



MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, AUGUST 2015

1. PRODUCTION

Production of natural rubber (NR) in August 2015 was recorded at **56,862** tonnes, increased by **2,134** tonnes (**+3.9%**) when compared to July 2015. Year-on-year, production also recorded an increase of **12.5** per cent. Production of NR by the smallholdings sector contributes **90.6** per cent whilst the remaining is from the estate sector. Smallholding and estate sectors showed an increase of NR production of **3.1** per cent and **12.7** per cent respectively as compared to the previous month.

2. EXPORTS

Exports of Malaysian NR in August 2015 reduced by **15.6** per cent to **67,773** tonnes when compared with July 2015. Nevertheless, exports increased by **23.9** per cent compared to August 2014. Standard Malaysian Rubber (S.M.R.) contributed **95.3** per cent of the total NR exports that comprised **69.5** per cent of S.M.R. 20.

NR was mainly exported to the People's Rep. of China (**59.3%**), followed by Germany (**12.9%**), U.S.A. (**3.5%**), Islamic Rep. of Iran (**2.8%**), Portugal (**2.1%**), France (**1.8%**), Brazil (**1.5%**), Turkey (**1.4%**) and Rep. of Korea (**1.3%**).

3. IMPORTS

In August 2015, imports of NR was recorded at **70,637** tonnes. Imports decreased when compared month-on-month and year-on-year at **7,971** tonnes (**-10.1%**) and **7,775** tonnes (**-9.9%**) respectively. The main type of NR imported was Latex Concentrate (**36.6%**) and Standard Rubber (**35.7%**).

NR was imported mainly from Thailand (**50.6%**) and Viet Nam (**27.5%**).

4. DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION

Domestic consumption of NR in August 2015 increased by **36** tonnes (**+0.1%**) to **40,619** tonnes from the previous month, whereas when compared to the previous year, it shows an increase of **107** tonnes (**+0.3%**).

The rubber gloves industry was the highest consuming industry of NR at **29,977** tonnes (**73.8%**), followed by tyre & tubes (**8.0%**) and rubber thread (**7.7%**). These three industries consumed more than half of the overall domestic consumption in the country with a total of **36,369** tonnes (**89.5%**).

5. STOCKS

The level of stocks of NR held at the end of August 2015 increased by **1.2** per cent to **130,679** tonnes compared to the level of stocks in July 2015. For year-on-year comparison, a reduction of **7.3** per cent was recorded. The biggest portion of the stocks was held by Rubber Processors (**86.5%**).

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

The overall average monthly price of NR in August 2015 is lower from the previous months. The average monthly price of latex concentrate was **417.53** sen, a decrease of **4.7** per cent compared to July 2015. The price of latex concentrate also dropped by **9.16** sen (**-2.1%**) from August 2014.

The average monthly price of G.M.M. 20 was recorded at **522.98** sen per kilogramme in August 2015, dropped **17.59** sen (**-3.3%**) for month-on-month and **0.28** sen (**-0.1%**) for year-on-year.

7. EMPLOYMENT

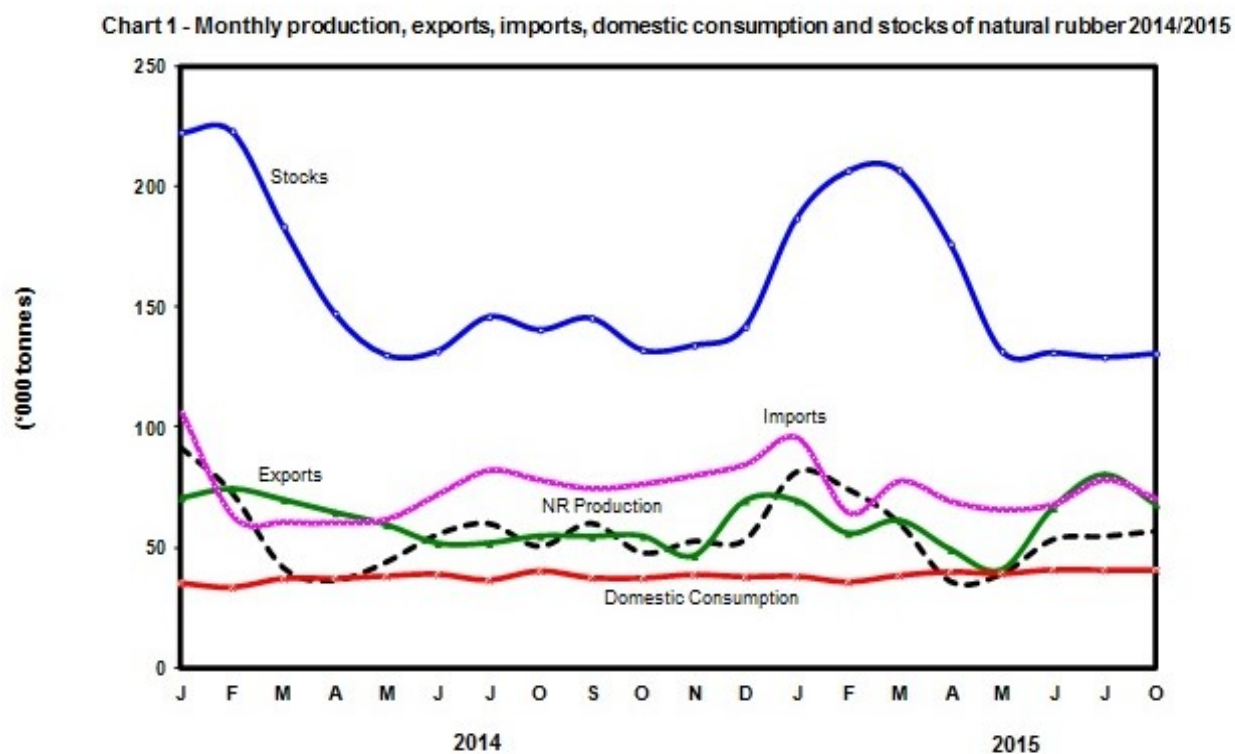
The number of persons engaged in rubber estates at the end of August 2015 was **12,111** where **12,107** were paid employees with salaries & wages paid amounting to **RM15.6** million. The number of paid employees decline **0.3** per cent for month-on-month and **5.0** per cent for year-on-year.

8. PRODUCTIVITY

The productivity of NR production on estates was recorded at **136.3** kilogramme per hectare in August 2015. The productivity of NR production went up **13.6** kilogramme per hectare (**+11.1%**) when compared to month-on-month. Year-on-year also shows an increase in productivity by **3.9** kilogramme per hectare (**+2.9%**).

9. PRINCIPAL STATISTICS

Chart 1 below shows the monthly time series.



*Notes:

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

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