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Latest publications

Relevant documents

- The Ethiopian Customs Commission has announced a revision to the standards for imported personal appliances. The revised Directive No. 923/14, which replaces the present directive that creates the conditions for the admission of personal appliances into the nation. Read the Amharic Version of the [Directive No. 923/14 in here](#).
- The Russia-Ukraine conflict is expected to have an adverse influence on Ethiopia's economy as well as that of the continent of Africa through disruptions to agricultural production and supply chains as revealed on the most recent Deloitte report on the macroeconomic outlook for East Africa. ["Resilience through tough times," - Deloitte report](#)
- A new Directive No. FXD/81/2022 came into effect on September 05, 2022, in repeal of the previous Directive No. FXD/49/2017. The directive sets new rules regarding the limits on birr and foreign exchange holdings in Ethiopia as setting the necessary conditions, limitations, and circumstances. You can find the document below: [Directive No. FXD/81/2022](#)
- The National Bank of Ethiopia has revised the external loan and supplier's credit directive for the third time. You can find the details in the link below. [Directive for External loan and supplier's credit](#)

Did you know?

The seed coat of pigeon pea has 6 times more calcium than milk, making it a potentially valuable input for the food and pharmaceutical industries. This was confirmed by the study released by the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT).

Did you know?

Ethiopia stands ninth among the top ten African countries with the most software developers. There are about 19,000 professional developers in the country. The continent's booming tech startup ecosystem is reportedly spurring the demand for African developers.

Did you know?

Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed was awarded the 2022 Laureate of the Global Islamic Finance Award for efforts made in reforming Ethiopia's finance sector. The PM received the Award at a ceremony held in Djibouti.

Did you know?

Ethiopian Cargo and Logistics Services, the largest air cargo network operator in Africa, was recognized and awarded two global cargo awards in 2022.

Did you know?

Dozen of directives and regulations are in the pipeline to birth stock exchange in Ethiopia? These legal frameworks are necessary to establish the Capital Market Authority and the Ethiopian Securities Exchange (ESX).

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Short Newsflashes

Horticulture Export Generates \$628 million in Ethiopia

Ethiopia has secured some \$628 million in revenue from exporting horticultural products to various destinations during the just-ended Ethiopian 2014 E.C fiscal year (2021-22).

The news, sourced from the Ministry of Agriculture, reported that the flower sub-sector alone generated over \$541 million in the last EFY and became the most valuable agricultural export commodity next to coffee. The country also ranks among the leading flower exporting countries to international markets in Africa. You can read more in [here](#).



Gasoline Price Shoots to Br. 57 Per Liter in Ethiopia, a 19% Increase

As stated in [here](#), retail fuel prices in Ethiopia have skyrocketed, according to an announcement made by the country's Ministry of Trade and Regional Integration (MoTRI). Effective as of midnight September 28:

- Gasoline price rises to Br57.05 per liter from its previous mark at Br 47.83, registering a 19% increase in less than three months
- White diesel (Nafta) and Kerosene both reach Br 59.9 per liter, up from Br 49.02 in July this year and undergoing a 22% surge since then
- Other fuel products such as jet fuel, light black diesel, and heavy black diesel will not face any fuel adjustments.

Fraud Suspicions Bring City Farmland Registration to Screeching Halt

According to [this](#) article on the [AddisFortune News](#), the city administration has frozen efforts to register plots by farmers in the peripheries of Addis Abeba following reports of fraud.

The suspension coincides with an announcement that municipal authorities have agreed with administrators of the Oromia Regional State to finalize the demarcation of the administrative boundaries between the capital and special zones under the regional state. Officials claim that the demarcation would settle simmering disputes over farmlands on the city's edges.

Fungus, invasive pest, destroy tomato plants, spikes price



Tomato production and supply have plummeted after top producers of the plant have been suffocated by a tomato epidemic as stated in [this](#) article.

Ethiopia's top tomato producing corridors in Oromia regional state are hit by "leaf spot," a fungal disease that interrupts photosynthesis and "Tuta Absoluta," an invasive insect pest. The tomato leaf disease erupted in the rift valley cultivation areas following the heavy rainy season. The lack of effective chemical sprays for the diseases has also exacerbated the impact.

Trade Ministry restricts access to cement, tightens grip over factories

The main motive behind the decision from the Ministry of Trade and Regional Integration for public announcement was to avail legal ground for any administrative and legal actions.

The public announcement asserted that the factories must sell the cement to authorized agents only. Agents who are only approved by the regional and city administrations have the right to hold the product, a move targeted at paralyzing unauthorized trucks or warehouses from hoarding.

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

Why Maize Could be Key to Transforming Poultry in Ethiopia

Ethiopian poultry farmers has faced a rough year in the past 2014E.C. The main culprit was identified to be the shooting price of poultry feed, of which maize is a primary component and is perhaps key to overcoming the problem.

The increment in the price for the poultry feed among other minor reasons has resulted in poultry farms halting their operations. You can get more information in [here](#).

Deep-Water Somali Port Gives Landlocked Ethiopia New Trade Route

Somalia will open a deep-water port on its northern coast, with a road link forging a new trade route connecting Ethiopia's south-eastern region with the city of Gara'ad.

The development is part of a \$531 million investment plan aimed at boosting the export of livestock, fish, minerals and agricultural commodities. You can read more in [here](#).

The Ministry of Agriculture remain alert as fertilizer prices continue to rise

The Ministry of Agriculture is worried about the global fertilizer scarcity as the nation becomes unable to endure the increase in the price of the agriculture input owing to the conflict between the Ukraine and Russia.

The global fertilizer crunch continued as the country sees a growth in demand for fertilizer due to expansion of irrigation farms and new agriculture projects that prompt farmers to increasingly shift to artificial fertilizer with subsidized price.

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



Grain from Ukraine Arrives in Ethiopia

According to [this](#) article, 23,000 tons of Ukrainian wheat arrived in Djibouti by ship in the past month. Trucks have delivered a portion of that wheat to the World Food Program's main warehouse in Ethiopia, where food aid is desperately needed.

Ukrainian food exports were cut off for months until Ukraine and Russia reached an U.N.-backed agreement last month to open a corridor for the free flow of food shipments. The WFP says this is the first humanitarian aid shipment from Ukraine to arrive in Ethiopia under the agreement.

Brief Look at Ethiopia's Wheat Performance in 2014 E.C.

One of the two agricultural commodities in which Ethiopia has made major achievements in 2021-22 (2014 E.C) is wheat production. Although experts agree that more needs to be done, major milestones have been reached in the past year considering the extent of challenges the country faced.

You can read more in [here](#).

Ethiopia Grows a Lot of Soybean in Amhara

According to [this article](#) of the Ethiopian Agricultural Transformation Institute, the Amhara region is extensively cultivating soybeans, with the major cultivating zones located in Awi, West Gondar, Central Gondar and West Gojam Zones.

Due to its great productivity and easy access to markets, this bean has become preferable to sesame.

Inflation in Ethiopia Declines for the Third Month in a Row



Ethiopia's general inflation decreased for the third month in a row since April. According to an article by Reuters, it has now gone down from 33.5% in July to 32.5% in August 2022.

The data, sourced from the Ethiopian Central Statistical Agency, attributes the downward trend to the continuing slowdown in food prices. The statistics office reportedly proclaimed that food inflation dropped to 33.2% in the just-ended month from 35.5% in July, while during the same period, non-food inflation rose to 31.5% from 30.4%.

More information in [here](#).

Policy caps foreigners' acquisition in local banks to 40 percent

Foreign banks are allowed to acquire up to a 30 percent stake in local banks, according to a policy document approved by the Council of Ministers last month and obtained by The Reporter. With an additional five percent stake allowed each for foreign individuals and foreign non-bank investors, the maximum stake local bank can sell to foreigners is capped at 40 percent. Licensing foreign banks and implementation of the policy is slated to kick off in one year's time. You can read more [here](#).

Unions Ink Deal With Feed Supplier as High Prices Haunt Farmers

20 Farmers' unions across the country have inked a deal with a private feed processing company as the cost of nourishing livestock remains untenably high. The rising costs for feed have been a worry for federal authorities as stated on the [AddisFortune News](#) in [here](#).

Events & Development

Past Events

Ethiopische delegatie tuinbouw in Nederland



In de week van 25 september jl. bezocht een Ethiopische delegatie Nederland. De missie was gericht op uitwisseling van kennis en ervaringen op het gebied van voedselveiligheid, fyto-sanitair en kwaliteit voor groenten, fruit en snijbloemen. Overheid en bedrijfsleven waren vertegenwoordigd in de delegatie en LNV, NVWA, KCB, CBL, BIONEXT, GroentenFruitHuis, WUR, Koppert en Royal Flora Holland werden onder andere bezocht.

Afgesproken is de samenwerking met Ethiopië de komende periode te intensiveren omtrent fyto-sanitair (false codling moth), biologische gewasbescherming (IPM, BCAs), elektronisch certificeren en voedselveiligheid en een platform op te richten in Addis Abeba voor een regulier overleg met de Ethiopische autoriteiten en het (Nederlands) bedrijfsleven actief in Ethiopië.

Ethiopia hosts East African delegates for Bamboo Study Tour



The International Bamboo and Rattan Organization (INBAR) recently organized a Bamboo Study Tour and Policy Dialogue in Ethiopia for East African investors, policymakers, manufacturers, civil society leaders, and private sector entrepreneurs, from Kenya and Uganda.

As stated in this [article](#), the study tour was designed to provide an opportunity for participants to learn from Ethiopia's experience and best practices in sustainable bamboo product design and development.

Upcoming events

YALTA Regional Summit: "Accelerating Youth Driven Agroecological Businesses for Sustainable Food Systems" from 25th – 26th October 2022 in Kampala – Uganda and Online starting at 9:00 am EAT.



The Summit will bring together young entrepreneurs, Agroecology and Business professionals from Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia,

Rwanda and beyond to talk about Accelerating Youth driven Agroecological Businesses for sustainable food systems. For more information about the program and the speakers visit the website at this [link](#).

If you are interested, please confirm your participation by filling out this [registration form](#). For any questions get in touch with the organizers by email: yalta.initiative@gmail.com.

Deelname aan de African Livestock Exhibition en congres [Dutch]

In de periode 27 t/m 29 oktober wordt in Addis Abeba het jaarlijkse 'Africa Livestock Exhibition & Congress' georganiseerd.

Het Landbouwteam van de ambassade in Addis heeft besloten om conferenties over Zuivel en Pluimvee te organiseren evenals een Nederlands Paviljoen waar bedrijven en vooral leveranciers van input, technologie en kennis een stand kunnen huren in het Paviljoen.

Meer informatie over het evenement vind je [hier](#).

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