

 ISLAMABAD: There was a rise in Pakistan's exports of vegetables and fruits in fiscal 2012-13, according to the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS).

The increases were 31.21 percent for vegetables and 8.61 percent for fruits recorded in 2011-12.

Exports of vegetables in 2012-13 were \$236.383 million, against \$180.163 million in 2011-12, according to PBS data.

In terms of quantity, vegetable exports increased by 38.25 percent, from 523,863 metric tons to 724,258 metric tons.

On the other hand, exports of fruit during the period rose from \$358.255 million to \$389.091 million, an increase of 8.61 percent.

In terms of quantity, exports of fruits increased from 737,029 metric tons to 709,980 metric tons, which was a decrease of 3.67 percent.

On a year-on-year basis, exports of fruits increased by 77.48 percent during July 2013, compared to exports in July 2012.

Exports during June 2013 were recorded at \$34.378 million against exports of \$19.370 million in June 2012.

On a month-on-month basis, exports of fruits increased by 143.83 percent in June 2013.

Vegetable exports in June 2013 fell by 28.10 percent, to \$13.258 million, against \$18.439 million in June 2012.

Exports in June 2013 increased by 38.75 percent, against \$9.555 million in May 2013.

Food exports as a whole rose by 11.35 percent to \$4.7 billion in 2012-13.

Food exports, as a whole, in 2012-13 were \$4.732 billion, up from \$4.249 in 2011-12.

Overall food and non-food exports showed a positive growth of 3.78 percent in 2012-13, against the previous fiscal year. During that period the trade deficit narrowed by 4.02 percent.

Exports in 2012-13 were recorded at \$24.518 billion, against \$23.624 billion in 2011-12, a growth of 3.78 percent.

Imports showed a nominal increase of 0.08 percent, up from \$44.912 billion in 2011-12 to \$44.950 billion in 2012-13.

The overall trade deficit during 2012-13 was \$20.432 billion, against the deficit of \$21.288 billion in 2011-12, a negative growth of 4.02 percent.

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