



MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, APRIL 2017

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Production of NR in April 2017 decreased by **39.2** per cent to **48,889** tonnes as compared to the previous month. The main contributor of NR production is from smallholding sector with a contribution exceeding **90** per cent.

Average monthly price of Latex Concentrate and Standard Malaysian Rubber 20 were **640.69** sen per kilogramme and **719.25** sen per kilogramme, decreased by **12.5** per cent and **16.7** per cent respectively from March 2017.

In April 2017, exports of NR decreased by **0.1** per cent to **59,437** tonnes as compared to March 2017. Five main destinations of NR exports were China, Germany, Finland, Iran and USA.

In the meantime, domestic consumption of NR decreased by **6.0** per cent to **39,243** tonnes within the same period. Rubber gloves industry remains as the main domestic consumer with consumption more than **70** per cent.

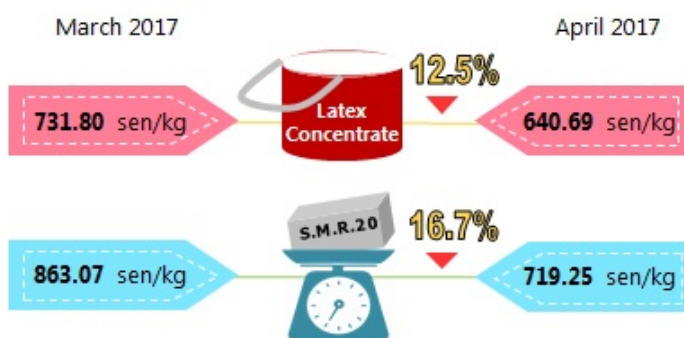
At the end of April 2017, level of NR stocks declined by **9.7** per cent to **231,698** tonnes.

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Average price



Domestic Consumption

Total : 39,243 tonnes

Rubber gloves industry is the main domestic consumer with consumption more than 70%.



Rubber
Gloves
72.6%



Rubber
Thread
8.7%



Tyres and
Tubes
8.3%



Others
10.4%

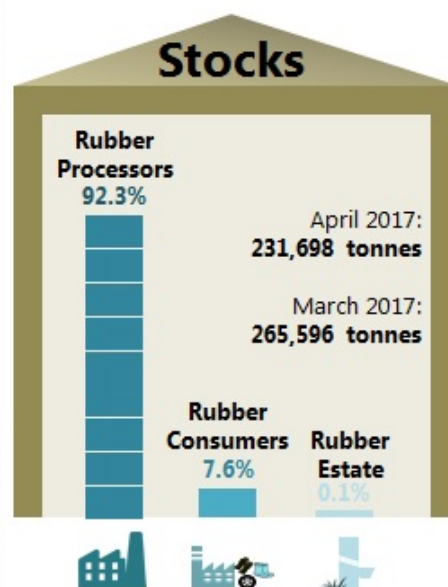
Exports

Exports of NR decreased by 0.1% as compared to March 2017. The main destination of NR exports was China.

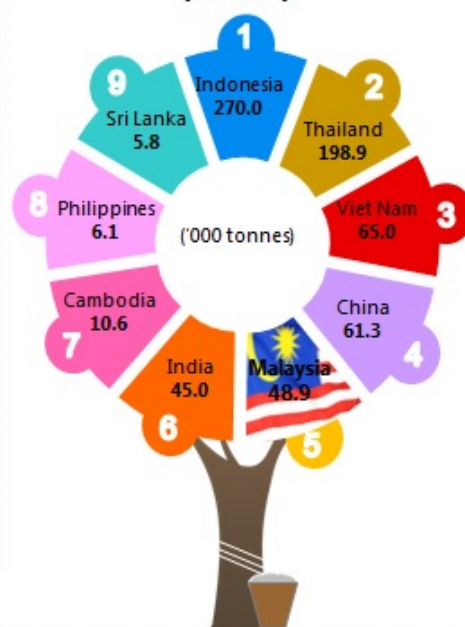


Total exports : 59,437 tonnes

Stocks



Production of NR by Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries (ANRPC)



Source: Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities

Source: Monthly Rubber Statistics Malaysia, April 2017

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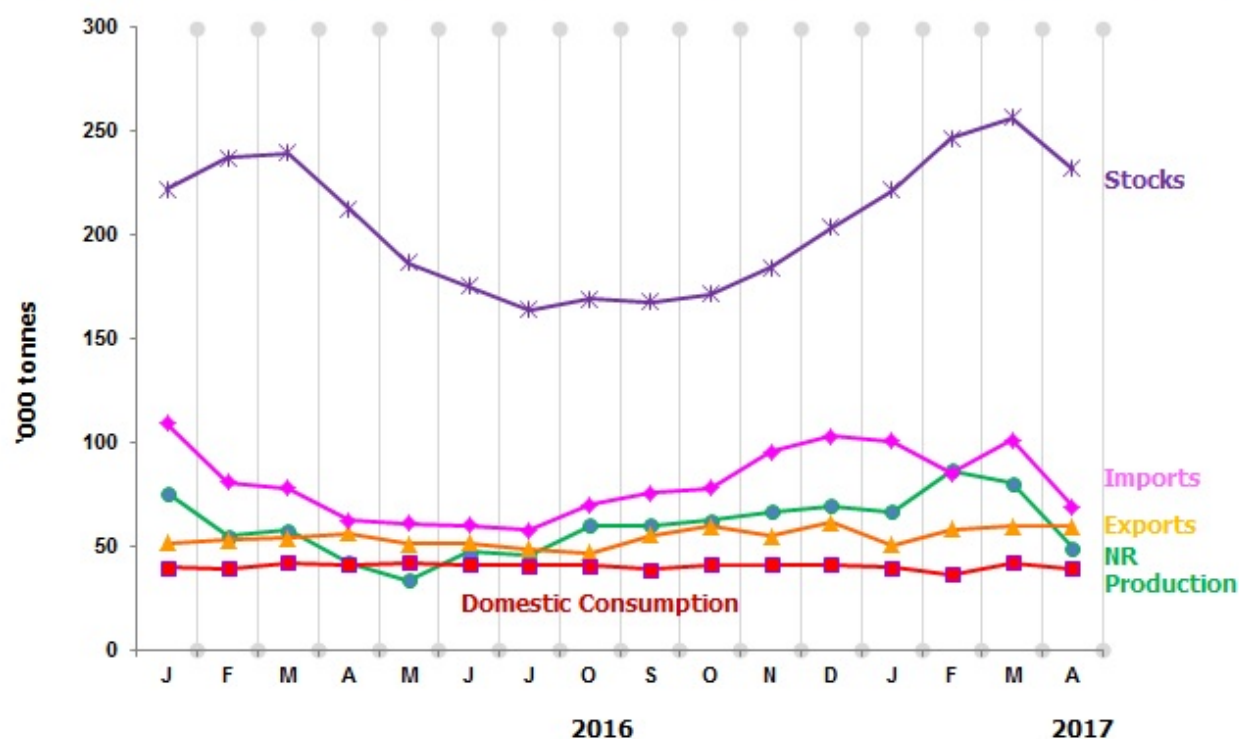
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Table 1 presents the principal statistics of rubber for April 2017 while Chart 1 shows the monthly time series from April 2016 to April 2017.

Table 1: Principal statistics of rubber, April 2017

Principal Statistics	April 2017	March 2017	April 2016	Change month-on-month (%)	Change year-on-year (%)
Production (tonnes)	48,889	80,384	41,753	-39.2	17.1
Exports (tonnes)	59,437	59,520	56,204	-0.1	5.8
Imports (tonnes)	68,843	101,027	62,061	-31.9	10.9
Domestic consumption (tonnes)	39,243	41,764	40,889	-6.0	-4.0
Closing stocks (tonnes)	231,698	256,596	212,485	-9.7	9.0
Number of paid workers (estate)	9,540	9,769	11,034	-2.3	-13.5
Salaries & wages (RM'000) (estate)	11,395	13,202	11,330	-13.7	0.6

Chart 1: Monthly production, exports, imports, domestic consumption and stocks of natural rubber 2016/2017



*Notes:

Data for April 2017 is **provisional**. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the May 2017 publication.

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