



# PBS Newsletter

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## CROPS ESTIMATES

First estimates of Other Kharif Pulses crops for the year 2011-12 alongwith figures for 2010-11 and percentage changes are as under:

Name of Crops	Area in Hectares		% in Change
	2011-12	1010-11	
Other Kharif Pulses	9710	11953	-18.8



## FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICS

### Exports during February, 2012:

Exports from Pakistan during February, 2012 amounting to Rs. 184,343 million (Provisional) as against Rs. 175,998 million (Provisional) in January, 2012 showing an increase of 4.74%.

In terms of US dollars, the exports from Pakistan during February, 2012 amounting to 2,034 million US \$ (Provisional) as against 1,953 million US \$ (Provisional) in January, 2012 showing an increase of 4.15%.

### Main commodities of exports during February, 2012 were:

**Food Group:** Rice others (Rs.13,423 million or 148,126 thousand US \$) and rice basmati (Rs. 5,118 million or 56,478 thousand US \$).

**Textile Group:** Cotton cloth (Rs. 18,754 million or 206,955 thousand US \$), cotton yarn (Rs.13,692 million or 151,095 thousand US \$), knitwear (Rs.12,518 million or 138,139 thousand US \$), readymade garments (Rs.12,359 million or 136,385 thousand US \$), bed wear (Rs. 11,318 million or 124,897 thousand US \$), raw cotton (Rs.7,735 million or 85,369 thousand US \$) and towels (Rs. 5,146 million or 56,787 thousand US \$).

**Other Manufactures Group:** Jewellery (Rs. 13,652 million or 150,653 thousand US \$).

### Exports during July - February, 2011-2012:

Exports during July-February, 2011-2012 totalled Rs. 1,337,085 million (Provisional) as against Rs. 1,307,008 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 2.30%.

In terms of US dollars, the exports during July-February, 2011-2012 totalled \$ 15,189 million (Provisional) as against \$ 15,263 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 0.48%.

### Imports during February, 2012:

Imports into Pakistan during February, 2012 amounting to Rs. 313,708 million (Provisional) as against Rs. 328,907 million (Provisional) in January, 2012, showing a decrease of 4.26%.

In terms of US dollars, the imports into Pakistan during February, 2012 amounting to 3,462 million US \$ (Provisional) as against 3,649 million US \$ (Provisional) in January, 2012, showing a decrease of 5.12%.

### Main commodities of Imports during February, 2012 were:

**Food Group:** Palm oil (Rs. 15,266 million or 168,464 thousand US \$).

**Machinery Group:** Power generating machinery (Rs. 7,752 million or 85,545 thousand US \$), electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs.5,843 million or 64,479 thousand US \$) and telecom (mobile phone) (Rs.5,379 million or 59,359 thousand US \$).

**Petroleum Group:** Petroleum products (Rs.58,156 million or 641,767 thousand US \$) and petroleum crude (Rs.48,018 million or 529,891 thousand US \$).

**Textile Group:** Raw cotton (Rs. 4,210 million or 46,458 thousand US \$).

**Agricultural and Other Chemicals Group:** Plastic materials (Rs. 10,935 million or 120,671 thousand US \$) and medicinal products (Rs.4,443 million or 49,030 thousand US \$).

**Metal Group:** Iron and steel (Rs. 9,341 million or 103,080 thousand US \$).

#### **Imports during July - February, 2011-2012:**

Imports during July-February, 2011-2012 totalled Rs.2,621,817 million (Provisional) as against Rs.2,192,189 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 19.60%.

In terms of US dollars, the imports during July-February, 2011-2012 totalled US \$ 29,788 million (Provisional) as against \$ 25,600 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 16.36%.

#### **Balance of Trade:**

Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports, the balance of trade in February, 2012 was (-)129,365 million in terms of Rupees and (-)1,428 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July-February, 2011-2012 were (-)1,284,732 million in terms of Rupees and (-)14,599 million in US dollars.



### **PRICE INDICES AND ANALYSIS**

#### **Consumer Price Index, March, 2012:**

The Consumer Price Index for March, 2012 with 2000-01 base stood at 164.98 showing an increase of 1.17% over the Index for February, 2012 which showed an increase of 10.79% as compared to March, 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. March, 2012 are given below:

#### **Food Items:**

**Increased:** Pulse gram (33.47%), besan (23.79%), sugar (11.80%), gram whole (10.57%), beans (5.57%), fish (3.39%), potatoes (3.07%), vegetable ghee (2.40%), fresh vegetable (2.20%), nimco

(2.13%), cooking oil (2.06%), rice (1.89%), meat (1.57%), mustard oil (1.51%), readymade food (1.49%), cigarette (1.41%), betel leaves & nuts (1.20%) and fresh milk (1.12%).

**Decreased:** Tomatoes (32.12%), onion (13.88%), eggs (6.56%), chicken (6.50%), pulse massor (2.65%) and gur (2.25%).

#### **Non-food Items:**

**Increased:** Motor vehicle tax (20.34%), footwear (14.25%), kerosene (3.46%), marriage hall charges (2.88%), mechanical service (2.83%), utensils (2.75%), dopatta (2.48%), stationery (2.32%), woolen cloth (2.19%), doctor clinic fee (2.08%) and motor fuel (2.05%).

**Decreased:** Woolen readymade agreements (1.21%).

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

#### **Food Items:**

**Increased:** Onion (44.93%), gram whole (33.27%), pulse gram (32.57%), condiments (29.06%), besan (24.38%), fresh fruit (22.54%), spices (21.30%), eggs (20.18%), betel leaves & nuts (18.56%), milk product (18.03%) and fish (17.33%).

**Decreased:** None.

#### **Non-food Items:**

**Increased:** Motor vehicle tax (52.02%), household servant (32.48%), kerosene (29.87%), gas (29.42%), motor fuel (27.53%), firewood (26.46%), personal equipment (25.47%), woolen cloth (25.11%), dopatta (22.05%), motor vehicle accessories (21.24%), medical equipment (21.19%) and mechanical services (21.01%).

**Decreased:** None.

#### **Wholesale Price Index, March, 2012 :**

The Wholesale Price Index for March, 2012 with 2000-01 base stood at 182.20 showing an increase of 0.67% over the Index for February, 2012 which showed an increase of 4.47% as compared to March, 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. March, 2012 are given below:

**Increased:** Footwear (26.63%), other cereal flour (26.49%), fresh fruits (14.26%), sugar refined (12.44%), jowar (12.43%), bajra (11.55%), pulses (9.60%), nylon yarn (8.71%), maize (6.81%), fish (6.38%), paint and varnishes (6.11%) and kerosene oil (4.77%)..

**Decreased:** Poultry (8.64%), eggs (6.71%), fiber crops (5.53%), dry fruit (5.40%), stimulant and spice crops (4.76%), oil cakes (4.02%), cotton yarn (3.82%), vegetables (3.72%), cotton seeds (3.61%), sugar crops (3.22%), other oil seeds (2.56%) and dry fruits and nuts (1.36%),

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

**Increased:** Spices (50.03%), fertilizers (43.66%), hard board (38.18%), coal not agglomerated (37.50%), natural gas (33.37%), vegetables (32.00%), diesel oil (29.94%), plastic products (29.57%), kerosene (29.54%), dry products (29.30%) and mineral water (28.47%).

**Decreased:** Fiber crop (51.55%), cotton yarn (33.05%), milk & cream (17.40%), sugar refined (15.82%), stimulant and spice crops (15.00%), edible roots/potatoes (14.09%), blended yarn (13.67%), oil cakes (12.88%), sugar crops (9.67%), and tobacco product (4.95%).



#### POPULATION WELFARE STATISTICS .

1<sup>st</sup> Annual Report of Population Welfare Statistics on contraceptive performance 2010-11 has been uploaded on the website for public use. The report revealed that increase in the usage of modern contraceptive methods is 3.6% at national level while comparing the performance for the year 2010-11 with year 2009-2010. At provincial level, increase has been observed in Khyberpakhtun Khwa by 9.1% and in Punjab by 4.2% whereas decrease has been noticed in Sindh by 17.0% and Balochistan by 12.7% further reflects that Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (CPR), based of modern methods is 18.06% at national level.



#### BRIEF ONGOING ACTIVITIES OF POPULATION CENSUS ORGANIZATION .

- Preparatory work for conduct of 6<sup>th</sup> Population and Housing Census including appointment of field staff, formation of Coordination Committees/Vigilance Teams establishment of Control Rooms as well as requirements of logistic material for training of field staff and for conduct of main Population and Housing Census is in progress.
- Benazir Income Support Programme Survey in three main districts of Balochistan province i.e. Khuzdar, Punjab and Awaran is in progress.
- A soft copy of BISP Survey filled-in forms of 24 district of Balochistan province received from the BISP Headquarters, Islamabad to standardize the discrepancies in name. One district Barkhan has been standardized and rest are under process.
- Basic Computer Training to the staff of PCO, Islamabad has been started w.e.f. 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2012 at PCO, Islamabad.
- The changes accrued during House Listing Operation has been updated on computer printouts of Sindh Province and sent to DP Centre, PBS.
- The work regarding digitization of 547 urban circle maps of Punjab province have been prepared.



#### BRIEF ONGOING ACTIVITIES OF AGRICULTURE CENSUS ORGANIZATION

##### AGRICULTURAL CENSUS 2010:

- **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, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan provinces, Gilgit Baltistan and Azad Jammu & Kashmir have been produced.

- **Quality Control:** The tabulations of four provinces, Gilgit Baltistan and Azad Jammu & Kashmir are under the process of quality control. After checking the data quality, the tabulations will be submitted for approval.

- **Report Writing:** The write up portion for census report has also been finalized.



### NATIONAL TRAINING COURSE

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

- Training course on “**Post Enumeration Survey**” from 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2012 in collaboration with UNFPA at PBS (T,W) Islamabad. Mr. Arif Mahmood Cheema, Director General, PBS presided over the graduation ceremony held on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2012 and awarded certificates to the participants.

- Training course on “**Data Dissemination**” from 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2012. Mr. Muhammad Ajmal, Vice Principal/ Director (NA), PBS presided over the graduation ceremony held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2012 and awarded certificates to the participants.



### RETIREMENTS

Mr. Ejaz Hussain, Deputy Director General (C) (BS-20) retired from Government Service on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2012.



### PUBLICATIONS PUBLISHED.

#### FBS:

1. Monthly Bulletin of Statistics November-December, 2011.
2. Pakistan Labour force survey , 2010-11.



### FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS DURING APRIL 2012.

#### FBS:

1. Monthly Bulletin of Statistics, January, & February 2012.
2. Pakistan Statistical Year Book, 2012.
3. Pakistan Statistical Pocket Book, 2012.
4. Social Indicators of Pakistan, 2011.
5. Pakistan employment trends, 2010.



### INTERNATIONAL / NATIONAL PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED AT

#### PBS, Islamabad

#### International:

1. 2009 National Survey of Family Income and Expenditure Vol-II, Japan.
2. Japan Statistics Year Book, Japan.
3. Economic Census for Business Frame of Japan Vol-I & II, 2009, Japan.

#### National:

1. Banking Statistics of Pakistan, 2010, State Bank of Pakistan.



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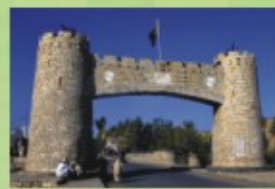
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