



MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, DECEMBER 2019

Natural rubber production in December 2019 increased 6.2 per cent year on year

Malaysia's natural rubber production increased by **6.2** per cent in December 2019 to **58,437** tonnes as compared to the same month in the previous year. Comparison month on month also showed an increase of **10.2** per cent from **53,019** tonnes in November 2019.

Exports of Malaysia's natural rubber amounted to **50,516** tonnes, increased by **6.4** per cent against **47,488** tonnes in November 2019. The primary natural rubber export destination is the People's Republic of China with a share of **55.9** per cent from total exports in December 2019 followed by Germany (**10.1%**), U.S.A (**3.7%**), Finland (**3.6%**) and Italy (**2.7%**).

Stocks of natural rubber in December 2019 was **245,002** tonnes as compared to **216,582** tonnes in November 2019, an increase of **13.1** per cent.

Average price of Latex Concentrate was **455.17** sen per kilogramme in December 2019, increased by **3.3** per cent as compared to November 2019. The average price of Standard Malaysian Rubber 20 (S.M.R. 20) also increased by **5.2** per cent to **595.50** sen per kilogramme for the same period.

Total domestic consumption of natural rubber was **40,351** tonnes, a decrease of **2.7** per cent against **41,463** tonnes as reported in November 2019. Rubber gloves industry dominates the use of natural rubber with **30,517** tonnes or **75.6** per cent of the total domestic consumption.



MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS

DECEMBER
2019

53,019



November 2019

PRODUCTION

Tonnes

10.2%

58,437



December 2019^P

AVERAGE PRICE



3.3%

LATEX CONCENTRATE

5.2%

S.M.R 20

Dec. 2019: 455.17
Nov. 2019: 440.55

Dec. 2019: 595.50
Nov. 2019: 566.12

(sen/Kg)

STOCKS

December 2019^P : 245,002 tonnes



Rubber
processors
88.2%



Rubber
consumers
11.3%



Rubber
estates
0.5%

Rubber
gloves



75.6%

Rubber
thread



7.9%

Tyres and
tubes



6.2%

Others



10.3%

DOMESTIC
CONSUMPTION

Dec. 2019^P: 40,351 tonnes

P.R. China



55.9%

Italy



2.7%

Germany



10.1%

EXPORTS

Dec. 2019^P: 50,516 tonnes



3.7%



3.6%

U.S.A

Production of natural rubber by main producing countries*, December 2019

('000 tonnes)

Malaysia	58.4 ^P
Vietnam	86.1 ^P
Thailand	466.0 ^e
Sri Lanka	8.1 ^P
Philippines	13.8 ^e

Cambodia

41.9^P



India

87.0^e



Indonesia

265.0^P



P.R. China

36.0^P



P : preliminary
e : estimate

Source: Monthly Rubber Statistics, Malaysia, December 2019

Source: Ministry of Primary Industries

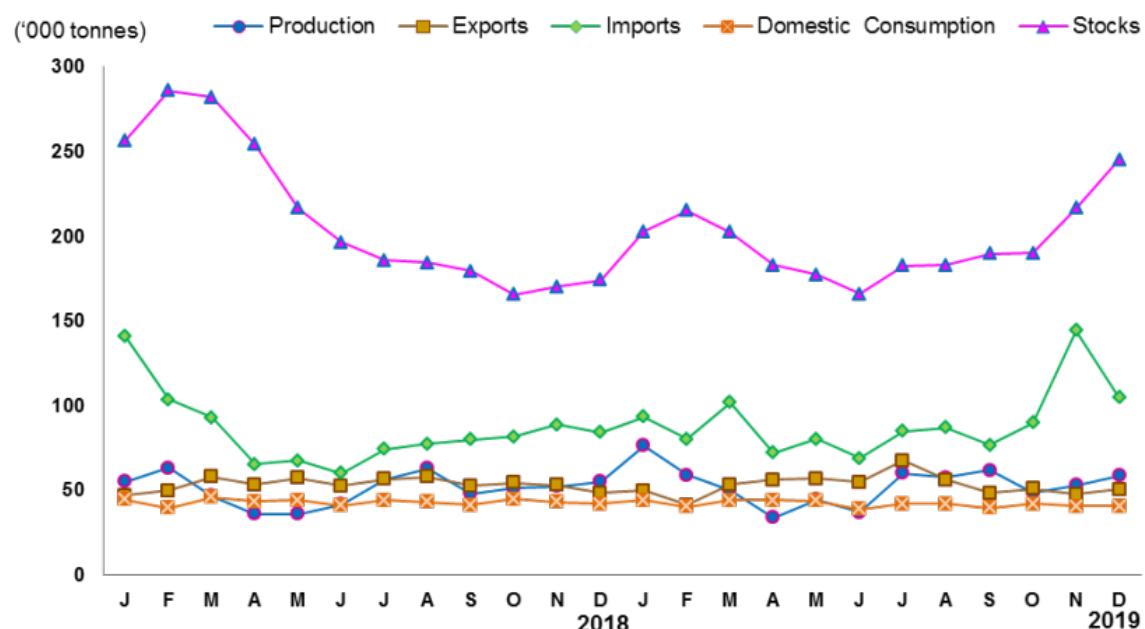
*Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries (ANRPC)

Table 1 presents the principal statistics of rubber for December 2019 while Chart 1 shows the monthly time series from December 2018 to December 2019.

Table 1: Principal statistics of rubber, December 2019

Principal Statistics	December 2018	November 2019	December 2019	Change month-on-month December 2019/October 2019 (%)	Change year-on-year November 2019/November 2018 (%)
Production (tonnes)	55,037	53,019	58,437	10.2	6.2
Exports (tonnes)	48,183	47,488	50,516	6.4	4.8
Imports (tonnes)	84,035	144,250	104,524	-27.5	24.4
Domestic consumption (tonnes)	41,833	41,463	40,351	-2.7	-3.5
Closing stocks (tonnes)	174,004	216,582	245,002	13.1	40.8
Number of paid workers (estate)	11,481	11,002	11,053	0.5	-3.7
Salaries & wages (estate) (RM'000)	18,858	17,494	20,555	17.5	9.0

Chart 1: Monthly production, exports, imports, domestic consumption and stocks of natural rubber 2018/2019



*Notes:

Data for December 2019 is **provisional**. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the January 2020 publication.

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