

## **Fruit, Vegetables Growing Export Sector**

Favorable climatic conditions in Ethiopia permit the growth of a wide variety of horticultural products. Although most of Ethiopia's fruits and vegetables are growing for local consumption, there are three categories of exports as well. Low value fruits and vegetables grown on small private farms in eastern Ethiopia are exported directly to Djibouti through Dire Dawa by Train. These fruits include oranges, mangoes, lemons, guava, papaya, grapefruit, pineapple and banana. Local vegetables exported to Djibouti include beans, asparagus, sweet pepper, okra, garlic, avocado, and green chilly.

Ethiopia also sells some processed fruits and vegetables to Yemen, Saudi Arabia and other Middle East countries. The two most important products are oranges (as canned by bottled orange juice) and tomatoes (as ketchup, tomato paste, and tomato concentrate).

Ethiopia's export of fruits and vegetables has been growing steadily over the last 15 years. In the first half of the current fiscal year more than 20 million kilos of fruits and vegetables were exported.

Fruit and Vegetable Export by Destination for the First Half of 1999 Eth. Budget year

**Table**

Country	Weight in Kg		Value in USD	
	Weight	Value	% Share	Unit Price
Djibouti	17,737,158	4,078,694	56.30	0.23
Netherlands	407,565	1,571,992	21.70	3.86
United Arab Emirates	1.149,468	716,396	9.89	0.62

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Sudan	720,167	506,704	6.99	0.70
India	371,476	246,160	3.40	0.66
Yemen	43,557	57,750	0.80	1.33
Italy	28,068	17,638	0.24	0.63
Kuwait	23,000	16,790	0.23	0.73
Zambia	18,800	12,690	0.18	0.68
Saudi Arabia	5,071	5,798	0,08	1.14
Jordan	10,000	4,500	0.06	0.45
Germany	2,778	3,382	0.05	1.22
United Kingdom	885	1,874	0.03	2.12
Austria	1,183	1,576	0.02	1.33
Denmark	417	1,453	0.02	3.49
South Africa	260	810	0.01	3.12
Reunion	447	618	0.01	1.38
Total Sum	20,520,300	7,244,824	100.00	0.35