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CROPS ESTIMATES

First estimates of Wheat, Maize, Barley, Gram and Onion crops for the year 2011-12 alongwith figures for 2010-11 and percentage changes are as under:

Name of Crops	Area in "000 " Hectares		% in Change
	2011-12 (First)	2010-11 (Final)	
Wheat	8663.9	8900.7	-2.7
Maize	836.1	825.2	1.3
Barly	74.6	77.1	-3.2
Gram	1054.5	1053.8	0.1

Name of Crop	Area in hectares		% in Change
	2011-12 (First)	2010-11 (Final)	
Onion	125408	147609	-15.0



FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICS

Exports during March , 2012:

Exports from Pakistan during March, 2012 amounting to Rs. 181,507 million (Provisional) as against Rs. 184,343 million (Provisional) in February, 2012 showing a decrease of 1.54%.

In terms of US dollars, the exports from Pakistan during March, 2012 amounting to 2,001 million US \$ (Provisional) as against 2,034 million US \$ (Provisional) in February, 2012 showing a decrease of 1.62%.

Main commodities of exports during March, 2012 were:

Food Group: Rice others (Rs.11,493 million or 126,696 thousand US \$) and rice basmati (Rs. 5,478 million or 60,388 thousand US \$).

Textile Group: Cotton cloth (Rs. 19,006 million or 209,517 thousand US \$), cotton yarn (Rs.15,840

Million or 174,616 thousand US \$), knitwear (Rs.12,388 million or 136,562 thousand US \$), readymade garments (Rs.11,369 million or 125,329 thousand US \$), bed wear (Rs. 11,213 million or 123,609 thousand US \$) and raw cotton (Rs.6,202 million or 68,369 thousand US \$).

Petroleum & Coal Group: Petroleum top naphta (Rs. 5,199 million or 57,312 thousand US \$).

Other Manufactures Group: Jewellery (Rs. 6,593 million or 72,679 thousand US \$).

Exports during July - March , 2011-2012:

Exports during July-March, 2011-2012 totalled Rs. 1,518,592 million (Provisional) as against Rs. 1,517,216 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 0.09%.

In terms of US dollars, the exports during July-March, 2011-2012 totalled \$ 17,190 million (Provisional) as against \$ 17,727 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 3.03%.

Imports during March ,2012 :

Imports into Pakistan during March, 2012 amounting to Rs. 317,229 million (Provisional) as against Rs. 313,708 million (Provisional) in February, 2012, showing an increase of 1.12%.

In terms of US dollars, the imports into Pakistan during March, 2012 amounting to 3,497 million US \$ (Provisional) as against 3,462 million US \$ (Provisional) in February, 2012, showing an increase of 1.01%.

Main commodities of imports during March, 2012 were:

Food Group: Palm oil (Rs. 9,643 million or 106,302 thousand US \$).

Machinery Group: Power generating machinery (Rs. 8,131 million or 89,634 thousand US \$), telecom (mobile phone) (Rs.5,660 million or 62,394 thousand US \$) and other apparatus (Rs.5,547 million or 61,149 thousand US \$).

Petroleum Group: Petroleum products (Rs.81,954 million or 903,438 thousand US \$) and petroleum crude (Rs.26,981 million or 297,431 thousand US \$).

Textile Group: synthetic & artificial silk yarn (Rs. 4,771 million or 52,594 thousand US \$).

Agricultural and Other Chemicals Group: Plastic materials (Rs. 11,223 million or 123,719 thousand US \$) and medicinal products (Rs.4,657 million or 51,337 thousand US \$).

Metal Group: Iron and steel (Rs. 9,344 million or 103,006 thousand US \$).

Imports during July - March , 2011-2012 :

Imports during July-March, 2011-2012 totalled Rs.2,939,046 million (Provisional) as against Rs.2,483,769 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 18.33%.

In terms of US dollars, the imports during July-March, 2011-2012 totalled US \$ 33,285 million (Provisional) as against \$ 29,016 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 14.71%.

Balance of Trade:

Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports, the balance of trade in March, 2012 was (-)135,722 million in terms of Rupees and (-)1,496 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July-March, 2011-2012 were (-)1,420,454 million in terms of Rupees and (-)16,095 million in US dollars.



PRICE INDICES AND ANALYSIS

Consumer Price Index, April, 2012:

The Consumer Price Index for April, 2012 with 2007-08 base stood at 168.00 showing an increase of 1.83% over the Index for March, 2012 which showed an increase of 11.27% as compared to April, 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. April, 2012 are given below:

Food Items:

Increased: Tomatoes (77.01%), Potatoes (21.97%), chicken (12.15%), fresh fruits (10.92%), besan (4.81%), fresh vegetable (4.35%), cigarettes (3.22%), cooking oil (2.79%), milk powder (2.50%), rice (2.20%), vegetable ghee (1.95%), milk fresh (1.39%), beverages and tea (1.32% each), milk product (1.26%), honey (1.20%), betel leaves & nuts (1.14%) and nimco (1.11%).

Decreased: Onion (27.94%), egg (22.27%), pulse mash washed (1.72%), spices (1.25%), pulse masoor (0.61%) and pulse moong (0.56%).

Non-food Items:

Increased: Motor fuel (7.42%), education (4.31%), text books (4.09%), kerosene oil (3.45%), fire wood whole (3.04%), cleaning & laundering (2.88%), marriage hall charges (2.54%), transport services (2.50%), cotton cloth (2.35%), utensils (2.25%), readymade garment (2.03%), washing soap & detergent (1.68%), dopatta (1.58%) and sewing needle & dry cell (1.49%).

Decreased: Personal equipment (1.18%).

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

Food Items:

Increased: Tomatoes (62.31%), pulse gram (35.55%), gram whole (32.55%), besan (30.78%), condiments (25.56%), chicken (22.58%), milk powder (18.69%), milk product (18.18%), spices (17.99%) and onion (17.96%).

Decreased: Sugar (15.88%), pulse masoor (13.35%), gur (11.62%), pulse moong (11.44%) and pulse mash washed (11.15%).

Non-food Items:

Increased: Motor vehicle tax (52.02%), household servant (32.68%), firewood whole (29.50%), gas (29.42%), motor fuel (28.88%), woolen cloth (23.62%), dopatta (22.06%), mechanical service (21.23%), motor vehicle accessories (20.75%) and washing soap & detergent (20.13%).

Decreased: None.

Wholesale Price Index, April, 2012 :

The Wholesale Price Index for April, 2012 with 2007-08 base stood at 185.48 showing an increase of 1.80% over the Index for March, 2012 which showed an increase of 3.81% as compared to April, 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. April, 2012 are given below:

Increased: Fresh fruit (37.70%), vegetable (13.13%), poultry (9.54%), edible roots/potatoes (9.48%), motor spirit (5.84%), cement (5.51%), diesel oil (4.76%), coal no agglomerated (4.54%), ice cream (4.38%), paint and varnish (4.27%) and cotton yarn (4.06%).

Decreased: Egg (29.08%), stimulant and spice crops (2.12%), cotton sheets (1.61%), oil cakes (1.34%), dried fruits and nuts (1.24%), chemicals (1.23%) and dry fruits (0.77%).

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

Increased: Spices (52.14%), coal no agglomerated (43.75%), fresh fruits (43.73%), hard board (38.18%), vegetables (35.12%), fish live (33.82%), other cereal flour (33.00%), natural gas liquid (32.50%), fertilizers (29.90%), dairy products (27.99%), footwear (26.63%), paint and varnish (25.20%), towels (25.15%), and mineral water (25.02%).

Decreased: Fiber crops (50.90%), cotton yarn (29.26%), stimulant and spice crops (20.39%), oil cakes (16.77%), sugar refined (16.43%), blended yarn (15.23%), edible roots and potatoes (11.91%), milk & cream in solid form (10.02%), sugar crops (9.67%) and insecticides (7.57%).

**BRIEF ONGOING ACTIVITIES OF POPULATION CENSUS ORGANIZATION**

- Preparatory work for conduct of 6th 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.
- The 3rd Round Table Meeting of SAARC Gender InfoBase in collaboration with UN-Women was successfully conducted on 4th April, 2012 at Marriott Hotel Islamabad.
- Benazir Income Support Program Survey in Khuzdar and Punjgur District of Balochistan Province has been completed where as the BISP work in Awaran district is in progress.
- The Benazir Income Support Program was conducted in 24 districts, discrepancies found have been rectified in all the district of Balochistan province.
- Computer printout of Karachi city district with summary of the changes occurred during House Listing Operation has been rechecked.
- The work regarding digitization 154 urban circle maps of the Punjab Province have been prepared and submitted to PBS for physical verification.
- A set of mauza maps and delimitation forms having rural blocks of Rawalpindi and Islamabad districts have been prepared. The field work regarding splitting of such blocks is in progress.



BRIEF ONGOING ACTIVITIES OF AGRICULTURE CENSUS ORGANIZATION

AGRICULTURAL CENSUS 2010:

- **Country Report:** All Pakistan Report has been finalized in all respects. The same has been submitted to the Statistics Division for its approval.
- **Provincial Reports:** Provincial Reports separately for each province are under the process of finalization.
- **Special Reports:** Tabulations for Gilgit Baltistan and Azad Jammu & Kashmir have been produced. Special Reports separately for Gilgit Baltistan and Azad Jammu & Kashmir are under progress.
- **Main Findings:** Main findings from Agricultural Census 2010 for Gilgit Baltistan and Azad Jammu & Kashmir are under progress.

MOUZA CENSUS 2013:

The next Mouza Census in the series is due in 2013. Planning of the said census has been initiated in Agricultural Census Organization, Lahore.



NATIONAL TRAINING COURSES/ SEMINAR

- Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (Training Wing), Islamabad conducted the following training courses During the month:
- Training course on “**Data Analysis with SPSS & Report Writing**” from 26th March to 6th April, 2012 at PBS (T.W.) Islamabad. Mr. Muhammad Ajmal, Vice Principal/Director (NA), PBS presided over the graduation ceremony held on 6th April, 2012 and awarded certificates to the participants.
- Training course on “**Microsoft Office**” from 16th to 27th April, 2012. at PBS (T.W.), Islamabad. Mr. Muhammad Ajmal, Vice Principal/ Director (NA), PBS presided over the graduation ceremony held on 27th April, 2012 and awarded certificates to the participants.

- Mr. Khalil-ur-Rehman, Deputy Agricultural Census Commissioner, Agricultural Census Organization, Lahore attended a training course on “**Human Resource Management**” at Establishment Division, Management Services Wing, Karachi, w.e.f. 23rd to 27th April, 2012.

- Mr. Naveed Iqbal, Deputy Agricultural Census Commissioner, Agricultural Census Organization, Lahore attended the seminar on “**Public and Economists**” w.e.f. April 17th to 19th, 2012 at Statistics Division, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Islamabad



PUBLICATIONS PUBLISHED.

PBS:

1. Pakistan Statistical Pocket Book, 2012.



FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS DURING MAY 2012.

PBS:

1. Monthly Bulletin of Statistics, January - February & March-April, 2012.
2. Pakistan Statistical Year Book, 2012.
3. Social Indicators of Pakistan, 2011.
4. Pakistan Employment Trends, 2010.
5. Agricultural Census Report of Pakistan, 2010.
6. Agricultural Census Report of Sindh, 2010.



INTERNATIONAL / NATIONAL PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED AT

PBS, Islamabad International:

1. International Merchandised Trade Statistics, 2010, UN.
2. Studies in Family Planning, March, 2012, UN.
3. National Account Statistics, UN.
4. Water Statistics, 2012, UN.
5. Industrial Statistics, 2012, UN.

National:

1. Statistical Bulletin, January, February & March, 2012, State Bank of Pakistan.

2. The State of Pakistan Competitiveness Report, 2011-12, Ministry of Finance, Islamabad.

PBS, Karachi:

International:

1. Economica, April, 2012, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK.
2. Observer, 2011, East West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii.
3. 2009 Statistical Yearbook, Fifty Fourth Issue, December, 2011, UN.
4. Experience Singapore, January-March, 2012, Singapore.

National:

1. Inflation Monitor, January & February, 2012, State Bank of Pakistan.
2. Financial Stability Review, (First Half 2011), State Bank of Pakistan.
3. Financial Statements Analysis of Financial Sector 2006-07, State Bank of Pakistan.
4. Pakistan Journal of Applied Economics, Volume XIX No. 2, Winter 2009, Applied Economics Research Centre.
5. Pakistan Economic and Social Review, Volume 49(2), Winter 2011, Department of Economics, University of Punjab, Lahore.
6. The Socio Economic Cost of Violence Against Women (A Case Study of Karachi), Social Policy and Development Centre.
7. Gender Dimensions of Development Induced Displacement and Re-Settlement (A Case of Lyari Expressway in Karachi), Social Policy and Development Centre.



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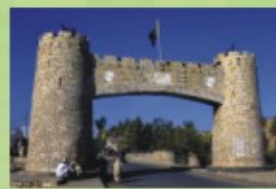
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