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■ AGRICULTURE

**Conferences Kicked off to Explore the Hurdles of the  
Agricultural Sector**

The International Conference of Wheat, Flour and Pasta was held at Hilton Hotel last Saturday December 6, 2014. The conference was organized in collaboration with the Ethiopian Miller Association (EMA) and Ethno-Italian Corporation (EIC) with the motto of "development of agriculture and agro processing for economic and social development of the country". The conference was taken off with the opening speech of Mebrehatu Melese state minister of industry, opening speech noting the agricultural sector is still lagging back from the target and it needs immediate dramatic overhaul from its current level of productivity. The conference seen major solution that was designed by the Agricultural Transformation Agency (ATA), dealing with and solving on the value chain of Wheat from the farmer to the final end the milling factories.

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