



MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, APRIL 2015

1. PRODUCTION

Production of natural rubber (NR) in April 2015 was recorded at **35,850** tonnes, dropped by **24,661** tonnes (-**40.8%**) as compared to March 2015. Year-on-year, production recorded a decrease of **1.4** per cent. The biggest contributor of Malaysia's NR is from the smallholding sector (**92.6%**), while the remaining is from the estate sector. Both of smallholding and estate sectors recorded a decrease in production at **41.6** per cent and **28.2** per cent for month-on-month respectively.

2. EXPORTS

In April 2015, exports of NR was **49,059** tonnes. Month-on-month and year-on-year comparison shows a decrease of **12,108** tonnes (-**19.8%**) and **15,465** tonnes (-**24.0%**) respectively. From the total of NR exports, **91.3** per cent was contributed by the Standard Malaysian Rubber (S.M.R.) that comprised **50.8** per cent of S.M.R. 20.

The People's Rep. of China was the main destination for NR exports (**34.6%**), followed by Germany (**16.1%**), U.S.A. (**8.1%**), Brazil (**4.0%**), Rep. of Korea (**3.7%**), Islamic Rep. of Iran (**3.5%**), Finland (**3.1%**), Portugal (**2.6%**) and Turkey (**2.2%**).

3. IMPORTS

A total of **69,585** tonnes of NR was imported in April 2015. Month-on-month comparison shows the imports decreased by **8,538** tonnes (-**10.9%**), whereas year-on-year increased by **8,814** tonnes (+**14.5%**). The main type of NR imported for this month was Latex Concentrate (**33.5%**) and Standard Rubber (**32.4%**).

The NR mainly was imported from Thailand (**46.1%**) and Viet Nam (**16.7%**).

4. DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION

Domestic consumption of NR in April 2015 was recorded at **39,909** tonnes, went up by **1,579** tonnes (+**4.1%**) from March 2015. Compared to the same month in 2014, the domestic consumption also increased by **7.4** per cent.

The largest industry that has consumed NR was the rubber gloves industry with a total of **29,658** tonnes (**74.3%**), followed by tyre & tubes (**8.1%**) and rubber thread (**7.6%**). The total consumption from these three industries covered more than half of the overall NR domestic consumption with a total of **35,947** tonnes (**90.1%**).

5. STOCKS

The level of NR stocks held at the end of April 2015 was decreased by **14.8** per cent to **176,348** tonnes as compared to the level of stocks in March 2015. For year-on-year comparison, an increase of **19.1** per cent of NR stock was recorded. Rubber Processors was the biggest contributor in the NR stock (**89.6%**).

6. AVERAGE MONTHLY PRICE PER KILOGRAMME (Noon Quotations - F.O.B.)

The average monthly price of latex concentrate was recorded at **411.31** sen per kilogramme in April 2015. Month-on-month comparison shows a reduction of **8.87** sen (-2.1%) whereas for year-on-year, the price dropped **63.23** sen (-13.3%).

The average monthly price of S.M.R. 20 was recorded at **500.33** sen per kilogramme, dropped by **12.6** sen (-2.5%) from March 2015 and **77.88** sen (-13.5%) from April 2014.

7. EMPLOYMENT

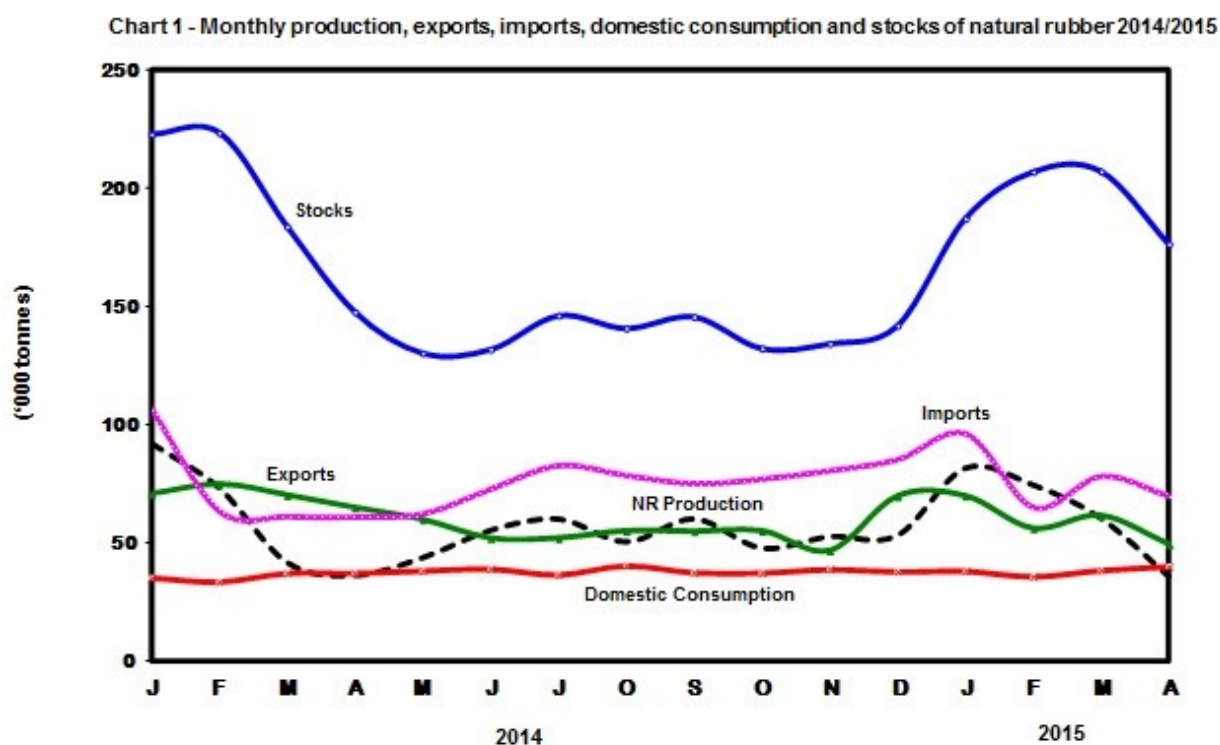
A total of **12,164** persons were engaged in the rubber estates at the end of April 2015, where **12,160** persons were paid employees with salaries & wages paid amounting to **RM12.7** million. The number of paid employees rose by **0.1** per cent from March 2015 whereas year-on-year, it was shrank by **3.0** per cent.

8. PRODUCTIVITY

The productivity of NR production on estates was **68.9** kilogramme per hectare in April 2015. Productivity of NR production shows a decrease as compared to month-on-month by **25.9** kilogramme per hectare (-27.3%), whereas year-on-year it increased by **8.4** kilogramme per hectare (13.9%).

9. PRINCIPAL STATISTICS

Chart 1 below shows the monthly time series.



* Notes:

Data for April 2015 is **provisional**. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the May 2015 publication.

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