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Latest publications

Ethiopische Zuiveldelegaties bezoeken Nederland

Nederland verwelkomde in de maand juni twee grote Ethiopische zuiveldelegaties. Eén van de 2 delegaties bestond uit een groep van circa 15 commerciële melkveehouders die in Nederland op melkveebedrijven praktijkervaring opdeden en diverse bedrijven bezochten. De andere delegatie bestond uit zowel federale als regionale overheidsvertegenwoordigers en uit twee zuivelverwerkers die in Nederland waren om kennis en best practices te delen op het terrein van voedselveiligheid en zuivelkwaliteit. Diverse organisaties en bedrijven werden bezocht, waaronder COKZ, Wageningen Animal Science (WLR en WFSR), SecureFeed, Gezondheidsdienst voor Dieren en de NZO. De twee Ethiopische delegaties ontmoetten elkaar op de Dairy Campus in Friesland, waar ook bedrijven actief in de Nederlandse zuivelketen kennis konden maken met de delegatieleden. In juli wordt in Addis Abeba verder gesproken over de belangrijkste bevindingen en conclusies van de Zuivelmissie en over mogelijke vervolgactiviteiten in de vorm van bijvoorbeeld trainingen, workshops en expertmissies. Doel is de kwaliteit van melk en zuivelproducten in Ethiopië op een hoger niveau te tillen.



COVID -19 Related News

Ethiopia to Rapidly Scale Up COVID-19 Vaccination with World Bank Support



The World Bank approved a \$195 million International Development Association grant in support of Ethiopia's COVID-19 Emergency Response Project. This additional financing will support Ethiopia's efforts to scale up the availability and deployment of COVID-19 vaccines nationwide with particular emphasis on reaching rural areas and vulnerable communities affected by the conflict. Furthermore, the funds will support the rehabilitation of public health facilities damaged by the conflict in different parts of the country.

Are you interested to learn more about COVID-19 in Ethiopia? Please view [here](#) Ethiopia's COVID-19 status on [REUTERS COVID-19 Tracker](#).

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Short Newsflashes

Government Exempts Animal Feed from VAT, Import Duties

Importers of animal feed components are no longer required to pay customs duties or value added tax (VAT), following a decision by federal authorities.

Eyob Tekalign (PhD), state minister for Finance, told officials of the Ministry of Agriculture and the Customs Commission that the exemption is meant to relieve the livestock sector, which has been under pressure from runaway inflation.

More information in [this](#) article of [Addis Fortune](#).

World Bank Nods Positive for Modjo Port Extension, Financing still Pending

The World Bank Directors have approved a two-year extension of an expansion project at the country's largest dry port facility to finalize civil works. However, authorities' request for an additional 50 million dollars in funding remains pending.

The expansion project is part of a trade logistics programme launched five years ago to increase the facility's operational efficiency, located 80 kilometer Southeast of Addis Abeba. Although the World Bank approved 150 million dollars in credit, work did not begin until last year. The World Bank had disbursed close to 35 million dollars by last year.

Read more [here](#).

Ethiopia's bargaining power in AfCFTA deteriorates as gov't delays offers

Delays in submitting the offer of goods and services commitment to the African Continental Free Trade Agreement is weakening Ethiopia's bargaining power, as other member countries are about to start trading.

In the annual performance evaluation meeting of the Council of Ministers, the Minister for Planning and Development, Fitsum Assefa (PhD) revealed that Ethiopia's engagement in the AfCFTA has been delayed since the government failed to submit offers for the goods and service commitments, even though the documents have been finalized for a long time.



Ministry of Agriculture Says More Than 15 Mil Quintals of Fertilizer Prepared for Farming Season

Minister of Agriculture, Omar Hussein briefed members of House of Peoples' Representative about the activities being carried out to facilitate the supply and distribution of fertilizers and seeds for the current farming season.

The Ministry of Agriculture disclosed that more than 15 million quintals of fertilizer have been prepared for the current Meher farming season in Ethiopia.

You can get more information in [here](#).

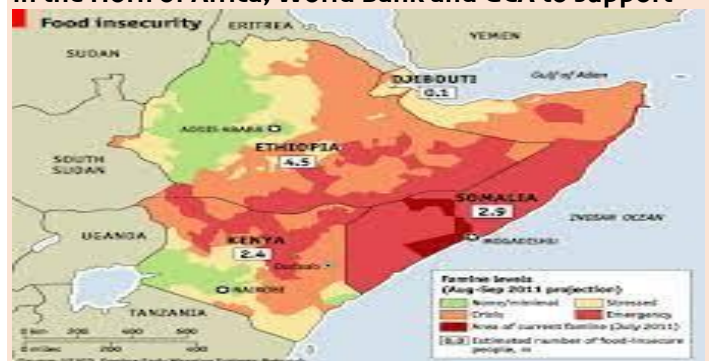
Ethiopia's Plan to Cease Wheat Import by 2023 Deemed Unrealistic by the US Department of Agriculture

According to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, approximately 7.2 million people are facing severe food insecurity as a result of the drought. Food prices in the hardest-hit areas increased by 66% this year.

Noting these points, the US Department of Agriculture stated in April that Ethiopia's attempt to end wheat imports by 2023 with "limited resources to adopt necessary technologies" is a "very unrealistic and unattainable target."

You can find more in this [article](#).

18.4 million people suffer from extreme food insecurity in the Horn of Africa, World Bank and GCA to support



The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs has warned that at least 18.4 million people in the three Horn of Africa (Ethiopia, Kenya, & Somalia) are already experiencing high levels of acute food insecurity and rising malnutrition, as stated in this [article](#).

The World Bank has launched a new US\$600 million investment project to strengthen Ethiopia's food systems and prepare it for food insecurity. As stated in this [article](#), the Global Center for Adaptation will provide technical advisory support to this project.

Ethiopian Sesame Export Reaching New Levels and Attracting More Exporters



According to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, Ethiopia has risen from a minor producer of sesame in 2002 to Africa's largest producer in 2011. As stated on [this](#) article, despite the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and security concerns in some parts of Ethiopia, the country's sesame seed export (mainly to China) increased during the Ethiopian fiscal years 2019/20 and 2020/21, reaching 99,015 tons and 92,301 tons.

Ethiopia loses its 19pc stake in Berbera port: Somaliland minister

Ethiopia has lost 19% of its stake in the port of Berbera over failure to fulfil conditions required to complete the ownership deal, the government of Somaliland has said. One of the requirements was financial contribution for the construction of the port which Addis Ababa failed to remit. This effectively reverses the agreement made in 2017 between Ethiopia, Dubai ports giant DP World and the Somaliland Port Authority. Read more [here](#).



Ethiopia expects AGOA privilege to resume by December 2022

The Ethiopian government expects President Joe Biden to approve the discussions to resume Ethiopia's eligibility to African Growth and Opportunity Act, by December 2022.

The progress was confirmed after Tesfaye Yilma, State Minister of Foreign Affairs, discussed the issue with Tracey Jacobson (Amb.), Charge d'Affaires at the U.S. Embassy in Ethiopia, last week. Jacobson told Ethiopian officials that Ethiopia will resume trading under the AGOA privilege.

Interested to know more on the topic? Then visit [this](#) link of [The Reporter Magazine](#)

Banks reserve cuts strokes inflationary fears

On [Addisfortune](#) news in [here](#), Central bank Governor Yinager Dessie's (PhD) decision to slash reserve requirements for the commercial banks by half, has stoked fear that a lending spree fuels inflation.

Commercial banks must hold five percent of their net deposits as reserves with the National Bank of Ethiopia (NBE) and maintain a monthly average reserve-to-deposit ratio of seven percent. The Governor has ordered the banks to submit weekly and monthly reports on their deposits and reserve balances to the central bank's supervision directorate.

It is barely a year since the Central bank doubled the reserve ratio to 10 percent. Governor Yinager also directed banks keep liquid assets of at least 15 percent of net liabilities. He hopes cutting the reserve requirement by half would ease the banking industry's liquidity problem.

A Japanese business plans to expand Ethiopian cut flower imports fivefold

The number of cut flower imports from Ethiopia would be boosted fivefold, according to top executives at the Japanese Impack Corporation.

The news was made this week in Tokyo, when Ethiopia's ambassador to Japan, Tefera Derbew, met with Impack Corporation Chairman Tomokazu Morishige and President Hekiro Morishige, respectively.

The Corporation currently imports two million rose flower stems from Ethiopian rose flower producers and exporters each year. Its representatives informed the ambassador that the Corporation intends to more than fivefold the amount of its annual rose flower imports in the next years and that Impack Corporation's attempts to boost Japanese demand for Ethiopian rose flowers.

You can get more information in [here](#).

Trade ministry pushes for overseas capital accounts

On the aim to benefit from service goods in business activities under the CFTA, the trade negotiating committee under the Ministry of Trade and Integration requests the steering committee to consider a significant policy shift for the Ethiopian business community to have an overseas capital account. The Ministry has also approved a list of goods to go through the tariff removal as well as other sectors that would be totally closed.

The National Macroeconomic Committee led by Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed is the body that will give the final decision on the document. You can read more about the topic in [here](#) of [EthioExplorer](#).

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Upcoming events

African Livestock Exhibition & Congress

The 2022 edition of African Livestock Exhibition and Congress will be held at the Ethiopian Skylight Hotel in Addis Ababa from 27th - 29th of October.

The African Livestock Exhibition and Congress is the leading Animal Husbandry International trade show where the sector professionals and Business community comes to do business. It aims to promote sector development through trade facilitation, the introduction of new technology, and the transfer of knowledge besides investment promotion in the sector. The commencement of the event is assisting the overall livestock sector development and expansion of livestock products market in the region.



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