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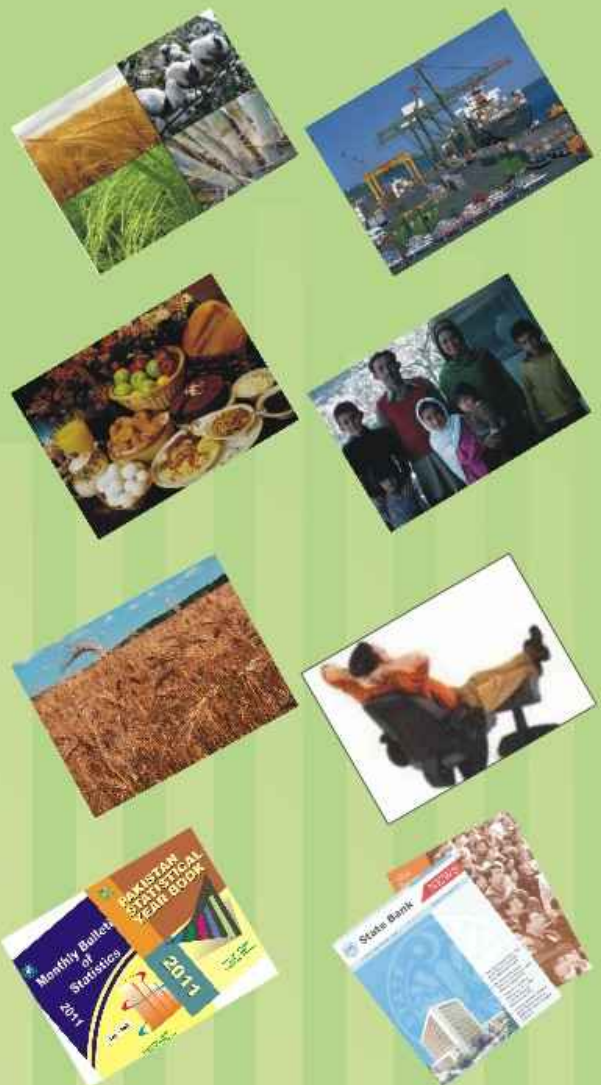
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CROPS ESTIMATES

First estimates of Rice, Cotton and Sugarcane crops respectively for the year 2011-12 along with figures for 2010-11 and percentage changes are as under:

Name of Crops	Area in Hectares		% in Change
	2009-10	1010-11	
Rice	2526.0	2365.3	6.8
Cotton	3219.2	2689.1	19.7
Sugarcane	1110.5	987.7	12.4



FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICS

Exports during January, 2012:

Exports from Pakistan during January, 2012 amounting to Rs. 175,998 million (Provisional) as against Rs. 165,674 million (Provisional) in December, 2011 showing an increase of 6.23%.

In terms of US dollars, the exports from Pakistan during January, 2012 amounting to 1,953 million US \$ (Provisional) as against 1,854 million US \$ (Provisional) in December, 2011 showing an increase of 5.34%

Main commodities of exports during January, 2012 were:

Food Group: Rice others (Rs.11,714 million or 129,960 thousand US \$).

Textile Group: Cotton cloth (Rs. 16,088 million or 178,486 thousand US \$), cotton yarn (Rs.13,845 million or 153,602 thousand US \$), readymade garments (Rs.13,500 million or 149,774 thousand US \$), knitwear (Rs.13,480 million or 149,552 thousand US \$), bed wear (Rs. 11,171 million or 123,935 thousand US \$) and towels (Rs. 4,985 million or 55,306 thousand US \$).

Petroleum Group & Coal: Petroleum top naphta (Rs. 4,972 million or 55,161 thousand US \$).

Other Manufactures Group: Plastic material (Rs. 4,424 million or 49,082 thousand US \$) and jewellery (Rs. 7,652 million or 84,894 thousand US \$).

Exports during July - January, 2011-2012:

Exports during July-January, 2011-2012 totalled Rs. 1,152,765 million (Provisional) as against Rs. 1,124,315 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 2.53%.

In terms of US dollars, the exports during July-January, 2011-2012 totalled \$ 13,155 million (Provisional) as against \$ 13,122 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 0.25%.

Imports during January, 2012:

Imports into Pakistan during January, 2012 amounting to Rs. 328,907 million (Provisional) as against Rs. 380,672 million (Provisional) in December, 2011, showing a decrease of 13.60%.

In terms of US dollars, the imports into Pakistan during January, 2012 amounting to 3,649 million US \$ (Provisional) as against 4,261 million US \$ (Provisional) in December, 2011, showing a decrease of 14.36%.

Main commodities of Imports during January, 2012 were:

Food Group: Palm oil (Rs. 16,229 million or 180,051 thousand US \$).

Machinery Group: Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs. 7,980 million or 88,533 thousand US \$), power generating machinery (Rs.5,732 million or 63,593 thousand US \$) and telecom (mobile phone) (Rs.5,390 million or 59,799 thousand US \$).

Petroleum Group: Petroleum products (Rs.64,477 million or 715,333 thousand US \$) and petroleum crude (Rs.39,523 million or 438,483 thousand US \$).

Textile Group: Raw cotton (Rs. 4,773 million or 52,953 thousand US \$).

Agricultural and Other Chemicals Group: Plastic materials (Rs. 11,448 million or 127,009 thousand US \$) and medicinal products (Rs.5,220 million or 52,913 thousand US \$).

Metal Group: Iron and steel (Rs. 11,281 million or 125,156 thousand US \$).

Imports during July - January , 2011-2012:

Imports during July-January, 2011-2012 totalled Rs.2,308,109 million (Provisional) as against Rs.1,931,689 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 19.49%.

In terms of US dollars, the imports during July-January, 2011-2012 totalled \$ 26,327 million (Provisional) as against \$ 22,546 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 16.77%.

Main commodities of imports during December, 2011 were:**Balance of Trade:**

Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports, the balance of trade in January, 2012 was (-)152,909 million in terms of Rupees and (-)1,696 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July-January, 2011-2012 were (-)1,155,344 million in terms of Rupees and (-)13,172 million in US dollars.

**PRICE INDICES AND ANALYSIS****Consumer Price Index, February, 2012:**

The Consumer Price Index for February, 2012 with 2000-01 base stood at 163.07 showing an increase of 0.30% over the Index for January, 2012 which showed an increase of 11.05% as compared to February, 2011.

The main contributors to month-on-month and year-on-year percentage changes are given below :

Month-on-month: Top few commodities which varied from previous month i.e. February, 2012 are given below:

Food Items:

Increased: Chicken (3.32%), condiments (3.11%), fish (2.75%), nimco (2.56%), beans (2.44%), readymade food (1.93%), honey (1.69%), dry fruits (1.46%), cereals (1.37%), tea (1.17%), besan (1.14%) and bakery & confectionery (1.12%).

Decreased: Eggs (12.23%), fresh vegetables (9.56%), onion (8.08%), tomatoes (4.67%), fresh fruits (4.15%), gur (3.94%), sugar (3.72%), pulse moong (2.69%), potatoes (1.91%) and pulse mash (1.64%).

Non-food Items:

Increased: Motor fuel (7.25%), motor vehicle tax (5.73%), fire wood (5.55%), woolen readymade garments (5.07%), kerosene (3.70%), mechanical service (3.40%) and personal equipments (3.36%).

Decreased: Cotton cloth (2.23%).

Year-on-year: Top ten commodities which varied from previous year i.e. February, 2011 are given below:

Food Items:

Increased: Eggs (39.02%), tomatoes (37.74%), condiments (30.94%), spices (24.04%), gram whole (23.19%), chicken (19.98%), milk product (19.96%), milk fresh (18.55%), betel leaves & nuts (18.18%) and milk powder (17.7%).

Decreased: Sugar (24.81%), gur (14.20%), pulse moong (12.21%), pulse masoor (11.35%) and potatoes (2.08%).

Non-food Items:

Increased: Household servant (37.37%), kerosene oil (30.75%), gas (29.42%), fire wood (29.35%), motor fuel (29.19%), personal equipments (27.31%), motor vehicle tax (26.33%), blades (25.18%), woolen cloth (24.55%) and medical equipment (24.19%).

Decreased: None.

Wholesale Price Index, February, 2012 :

The Wholesale Price Index for February, 2012 with 2000-01 base stood at 180.99 showing an increase of 0.56% over the Index for January, 2012 which showed an increase of 7.20% as compared to February, 2011.

The main contributors to month-on-month and year-on-year percentage changes are given below :

Month-on-month: Top few commodities which varied from previous month i.e. February, 2012 are given below:

Increased: Coal not agglomerated (16.67%), fresh fruits (6.22%), motor spirit (6.00%), ceramics & sanitary (5.14%), diesel oil (4.29%), fuel, wood and log (3.44%), poultry (3.27%), towel (3.18%), kerosene oil (3.12%), timber (2.86%), cotton yarn (2.78%), hard board (2.78%), other glass articles (2.75%), printing paper (2.71%), sorghum/jowar (2.68%), salt & pure sodium chloride (2.61%) and fish (2.28%).

Decreased: Vegetables (14.65%), eggs (14.43%), cotton sheets (7.59%), sugar refined (5.25%), tractors (4.72%), potatoes (4.34%), insecticides (3.47%), sugar crop (3.44%) and oil cakes (3.38%).

Year-on-year: Top ten commodities which varied from previous year i.e. February, 2011 are given below:

Increased: Eggs (55.16%), fertilizers (51.49%), spices (50.55%), plastic products (37.94%), dairy products (34.90%), other food products (34.56%), hard board (34.55%), woven fabrics (34.24%), diesel oil (33.91%) and Natural Gas Liquefied (LPG) (33.56%).

Decreased: Fiber crop (46.48%), cotton yarn (26.18%), sugar refined (22.94%), milk and cream in solid form (20.65%), potatoes (13.10%), blended yarn (11.72%), stimulant and spice crops (10.21%), jowar (7.36%), sugar crops (6.66%) and tobacco Products (6.26%).



BRIEF ONGOING ACTIVITIES OF AGRICULTURE CENSUS ORGANIZATION

AGRICULTURAL CENSUS 2010:

- **Computer Edit-Correction:** The editing and corrections of computer printouts for whole of the Punjab Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provinces and Balochistan including Gilgit Baltistan and Azad Jammu & Kashmir have been completed.

- **Data Cleaning:** Computer edit correction and data cleaning of four provinces i.e. Punjab, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan including Gilgit Baltistan and Azad Jammu & Kashmir have been completed and data have been declared error-free.

- **Tabulation:** The tabulations of Punjab, Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan provinces have been produced and are under the process of quality control.

- **Report Writing:** The write up portion for census reports is almost final.



NATIONAL TRAINING COURSE

Federal Bureau of Statistics (Training Wing), Islamabad conducted the following training courses during the month:

- Training course on “**Sample Design and Non Sampling Error**” from 6th to 16th February, 2012 in collaboration with UNFPA at PBS (T,W) Islamabad. Mr. Muhammad Ajmal, Vice Principal/ Director (NA), PBS presided over the graduation ceremony held on 16th February, 2012 and awarded certificates to the participants.

- Training course on “**SPSS**” from 20th to 24th February, 2012. Mr. Muhammad Ajmal, Vice Principal/ Director (NA), PBS presided over the graduation ceremony held on 24th February, 2012 and awarded certificates to the participants.



PUBLICATIONS PUBLISHED.

FBS:

1. Monthly Bulletin of Statistics, October, 2011.
2. Pakistan Social & Living Standard Measurement Survey, 2010-11.
3. District Level Employment Trends, 2009-10 (Karachi-East, Hyderabad, Sialkot and Faisalabad).



FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS DURING MARCH 2012.

FBS:

1. Monthly Bulletin of Statistics, November-December, 2011 and January, 2012.
2. Pakistan Statistical Year Book, 2012.
3. Pakistan Statistical Pocket Book, 2012.

4. Pakistan Labour force Survey, 2010-11.
5. Social Indicators of Pakistan, 2011.



INTERNATIONAL / NATIONAL PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED AT

PBS, Karachi:

International:

1. International Labour Review, 2011, ILO.

National:

1. Progress, 2011, Pakistan Petroleum Limited.
2. Newsletter, February, 2012, State Bank of Pakistan.
3. Social Impact of Security Crisis, December, 2012, Social Policy and Development Centre.



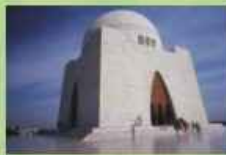
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