

Spices-Spicy Export Items

Export performance has shown remarkable progress both in diversity of export items and amount of revenue generated. Likewise, export destinations are also diversified beyond the traditional ones, mainly, due to the emphasis given by the government to the export sector. The demand for Ethiopian spices such as garlic, ginger, pepper which are organic in nature, is particularly rising dramatically.

In the first half of the 1999 E.C. fiscal year close to 4,691 Kgs of spices was exported securing over four million USD. Sudan and Yemen, in that order, are the two biggest markets for Ethiopian spices. Malaysia, Canada and Congo are also destination for Ethiopian goods. The table shows the overall picture of spice export.

Spice Export by Destination for the First Half of 1999 Ethiopian Budget Year

Country	Weight in Kg		Value in USD	
	Weight	Value	% Share	Unite Price
Sudan	2,150,615	1,800,849	44.70	0.84
Yemen	897,595	753,087	18.69	0.84
Egypt	407,400	459,204	11.40	1.13
Saudi Arabia	346,336	355,908	8.83	1.03
Kenya	315,700	171,529	4.26	0.54
Algeria	74,000	112,200	2.78	1.52

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Malaysia	125,000	97,250	2.41	0.78
Turkey	29,500	50,150	1.24	1.70
India	48,000	47,520	1.18	0.99
Netherlands	94,659	41,367	1.03	0.44
Djibouti	52,533	23,215	0.58	0.44
United Arab Emirates	25,364	22,438	0.56	0.88
United States of America	17,347	22,360	0.56	1.29
South Africa	23,980	16,560	0.41	0.69
United Kingdom	37,848	15,580	0.39	0.41
Iran	24,400	11,956	0.30	0.49
Israel	9,715	7,499	0.19	0.77
Bulgaria	200	5,468	0.14	27.34
Belgium	3,811	3,162	0.08	0.83
Sweden	1,107	2,430	0.06	2.20
Canada	140	743	0.02	5.30
France	51	175	0.004	3.43
Congo	20	22	0.001	1.10
Unspecified	4,703	8,149	0.20	1.73
Total Sum	4,690,024	4,028,821	100.00	0.86