

BELIZE EXTERNAL TRADE BULLETIN

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Table 1: Gross Imports by SITC Category

Section	BZ\$ million			
	September 2007	September 2008	Year - to - date 2007 2008	
Food and Live Animals	8.53	14.25	93.70	123.61
Beverages and Tobacco	0.48	0.91	8.94	10.80
Crude Materials	0.85	0.97	8.56	8.51
Mineral Fuels & Lubricants	2.38	12.34	168.53	225.57
Oils and Fats	0.16	0.37	3.00	4.22
Chemical Products	6.97	8.04	74.69	90.28
Manufactured goods	15.69	22.69	119.48	175.27
Mach. & Transport Equipment	19.99	26.98	179.41	265.33
Other Manufactured Goods	5.65	6.58	72.01	73.63
Commodities n.e.s	0.00	0.00	0.01	1.60
Export Processing Zones	5.89	10.33	79.01	70.78
Commercial Free Zone	18.72	27.87	183.86	227.43
Personal and Household Goods	0.27	0.31	2.06	2.26
Total	85.58	131.62	993.26	1,279.29

Source: SIB

Table 2: Imports by Economic End-use

	BZ\$ million			
	September 2007	September 2008	Year - to - date 2007 2008	
Consumer Goods				
11. Food and beverages	6.76	8.72	71.73	85.00
12. Transport equipment	0.72	0.73	8.97	9.69
13. Durable goods	2.02	2.23	23.49	25.61
14. Semi-durable goods	3.04	2.83	26.22	26.52
15. Non-durable goods	3.92	4.86	49.39	49.74
Intermediate Goods				
21. Food and beverages	0.74	3.70	11.49	29.43
22. Fuels and lubricants	2.35	9.30	118.88	156.43
23. Parts and accessories	5.83	7.81	49.50	73.81
24. Industrial supplies n.e.s.	22.27	29.99	196.23	267.86
Capital Goods				
31. Transport equipment	4.14	5.43	32.84	41.78
32. Other capital goods	6.71	12.50	70.72	119.39
Other Goods				
41. Passenger motor cars	2.04	2.02	18.60	22.62
42. Motor spirit	0.06	2.99	49.77	68.71
43. Export Processing Zones	5.89	10.33	79.01	70.78
44. Commercial Free Zone	18.72	27.87	183.86	227.43
45. Household goods	0.27	0.31	2.06	2.26
46. Goods n.e.s	0.10	0.00	0.48	2.25
Total	85.58	131.62	993.26	1,279.29

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Table 3: Gross Imports by Origin

	BZ\$ million			
	September 2007	September 2008	Year - to - date 2007 2008	
United States of America	31.06	43.82	339.83	430.02
Mexico	9.28	13.75	93.11	119.91
United Kingdom	1.12	0.98	16.76	19.43
Other European Union	2.98	9.51	34.79	49.86
Central America	22.05	25.25	194.03	257.05
Caricom	3.07	2.88	21.40	19.84
Canada	0.39	1.23	10.19	10.98
Other	15.63	34.21	283.16	372.19
Total	85.58	131.62	993.26	1,279.29

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*n.e.s. - not elsewhere specified

- Gross merchandise imports for September 2008 rose by 53.8% to 131.62 million compared to the same month last year. This expansion is mainly due to increased expenditure on fuel, steel and machinery and transport equipment.
- The 41.0% increase in imports from the United States of America was driven primarily by the importation of telecommunication equipment and heavy machinery, while the increase in imports from 'Other' countries was as a result of higher importation of diesel oil from the Netherland Antilles.
- With the exception of sugar, all major domestic export commodities showed an increase in revenues. Petroleum exports in particular accounted for almost 60% of total sales, the majority of which went to the United States of America.
- The 'Other Fish' category continues to earn higher revenues than last year as a result of the continued success in the farmed fish industry. Up to September, earnings in this category was almost six times more than what it was at the same point last year.

Table 4: Major Domestic Exports

	BZ\$ million			
	September 2007	September 2008	Year - to - date 2007 2008	
Marine Products				
tonne	0.48	0.44	2.08	3.03
value	5.05	5.29	28.92	34.05
Sugar				
tonne	0.18	-	84.18	67.32
value	0.17	-	87.86	71.36
Orange Concentrate				
million gallons	0.05	0.11	4.15	5.11
value	0.96	1.95	90.57	89.73
Grapefruit Concentrate				
million gallons	0.00	0.01	0.74	0.56
value	0.11	0.13	15.38	7.98
Bananas				
tonne	6.28	9.22	44.90	60.35
value	3.14	7.01	31.96	52.83
Papayas				
tonne	0.69	2.38	30.48	22.14
value	0.35	2.02	24.63	16.77
Crude Petroleum				
million gallons	1.91	5.36	27.39	35.04
value	7.02	29.68	88.59	191.43
Other				
value	2.17	3.76	41.06	29.86
Total	18.97	49.85	408.97	494.01

quantity in thousands of units, unless otherwise stated

Source: SIB

Table 5: Domestic Exports by Destination

	BZ\$ million			
	September 2007	September 2008	Year - to - date 2007 2008	
United States of America	5.01	36.35	118.69	213.65
Mexico	0.76	0.47	8.29	7.63
United Kingdom	3.13	7.43	82.26	102.87
Other European Union	0.81	1.32	70.35	36.39
Central America	7.10	1.06	90.11	98.83
Caricom	1.70	1.35	24.89	21.28
Canada	0.00	0.54	0.53	2.13
Other	0.47	1.32	13.84	11.23
Total	18.97	49.85	408.97	494.01

Source: SIB

Table 6: Marine Exports by Type

	BZ\$ thousand			
	September 2007	September 2008	Year - to - date 2007 2008	
Aquarium Fish				
no.	996	1,939	39,353	28,740
value	16.26	17.84	164.74	185.46
Other Fish				
tonne	6.97	109.70	120.53	994.18
value	70.33	404.40	603.50	3,466.23
Lobster				
tonne	23.48	28.39	176.45	166.15
value	1,911.46	1,940.42	13,548.06	12,380.04
White Farm Shrimp				
tonne	448.06	296.99	1,657.17	1,707.21
value	3,069.49	2,825.75	11,887.79	14,503.35
Conch				
tonne	0.00	4.54	124.20	166.54
value	0.00	118.02	2,877.03	3,700.13
Total				
tonne	478.51	439.62	2,078.36	3,034.08
value	5,051.28	5,288.60	28,916.38	34,049.75

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