

Weekly highlights

Exports accelerated in Nov-22

In Nov-22, exports increased by 14.1% y/y to US\$ 491.1mn, after a 9.2% y/y growth in previous month. Imports growth was 20.8% y/y reaching US\$ 1.2bn in November, after growing by 21.0% y/y in October. As a result, the trade deficit, increased by 25.7% y/y to US\$ 757.7mn, after a 30.1% y/y growth in October. Overall, in 11M22, trade deficit was up by 33.0% y/y to US\$ 6.9bn, as exports increased by 31.8% y/y to US\$ 5.0bn, while imports were up by 32.5% y/y to US\$ 12.0bn.

Average monthly nominal wages up by 16.5% y/y in 3Q22

In 3Q22, average monthly nominal wages in Georgia increased by 16.5% y/y after 16.1% y/y growth in 2Q22, according to Geostat. By economic activity, the highest monthly average wages were observed in the following sectors: information and communication (GEL 3,330, +51.8% y/y), financial and insurance (GEL 2,475, +10.7% y/y), construction (GEL 2,305, +15.1% y/y) professional and scientific activities (GEL 2,229, +11.3% y/y) and mining (GEL 2,143, +22.0% y/y). The lowest average monthly wages were posted in education (GEL 920, +11.9% y/y), water supply (GEL 979, +15.3% y/y) and agriculture (GEL 1,146, 23.3% y/y) in 3Q22.

Exchange rate

As a result of December 21st, the value of one dollar became 2.6646 GEL and the value of one euro became 2.8287 GEL.

Projects for the development of the infrastructure of agricultural cooperatives

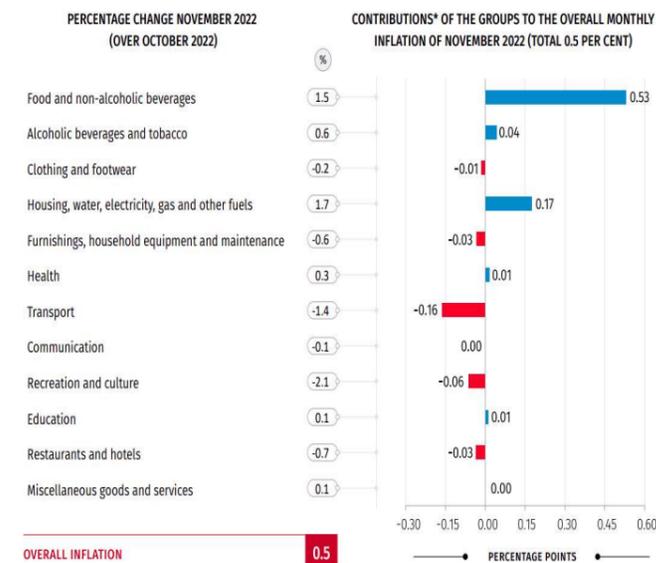
The budget of targeted projects for the development of the infrastructure of agricultural cooperatives is increasing and amounts to 5 million GEL. The Rural Development Agency disseminates information about this.

According to their reports, with the support of the state, in 2022, within the framework of targeted programs for the promotion of agricultural cooperatives, 9 agricultural cooperative enterprises have been created, which unite more than 100 small farmers. State co-financing exceeds 4 million GEL.

Agricultural cooperatives have the opportunity to participate in all programs run by the Rural Development Agency, where they, compared to other legal entities, have an additional 10% benefit of state co-financing, and state co-financing within the framework of special cooperative programs.

Source: <https://bm.ge/ka/article/sasoflo-sameurneo-kooperativebis-infrastrukturis-ganvitarebis-miznobrivi-proeqtebis-biujeti-5-mln-mde-izrdeba/123323/>

Inflation Rate in Georgia, November 2022



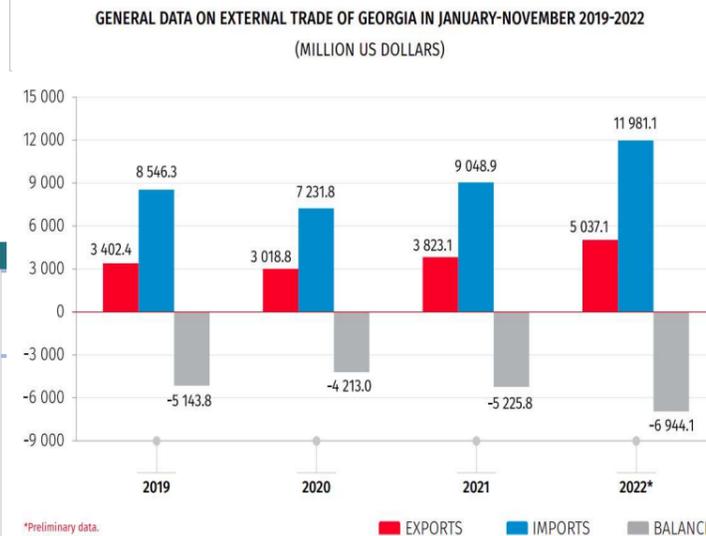
* Individual contributions not sum up to the total due to rounding

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External Merchandise Trade of Georgia in Jan-Nov 2022

In January-November 2022 the external merchandise trade (excluding non-declared trade) of Georgia amounted to USD 17 018.2 million, 32.2 percent higher to the same period of 2021. The exports equaled USD 5 037.1 million (31.8 percent higher), while the imports stood at USD 11 981.1 million (32.4 percent higher). The negative trade balance was USD 6 944.1 million in JanuaryNovember 2022 and its share in external trade turnover constituted 40.8 percent. The charts below reflect basic trends of the external merchandise trade of Georgia:



Governmental, Non-governmental grants and subsidies of Agriculture

Integrated Development Program for the Pilot Regions

About the program
Program applications will be accepted via e-mail: pilotregions@rda.gov.ge

About the program
The Rural Development Agency is implementing a funding program to support the establishment of new enterprises as well as the expansion and / or re-equipment of existing enterprises. The program is being implemented in 4 pilot regions: Imereti, Kakheti, Guria, Racha-Lechkhumi and Kvemo Svaneti.
For Programme conditions: shorturl.at/pCORV
The program envisages the establishment of new businesses as well as the modernization and / or expansion of existing businesses, which include:
1. Financing of fixed assets, including: machinery, equipment for production and specialized types of vehicles, construction and repair works;
2. Working capital financing - financing the purchase of raw materials only by maximum of 20% of the total cost of the project (loan amount).

For more detailed information : <https://rda.gov.ge/en/programs/684083-sapilote-regionebis-integrirbuli-ganvitarebis-programa/f8ad20d2-86ba-4d85-bc17-51ecd8edd81f>

In November 2022 the Consumer Price Index increased by 0.5 percent compared to the previous month, while the annual inflation rate amounted to 10.4 percent. With regard to the annual core inflation¹, the prices increased by 7.1 percent, while the annual core inflation without tobacco² amounted to 7.2 percent. The monthly inflation rate was mainly influenced by price changes for the following groups: **Food and non-alcoholic beverages**: the prices for the group increased by 1.5 percent, contributing 0.53 percentage points to the overall monthly inflation rate. The prices increased for the following subgroups: vegetables (15.6 percent), milk, cheese and eggs (1.2 percent), fish (1.0 percent). At the same time, prices decreased for the subgroup of oils and fats (-6.1 percent);

Agricultural commodities

Grains

INDEX	UNITS	PRICE	CHANGE	%CHANGE	CONTRACT	TIME (EST)
C11COM Corn (CBOT)	USD/bu	659.25	-7.25	-1.1%	Mar 2023	10:55 AM
W11COM Wheat (CBOT)	USD/bu	787.75	+17.25	+2.2%	Mar 2023	10:55 AM
O11COM Oats (CBOT)	USD/bu	347.50	+11.00	+3.2%	Mar 2023	10:51 AM
R11COM Rough Rice (CBOT)	USD/cwt	18.22	+0.14	+0.7%	Mar 2023	10:54 AM
S11COM Soybean (CBOT)	USD/bu	1484.50	-4.75	-0.3%	Mar 2023	10:55 AM
S11COM Soybean Meal (CBOT)	USD/T	451.80	-2.50	-0.6%	Mar 2023	10:55 AM
B11COM Soybean Oil (CBOT)	USD/bb	65.06	-0.25	-0.4%	Mar 2023	10:55 AM
R11COM Canola (ICE)	CAD/MT	854.90	-0.10	-0.0%	Mar 2023	10:55 AM

Softs

INDEX	UNITS	PRICE	CHANGE	%CHANGE	CONTRACT	TIME (EST)
C11COM Cocoa (ICE)	USD/MT	2,526.00	-28.00	-1.1%	Mar 2023	10:55 AM
K11COM Coffee C (ICE)	USD/lb	169.40	-1.60	-0.9%	Mar 2023	10:55 AM
S11COM Sugar #11 (ICE)	USD/lb	20.74	+0.18	+0.9%	Mar 2023	10:55 AM
J11COM Orange Juice (ICE)	USD/lb	206.55	-2.85	-1.4%	Mar 2023	10:55 AM
C11COM Cotton #2 (ICE)	USD/lb	88.12	-0.28	-0.3%	Mar 2023	10:55 AM
O11COM Wool (ASX)	-	-	-	-	N/A	-
L11COM Lumber (CME)	USD/1000 board feet	373.80	-1.50	-0.4%	Jan 2023	10:54 AM
R11COM Rubber (Singapore)	USD/kg	134.80	+0.70	+0.5%	Mar 2023	4:59 AM
D11COM Ethanol (CBOT)	USD/gal	2.16	0.00	0.0%	Jan 2023	12/20/2022

Livestock

INDEX	UNITS	PRICE	CHANGE	%CHANGE	CONTRACT	TIME (EST)
L11COM Live Cattle (CME)	USD/lb	157.05	-1.48	-0.9%	Feb 2023	10:57 AM
F11COM Feeder Cattle (CME)	USD/lb	185.45	-0.43	-0.2%	Mar 2023	10:57 AM
L11COM Lean Hogs (CME)	USD/lb	86.90	-2.85	-3.3%	Feb 2023	10:57 AM

Economic Data on Georgia

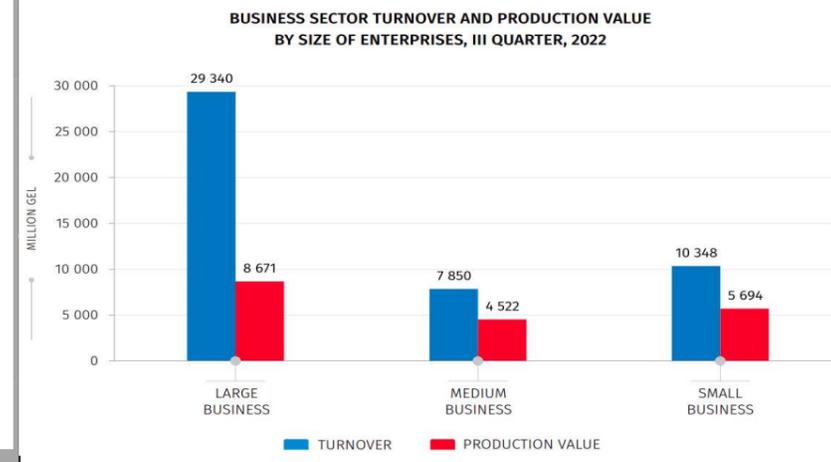
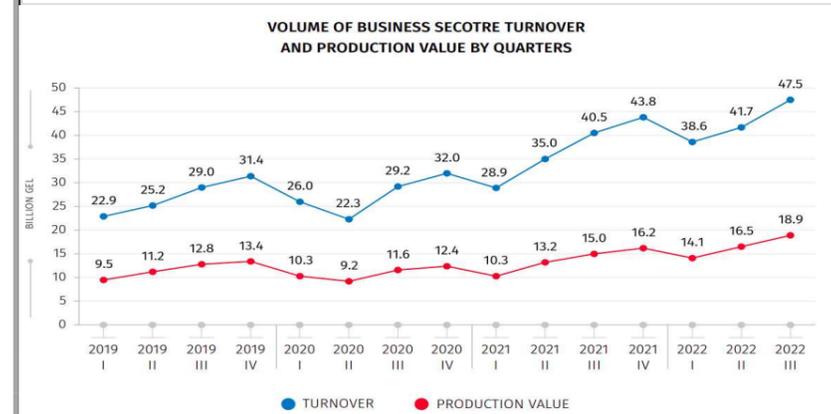
GDP							
	III 20*	IV 20*	2020*	I 21*	II 21*	III 21*	IV 21*
GDP at Current Prices, Bn €	13.4	14	49.3	11.5	15.5	16	17.2
GDP at Constant 2015 prices, Bn €	9.7	10.1	37.6	8.8	11.2	10.5	11
GDP Real Growth, Percentage	-6.8	-7.4	-6.8	-4.1	28.9	9.1	8.8
GDP Deflator Change, Percentage	7.9	8.6	7.5	7.9	11.6	9.4	13.4
GDP Per Capita (At Current Prices), €	3 600.1	3 753.0	13 234.1	3 081.3	4 161.4	4 290.4	4 621
GDP Per Capita (At Current Prices), \$	1 160.6	1 147.3	4 255.7	929.7	1 250.7	1 375	1 478.6
GDP at Current Prices, Bn US Dollars	7.5	3.8	3.4	3.5	4.7	5.1	5.5
Share of Agriculture in GDP, Percentage			8.3				7

Population & Unemployment							
	I 20	II 20	III 20	IV 20	I 21	II 21	III 21
Economically Active Population (Workforce), Thousand People	1545.2	1515	1526.9	1505.7	1447.2	1559.1	1592
Employed, Thousand People	1262.7	1237.6	1269.11	1197.9	1129.7	1214.6	1244.3
Unemployed, Thousand People	282.5	277.4	259.8	307.8	317.5	344.6	347.9
Unemployment Rate, Percentage	18.3	18.3	17	20.4	21.9	22.1	19.5

Consumer Price Index (Inflation)						
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Annual Average to the Annual Average	104	102.1	106	102.6	104.9	105.2
December over Previous Year's December	104.9	101.8	106.7	101.5	107	102.4

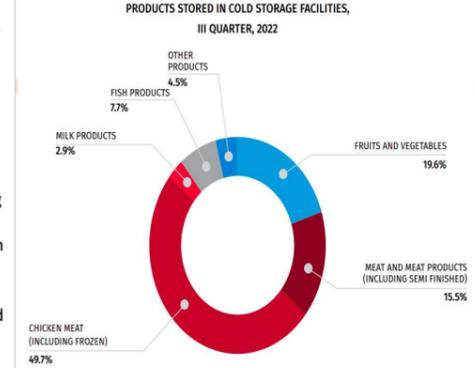
Activities of Enterprises III Quarter, 2022

In the III quarter of 2022 compared to the same quarter of previous year the volume of business sector turnover increased by 17.4 percent and amounted to 47.5 billion GEL. The production value of the business sector is characterized by the increasing tendency. In the III quarter of 2022, its volume equaled to 18.9 billion GEL, which is year-on-year 25.8 percent more. In the III quarter of 2022, 61.7 percent of total turnover comes on large and 16.5 percent – on medium businesses while 21.8 percent is distributed to small business. A small difference is in case of total production value: 45.9 percent comes on large, 23.9 percent – on medium and 30.1 percent on small businesses.



Survey results for cold storage facilities 2022

In the III quarter of 2022, the service was provided to 384 customers. The number of producers and resellers, from whom the products was purchased, amounted to 735 persons. Average monthly number of persons employed in cold storage facilities were 1 902. In total 93.6 thousand tons of products were stored in cold storage facilities during the III quarter of 2022, of which 49.7 percent was chicken meat (including frozen meat), 19.6 percent – fruit and vegetable, 15.5 percent – meat and meat products (including semi-finished products, excluded chicken meat), 7.7 percent – fish, while remaining products had a small share:



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