



# Dutchiopia – Agri News

Date: 30 June 2021 (no. 06)

## On activities, events, studies, articles and more

Do not hesitate to contact us in case of requests, tips for this news letter or trade questions.

## Agricultural Department

The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

[@] [ADD-LNV@minbuza.nl](mailto:ADD-LNV@minbuza.nl)

[tw] [@AgriEthiopia](https://twitter.com/AgriEthiopia)

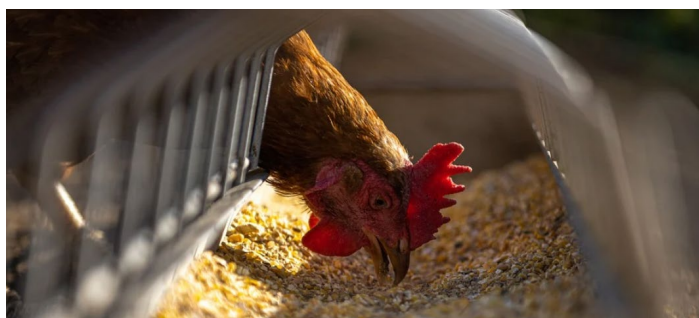
[fb] [Dutch Embassy Ethiopia](https://www.facebook.com/DutchEmbassyEthiopia)

[www]

<https://www.agroberichtenbuitenland.nl/landeninformatie/ethiopia>



## Latest publications



### COVID-19 related news

We continuously collect relevant updates and reports related to COVID-19 for everyone involved in agribusiness in Ethiopia. We publish these on our twitter / Facebook and our website.

On Agroberichten Buitenland we have provided [an overview](#) of some of the most relevant contact points for further information.

### [Dutch] Ethiopië zet in op reductie naoogst-verliezen

Ethiopië werkt hard aan de reductie van voedselverliezen, vooral de verliezen die na de oogst optreden. Het Oost-Afrikaanse land zet in op verbetering van het management en de dagelijkse praktijk rond opslag, transport, verwerking en verpakking.

Voor Nederland biedt dit kansen. Lees [hier](#) het volledige artikel wat deel uitmaakte van de Juni “agro-special”.

### Africa Business Week: Feed and value chains

On Friday the 28th of May, during the ‘Africa Business Week’, a successful session was organized by the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality on the importance of animal feed as input for the development of a sustainable livestock value chain in Ethiopia.

A number of panel members informed the participating agro food companies and organizations about the latest developments, opportunities and challenges on this topic in some African countries followed by a Q&A session. More information about this event can be read on our [Agroberichten Buitenland website](#).

During this Africa Business Week, we also launched a video to introduce the importance of the animal feed sector in Ethiopia. You can watch the video [here](#).



## Ethiopian National Elections

On 22nd of June, our team compiled several articles from the Ethiopian press and summarized it on our Agroberichten Buitenland Website. The sixth national election in Ethiopia were held on June 21<sup>st</sup> and turned out to be a rather peaceful one.

Voters were standing in line since the crack of dawn to cast their ballots in what is the country's first elections in six years. The election was postponed twice in the past year but further delay was not made despite the conflict in Tigray that has erupted since last November (no date has been set for elections there) and the problem in the two regions, Somali and Harar, which previously delayed voting until September.

Read more about how the elections went by checking out the full summary [here](#).

**Would you like to receive a notification whenever we post a new article on our agroberichten buitenland website? Register your email via [this form](#).**

**You can also choose to only get notifications when we upload a new document by registering [here](#).**

## Short Newsflashes



### PM Abiy calls on cities to partially feed themselves

On 24 May 2021, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed commended the work the Ethiopian Standards Authority is undertaking in its new compound to promote urban agriculture. The Authority's vertical farming sample is a good model for uptake by other institutions and households to contribute to food security through urban agriculture. It is crucial that cities develop their capacity to be able to at least partially feed themselves. Read more on the website of [FanaBC](#)

### Ethiopia hopes Somaliland port terminal reduces dependence on Djibouti

A new container terminal opened at Berbera port in the semi-autonomous Somaliland region is expected to be a major trade gateway for landlocked Ethiopia.

Read full article on the website of [Nation](#).

### Moyale-Moyale starts operating as a one stop border crossing point

June 8<sup>th</sup> marks the start of Moyale Border operating as a One Stop Border Post (OSBP), as the Government border regulatory officials from Kenya and Ethiopia came together to commence operations.

This means that, the border regulatory officials clearing traffic, cargo and persons from both Ethiopia and Kenya will now physically relocate and sit side by side on either side of the border, where they will undertake exit and entry formalities in a joint and/or sequenced manner.

The officials conducted site visits and inspection of border facilities as part of the OSBP operations commencement process.

More information about this new development can be found in the original Addis Standard article [here](#).



### **Analysis: ordinary people reel from inflation; economist warns it will lower economic growth**

A recent report by the Central Statistics Agency (CSA) indicates that the rate of inflation in Ethiopia increased by 19.7% in May 2021 compared to the same month last year. While the overall inflation rate surged by 19.9 percent the report indicated.

Read the full details in the original article of [Addis Standard](#).

### **EU donates 42 field vehicles to support the Coffee industry in Ethiopia**

As [reported](#) in the Ethiopian Monitor, the European Union in Addis Ababa, has donated Forty-two field vehicles worth €1.3mln to support the development of coffee sector in Ethiopia.

The donation is expected to support the research and extension service delivery of the 28 main coffee growing districts as well as the activities of Ethiopian Coffee and Tea Authority (ECTA), and Jimma Agricultural Research Centre, according to the EU Delegation in Addis Ababa.

### **Ethiopia Declares An Immediate, Unilateral Cease-fire In Tigray**

As [reported](#) in the NPR, Ethiopia's government on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> of June, declared an immediate, unilateral cease-fire in its Tigray region after nearly eight months of deadly conflict and as hundreds of thousands of people face the world's worst famine crisis in a decade.

The cease-fire could calm a war that has destabilized Africa's second most populous country and threatened to do the same in the wider Horn of Africa, where Ethiopia has been seen as a key security ally for the West.

### **MoA drafts plan for bank formation**

Aimed to support small and medium farmers', the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) submits its final draft plan to the micro economy team for the formation of the agricultural policy bank.

The agricultural bank is expected to be formed mainly with the aim to expand access to finance for the sector that has been working on the plan for the last three years starting from pointing out problems and solutions on the sector.

Curious to learn more about these plans? Read the full article on the website of [Capital Ethiopia](#).

### **First horticultural seeds from BASF's advanced center in Ethiopia hit the market**

The first horticultural seeds produced at BASF's advanced production center in Ethiopia are already on the global market. Located in the Amhara region, the center meets the ideal conditions to produce sweet pepper, tomato, and cucumber throughout the year. It is BASF's first high-tech greenhouse complex in Africa.

Read more about this on [Fresh Plaza](#).



### **Effective policy implementation to augment agricultural products' export volume**

Interesting facts and figures shared in [this](#) article.

Currently, Ethiopia receives 76 percent of its export earnings from its agricultural products such as Coffee, Oilseeds, Chat, Pulses, Cut Flowers, Fruits, Vegetables, Dairy and meat among others. The first 5 commodities cover 28.7 percent, 14.5 percent, 11.4 percent, 10.2 percent and 9.6 percent of the volume exported in 2018/19 respectively. Major export destinations in 2018/2019 included Asia (41.6 percent), Europe (25.4%), and Africa (20.8 percent).



ጥበቅና ሚኒስቴር  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE



## Events & Developments



### NEADAP Webinar on Rumen8 software 08 July 2021

Rumen8 is a free software application to easily manage dairy and beef cattle rations to increase production, reduce costs and lower enteric methane intensity.

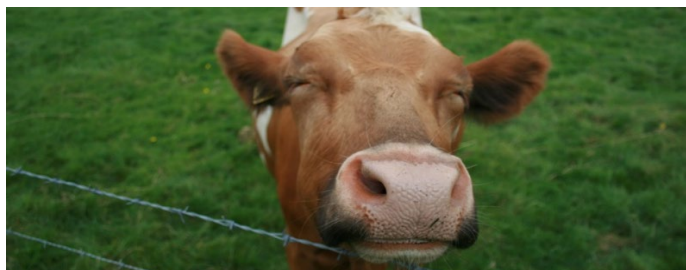
The foreseen Breakfast Webinar of NEADAP on Thursday the 8th of July includes a video impression of how Rumen8 is used at dairy farms in Kenya, introductions by experts Jos Creemers and Hink Perdok, practical demonstrations how to use Rumen8 in the formulation of a cattle ration followed by a Question and Answer session. Read more about it and register [here](#).

### Upcoming planned activities on Dairy September & October 2021

Besides a Webinar on dairy which will be held on September 9<sup>th</sup> focusing on the new Business Opportunity Report, the agricultural team of the embassy is also planning more activities on dairy in Ethiopia.

Most of these will be held during the African Livestock Exhibition and Congress (ALEC) if there is enough interest. In that case, events like matchmaking sessions or a dairy conference will be organized. In case you are interested, please contact our colleague Mahlet Dessie via [ADD-LNV@minbuza.nl](mailto:ADD-LNV@minbuza.nl). She can give you more information on this.

Overall, plenty of activities planned which you can read more about [here](#).



### Upcoming Events

With the current state of affairs with COVID-19 in Ethiopia and the world, events have switched to online locations. For updates and innovations check our [twitter](#) and our [agenda](#).

### Horti Webinar 13 July 2021

This webinar is primarily focused on national and international policy makers, licensing and subsidy providers who stimulate investments in agri-food and investors in horticulture.

With a variety of stakeholders, the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture would like to show how co-creation of future proof production of food and flower systems can be achieved in practice. Check the registration page for more information on content and speakers. Register here: <https://worldhortievents.nl/solution/>

### POSTPONED: Agro Business session – Plant sector Autumn 2021

In our previous Dutchiopia edition, we had announced to organize a Agro Business session for the plant sector as you have probably already seen what a success the Agro business session for the livestock sector was. In case you missed that one, you can read all about it [here](#) [Dutch].

Our team was planning to organize a similar session in June/July however we have decided to postpone it to autumn so that we will (hopefully) be able to organize a physical event by that time. We will keep our contacts informed closer to date.

### The Agricultural Team

Meeuwes Brouwer  
Mahlet Mekuria Dessie  
Ebru F. Uçan  
Solome Ketema

Agricultural Counsellor  
Agricultural Advisor  
Agricultural Officer  
Management Assistant

For address changes or unsubscribing please send an email to [ADD-LNV@minbuza.nl](mailto:ADD-LNV@minbuza.nl)

