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OVERVIEW

Ethiopia has the largest livestock population of any African country, with 53.8 million heads of cattle, 25.51 million sheep, 22.79 million goat, 2.17 million camel and 49.3 million poultry (CSA 2011). Livestock are produced in both the highly productive, high rainfall highlands areas and vast lowland areas of the country.

The Ethiopian Meat Producer-Exporters Association, EMPEA, is a membership organization established in 2003. Ethiopia's export abattoirs are private, state of the art Halal-certified slaughter houses with livestock reception pens, automatic and semiautomatic mechanical slaughter and processing equipment, chilling rooms, air conditioned deboning facilities, packaging equipment, freezing facilities, and rendering and effluent treatment.

EMPEA has seven (7) members that are engaged in meat processing and export. There are an additional ten (10) meat export abattoirs that are currently under development and will begin processing in the near future. EMPEA members participate in HAACP and ISO certifications, and regularly work with international experts to ensure that their facilities and procedures meet global standards.
MISSION

EMPEA’s Mission is to Support its members, Promote Ethiopian Meat Exports, and to Build a strong Livestock and Meat Industry in Ethiopia. We are committed to excellence in service delivery, integrity and ethical standards, accountability, transparency, and active collaboration.
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OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION

• Ensure that Ethiopian meat products consistently meet or exceed international standards.
• Promote Ethiopian meat products in the international market place by working with trade support organizations and providing leadership of national and international trade fairs.
• Develop and expand the Ethiopian meat export sector through capacity-building activities, investment promotion, and business linkages.
• Encourage a sustainable supply of high quality livestock for Ethiopia’s export abattoirs.
• Advocate for members’ rights and interests as well as strengthen the relationship between the government, pastoralists, farmers and meat exporters.
• Lobby the government and other concerned stakeholders regarding policy, regulations and other issues.
HALAL MEAT

All Ethiopian meat exported to the Middle East is certified by the independent Islamic Affairs Council which is accredited by high level international bodies. The Council monitors abattoir operations, ensuring that the animals are slaughtered according to the proper Islamic killing procedures.

HAACP AND ISO CERTIFIED FACILITIES

Many Ethiopian export abattoirs are HACCP certified by third-party international certifying bodies. In addition, an increasing number of Ethiopian abattoirs are becoming ISO 22000 and ISO 9000 certified. EMPEA is working to have 100% HAACP and ISO certification for all Ethiopian abattoirs in the near future.
Initiating new international trade requires protocol agreements to ensure a safe supply of meat products. EMPEA assists with developing new protocol agreements for health issues, defining standards, and establishing certification procedures.
HELIMEX EXPORT ABATTOIR PLC

Helimex Export Abattoir Plc is strategically located in the town of DebreZeit on the cross road to Addis Ababa and Djibouti port both by road and rail. Helimex can supply quickly to its customers by Air & Ship from its high standard abattoir in the country. Helimex has more than 12 years of experience in exporting meat to Middle East countries, and has acquired rich know how in the field. The company has been certified with ISO 22000: 2005 food safety systems. The production capacity of the company ranges up to 2000 sheep/goat or 150 cattle per day. The company currently exports chilled meat to U.A.E., Saudi Arabia, Yemen and frozen meat to Egypt.

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ELFORA AGRO-INDUSTRIES P.L.C.

Elfora Agro Industries PLC is located at DebreZeit, Metehara, MelgeWondo, Dire Dawa, Kombolcha and Gondar. Elfora Agro Industries PLC develops the livestock industry by producing through natural and improved practices, high quality live animals on its own ranches, feedlots and quarantine stations. Elfora Agro Industries PLC supplies high quality chilled/frozen beef, mutton and goat meat carcasses, beef cuts, and broiler meat to the export markets. The production capacity of the company ranges up to 2000 sheep/goat or 150 cattle per day. The company currently exports chilled meat to U.A.E., Saudi Arabia, Yemen and frozen meat to Egypt.

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**MODJO MODERN EXPORT ABATTOIR P.L.C.**

Mojo Modern Export Abattoir Plc is one of the leading exporters of chilled sheep and goat meat from Ethiopia. The abattoir is strategically located town of Modjo, about 70 kms South East of Addis Ababa, which is supplied by the three major export livestock producing regions of Oromiya, Afar and Somali. The animals are properly conditioned at their holding ground. The company has been certified with ISO 22000: 2005 food safety systems. The production capacity of the company ranges up to 2500 sheep/goat per day. The company currently exports chilled meat to U.A.E. and Saudi Arabia.

**LUNA EXPORT SLAUGHTER HOUSE P.L.C.**

Luna Export Abattoir is one of the leading exporters of chilled and frozen sheep, goat, beef, veal and camel meat from Ethiopia. The animals are properly conditioned at Luna’s holding ground. The slaughtering process is done by its certified modern export abattoir. The production capacity of the company ranges up to 2000 sheep/goat or 150 cattle per day. The company currently exports chilled meat to U.A.E., Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Congo, Brazzaville and frozen meat to Egypt.

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Organic Export Abattoir is a slaughterhouse that belongs to the conglomerate, Lilly Holdings. With a capacity of 2,500 heads of sheep/goats per day, Organic Abattoir is amongst the leaders in the Ethiopian market with export-based activities. The company has been certified with ISO 22000: 2005 food safety systems, which is a testament to our superior quality control and management capabilities. The company constantly strives to provide value added products through both further investments and continuous improvement. Currently under the process of expanding their capacity through a plant that will produce 1,500 heads of sheep/goats as well as 240 heads of deboned beef per day. With their main pillars of focus on quality, focus on their customers and employees they strive to expand their horizons further by entering into new markets.

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Abergelle International Livestock Development PLC (AILD PLC) was established to promote livestock development in Tigray Region. Abergelle International livestock development PLC is one of its kinds in the country state of the art facility and equipment is engaged in the export of beef, mutton and goat meat to the North African and Middle East markets. The plant has a capacity of 900 cattle and 2500 shoats per day. The company operates a large fleet of modern cold trucks.

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Jigjiga Export Slaughter House (JESH) PLC is under construction phase and is expected to be completed in July 2014. The Head Office is at Faafan Village near Jigjiga, Ethiopian Somali Regional State, and Eastern Ethiopia. After completion, JESH PLC is expected to export in excess of 560MT of organic chilled mutton per month. Phase II is expected to be completed in mid-2015 and will be exporting about 120MT of organic cut/deboned and frozen beef. Phase III will be completed late in 2015 and will be exporting in excess of 100MT of organic camel meat per week.

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**HALAL FOOD INDUSTRY**

Halal Food Industry PLC was established on Oct. 3, 2011 in Addis Ababa, the abattoir is located at Addis-Adama express way to Modjo Junction. The abattoir is on final stage of fabrication and machinery testing.

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**ASHRAF EXPORT ABATTOIR P.L.C.**

Ashraf Abattoir, is engaged in the export of beef, mutton and goat meat to the North African and Middle East markets. The plant has a capacity of 600 cattle and 3,000 shoats per day. The major source of the cattle and shoats are from renowned from different part of the country and they are in high demand in the export markets. The company operates a large fleet of modern Volvo freezer trucks and animal transporters of the highest international standards. The abattoir is environment-friendly: all the by-products are processed and converted into green energy at our Bio-gas plant, thus eliminating any environmental pollution.

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**ABYSSINIA EXPORT ABATTOIRS**

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