23,281,948,864	508,075,637
Other palm oil	18,858,248,005	363,174,916
Prefabricated, buildings	10,946,979,393	186,663,883
Apparatus, transmission, reception	7,023,665,376	114,529,723
Other drugs mixed non mixed treated disease controlled prescribed	6,152,186,698	291,666
Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	5,477,531,264	6,854,140
Other cane sugar	5,361,009,582	180,157,488
Other parts of airplanes, helicopters or unmanned aircraft	4,723,234,109	266,926,588
Other parts and accessories	4,593,958,916	65,700
Wheat and meslin (excl. seed for sowing, and durum wheat)	4,089,918,072	5,694,052
Steel structures parts	3,376,850,302	122,125,000
polyesters	2,941,953,417	18,086,711
Exercise books	2,907,879,419	28,134,219
Polypropylene	2,894,024,258	37,982,764
Containing indentations, ribs, grooves or other deformations produced during	2,843,268,983	38,898,272
Wheat or meslin flour.	2,703,861,049	1,265,520,694
Soap noodles	2,404,626,037	100,710,626
Petroleum bitumen	2,374,377,876	37,584,253
Others	2,204,251,022	53,298,087
Total	377,834,880,632	7,740,940,291

Table 4: Major Export Destinations by Value , third quarter 2023

Countries	Value in Birr	Percentage
Saudi Arabi	4,226,045,586	11.95
United States	3,115,622,663	8.81
Netherlands	2,713,470,800	7.67
Korea, Republic of	2,364,608,121	6.69
Japan	2,022,006,904	5.72
United Arab Emirates	1,800,405,430	5.09
Germany	1,514,513,098	4.28
Somalia	1,465,001,241	4.14
India	1,338,711,814	3.79
Djibouti	1,333,134,536	3.77
China	1,235,665,770	3.49
Belgium	1,142,156,667	3.23
Israel	1,008,358,694	2.85
Pakistan	876,354,452	2.48
Sudan	863,451,142	2.44
Singapore	783,406,219	2.22
Italy	662,370,439	1.87
United Kingdom	518,370,691	1.47
France	487,295,729	1.38
Australia	453,370,016	1.28
Others	5,433,486,418	15.37
Total	35,357,806,430	100.00

Table 5: Major Import Origins by Value , third quarter 202

Countries	Value in Birr	Percentage
China	132,569,860,278	35.09
India	35,259,250,308	9.33
Oman	23,420,796,150	6.20
Morocco	22,986,720,979	6.08
United Arab Emirates	17,166,635,538	4.54
Saudi Arabia	16,727,164,340	4.43
United States	13,212,538,028	3.50
Egypt	12,903,851,859	3.42
Turkey	12,326,070,096	3.26
Indonesia	9,323,203,699	2.47
Kuwait	8,137,427,130	2.15
Italy	6,299,190,630	1.67
Malaysia	5,697,970,881	1.51
Djibouti	5,145,665,134	1.36
Nigeria	5,092,283,257	1.35
France	4,569,077,836	1.21
Japan	4,341,851,524	1.15
Korea, Republic of	3,689,580,179	0.98
Romania	3,375,142,874	0.89
United Kingdom	3,373,134,775	0.89
Other	32,217,465,137	8.53
Total	377,834,880,632	100.00