

# Export Diversification

Growth and diversification of export earnings is high in the agenda of the government considering that the country has a small number of traditional exports.

The government is using all means and resources to enable Ethiopia diversify its export items and increase its foreign currency earnings.

There are hopeful signs on diversification of exports beyond the traditional items such as coffee, tea and hides and skins, among others. This indicates the feasibility of economic policy and strategy of the government.

For instance, the contribution of oil seeds and spices for the increment of foreign currency earnings is high.

In the past fiscal year, of the total 10,008 million dollar Ethiopia secured from export, the share of oil seeds and spices was about 82.4 million dollar.

In the past four years, the export of cereals, oil seeds, spices, meat, livestock and flower have shown successive growth.

**Table one**

No.	Products	1998 Budget Year Plan		1999 Budget Activity		Execution in Percent	
		Size (tones)	Income (million)	Size (tones)	Income (million)	Size (tones)	Income (million)
1	Cereals	142000	397600	108773	36995	76.60	158.71
2	Oil Seeds	157000	111784	263251	209786	167.68	187.67
3	Spices	167000	9400	8509	8661	50.95	92.14
	Total	315700	160944	380533	255424	120.54	158.71