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## MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, APRIL 2018

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### **Natural rubber production dropped 22.7 per cent in April 2018**

Natural rubber production in April 2018 was **35,845** tonnes, dropped by **22.7** per cent as compared to **46,381** tonnes in March 2018. For year-on-year, the production also showed a decrease of **27.1** per cent.

Average price of Latex Concentrate was **445.48** sen per kilogramme, decreased by **5.5** per cent as compared to March 2018 and the average price of Standard Malaysian Rubber 20 (S.M.R 20) also decreased by **4.6** per cent to **528.90** sen per kilogramme.

Exports of natural rubber amounted to **53,203** tonnes, dropped by **7.7** per cent than the previous month. Five main destinations of natural rubber exports were China, Germany, Iran, Turkey and Finland.

Domestic consumption of natural rubber also declined by **4.8** per cent in April 2018 to **43,527** tonnes. Natural rubber is widely used in the rubber glove industry with consumption of **32,893** tonnes or **75.6** per cent of the total natural rubber domestic consumption.

Stock of natural rubber recorded at the end of April 2018 decreased **9.8** per cent from **281,741** tonnes to **254,081** tonnes.



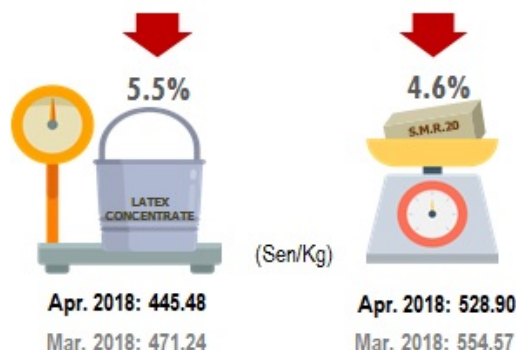
## Production

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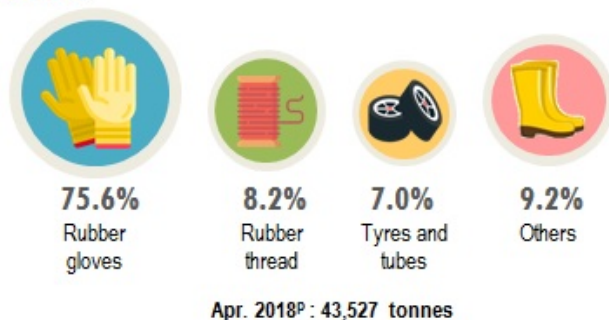
**92.0%** of natural rubber production was from the smallholding sector.

## Average price

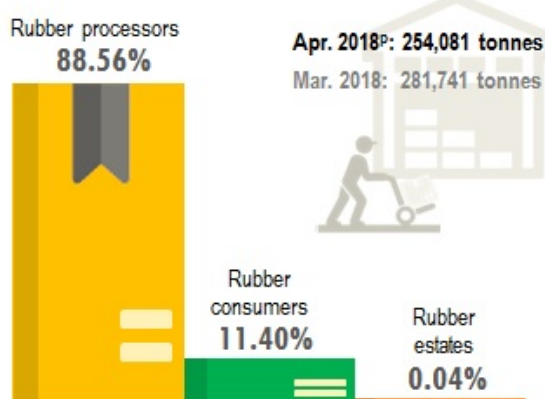


## Domestic consumption

Rubber gloves industry was the main consumer of natural rubber which is **75.6%**.

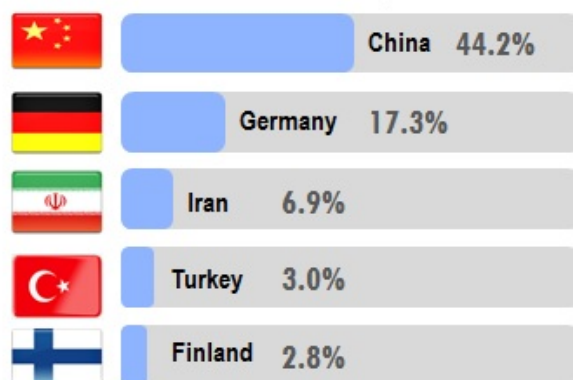


## Stocks



## Exports

Exports of natural rubber increased by **7.7%** as compared to March 2018. The main destination of natural rubber exports was China.

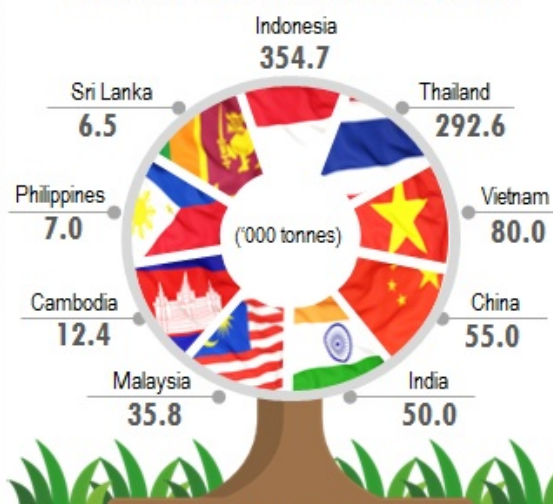


April 2018P: 53,203 tonnes

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Source: Monthly Rubber Statistics Malaysia, April 2018

## Production of Natural Rubber by Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries (ANRPC), April 2018



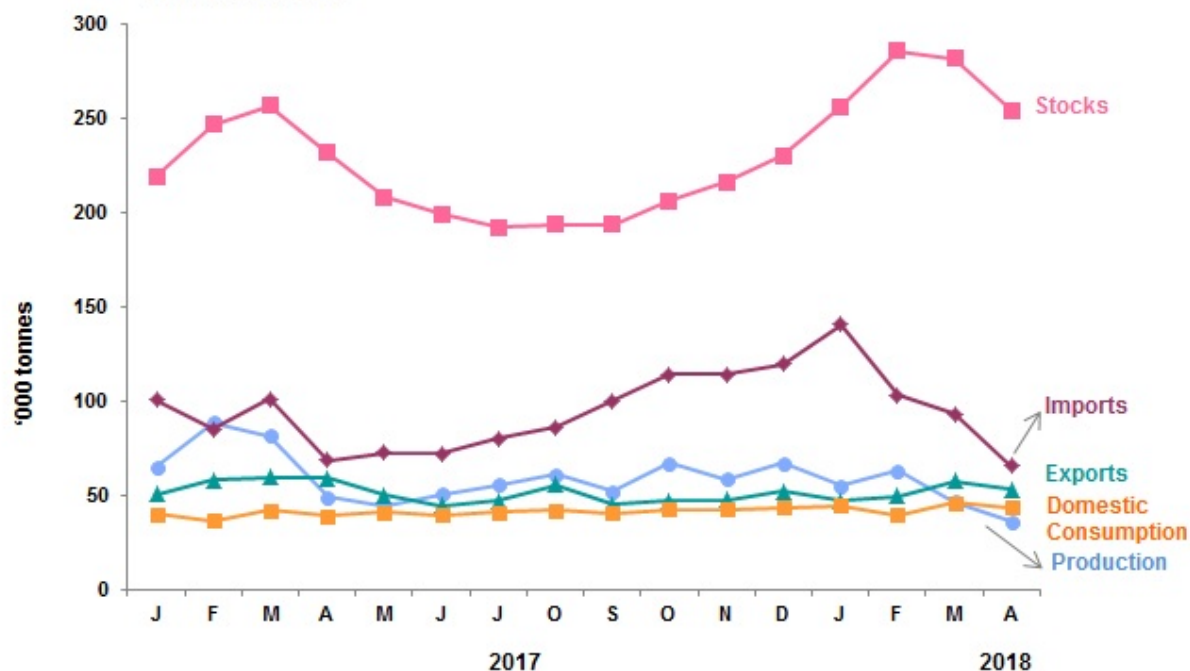
Source: Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities

Table 1 presents the principal statistics of rubber for April 2018 while Chart 1 shows the monthly time series from April 2017 to April 2018.

**Table 1: Principal statistics of rubber, April 2018**

| Principal Statistics               | April 2017 | March 2018 | April 2018 | Change month-on-month April 2018/ March 2018 (%) | Change year-on-year April 2018/ April 2017 (%) |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|--|--|
| Production (tonnes)                | 49,144     | 46,381     | 35,845     | -22.7  | -27.1  |
| Exports (tonnes)                   | 59,074     | 57,658     | 53,203     | -7.7   | -9.9   |
| Imports (tonnes)                   | 68,476     | 92,944     | 65,299     | -29.7  | -4.6   |
| Domestic consumption (tonnes)      | 39,168     | 45,704     | 43,527     | -4.8   | 11.1   |
| Closing stocks (tonnes)            | 231,677    | 281,741    | 254,081    | -9.8   | 9.7  |
| Number of paid workers (estate)    | 9,632      | 10,271     | 10,255     | -0.2   | 6.5  |
| Salaries & wages (estate) (RM'000) | 11,468     | 12,549     | 11,989     | -4.5   | 4.5  |

**Chart 1: Monthly production, exports, imports, domestic consumption and stocks of natural rubber 2017/2018**



\*Notes:

Data for April 2018 is **provisional**. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the May 2018 publication.

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