

Flourishing Flower Sector

The flower industry in Ethiopia has been developing rapidly over the past few years. This is mainly due to the irreplaceable commitment of investors in the sector and incentive provided by the government.

Ethiopia, like other developing countries with limited export items, is attempting to diversify its export items and destination with the view of getting new source of income.

The flower industry is also contributing to scale up of the national economy along the traditional export items such as coffee, leather and leather products, among others.

The table below shows the level of export and income of flower in the first half of the 1999 budget year.

Flower Export by Destination for the first Half of 1999 Ethiopia Budget Year

Weight in Stem		Value in USD		
Country	Weight	Value	% Share	Unit Price
Netherlands	104,992,912	11,353,071	52.40	0.11
Germany	22,073,548	6,202,081	28.62	0.28
United Kingdom	5,941,504		4.49	0.16
United States of America	4,012,160	973,008	4.25	0.23
France	1,993,280	920,232	1.87	0.20
Israel	2,526,948	404,152	1.46	0.12
Belgium	2,181,338	315,683	1.33	0.13
Italy	317,710	287,537	0.78	0.54
Japan	928,850	170,079	0.78	0.18
Norway	1,155,050	169,342	0.72	0.13
United Arab Emirates	1,086,940	155,720	0.52	0.10

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Canada	800,400	113,682	0.44	0.12
Kenya	102,110	94,815	0.32	0.69
Sweden	356,583	70,312	0.32	0.19
Saudi Arabia	424,935	68,794	0.27	0.14
Hungary	168,320	58,032	0.20	0.26
Djibouti	202,231	43,118	0.16	0.17
Niger	105,200	34,890	0.14	0.28
Cyprus	244,500	29,648	0.13	0.11
Poland	219,120	21,510	0.10	0.10
South Africa	173,560	20,021	0.09	0.12
Russia	157,585	19,846	0.09	0.13
Slovenia	37,040	12,163	0.06	0.33
Spain	10,080	9,473	0.04	0.94
Tanzania	16,000	9,244	0.03	0.58
Qatar	82,528	6,175	0.03	0.27
Georgia	114,080	5,922	0.03	0.05
Switzerland	4,480	5,671	0.03	1.27
Swaziland	60,000	5,515	0.02	0.09
Zimbabwe	18,500	4,760	0.02	0.26
Portugal	4,540	3,708	0.02	0.82
Senegal	35,840	3,670	0.02	0.10
China	2,880	3,081	0.01	1.07
Lebanon	29,780	2,972	0.01	0.10
Iceland	23,000	2,300	0.01	0.10
Cameron	6,000	2,294	0.01	0.38
Yemen	9,500	2,289	0.01	0.24
Brazil	26,000	2,280	0.01	0.09
El Salvador	2,520	2,222	0.01	0.88

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Uganda	11,880	1,926	0.01	0.16
Finland	30,900	1,854	0.01	0.06
India	15,000	1,500	0.01	0.10
Turkey	1,600	1,363	0.01	0.85
Reunion	6,060	1,339	0.01	0.22
Greece	1,260	1,062	0.005	0.84
Nauru	7,050	843	0.004	0.12
Honduras	360	427	0.002	1.19
Sudan	3,860	402	0.002	0.10
Czech Republic	360	72	0.0003	0.20
Angola	780	47	0.0002	0.06
New Zealand	350	30	0.0001	0.09
Unspecified	193,680	19,684	0.09	0.10
Total Sum	150,920,692	21,667,331	100.00	0.14

Source:- Ministry of Trade and Industry.