



MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, FEBRUARY 2017

Natural Rubber (NR) increased by 29.5 per cent in February 2017

Production of NR in February 2017 increased by **29.5** percent to **86,403** tonnes as compared to previous month. The main contributor of NR production is from smallholding sector which is more than **90** per cent.

Average monthly price of Latex Concentrate and Standard Malaysian Rubber 20 were **798.33** sen per kilogramme and **966.94** sen per kilogramme, rose by **12.3** per cent and **1.0** per cent respectively from January 2017.

In February 2017, exports of NR increased by **15.0** per cent to **57,959** tonnes as compared to January 2017. Five main destinations of NR exports were China, Germany, Iran, U.S.A. and Finland.

In the meantime, domestic consumption of natural rubber declined by **7.9** per cent to **36,528** tonnes within the same period. Rubber gloves industry remain as the main domestic consumer of over **70** per cent.

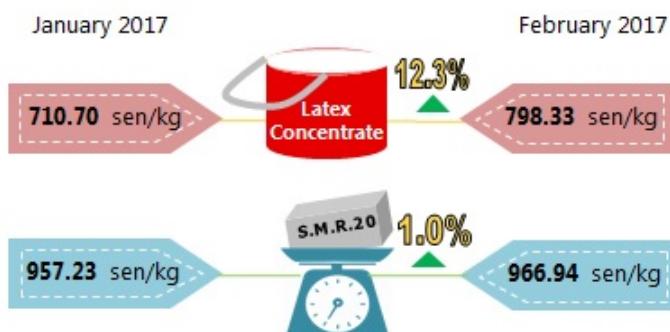
At the end of February 2017, level of NR stocks went up by **11.3** per cent to **246,599** tonnes.

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Average price



Domestic Consumption

Total : 36,528 tonnes

More than 7/10 domestic consumption of NR was rubber gloves industry.

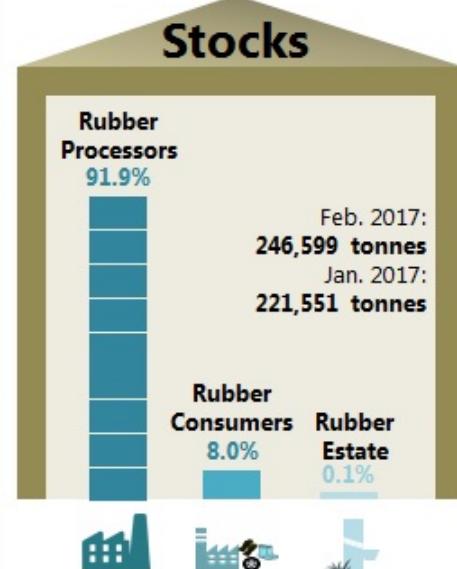


Exports

Exports of NR increased by **15.0%** as compared to January 2017. The main destination of NR exports was China.



Total exports : 57,959 tonnes



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



Source: Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities

Source: Monthly Rubber Statistics Malaysia, February 2017

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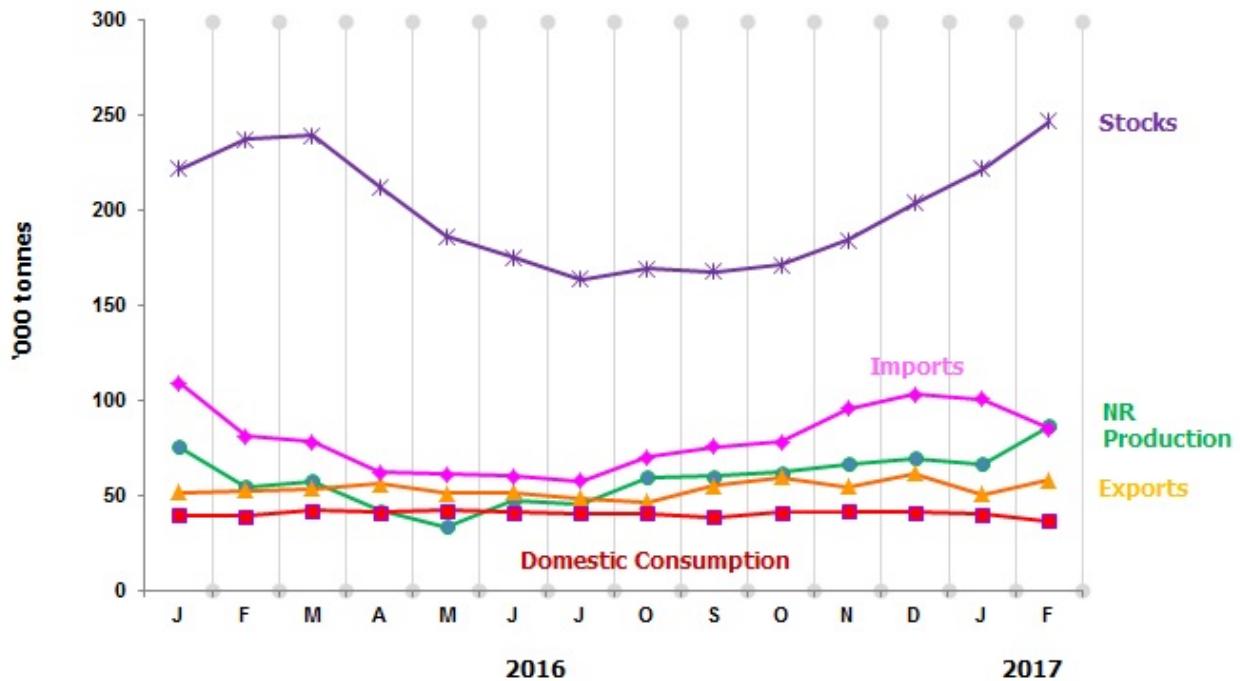
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Table 1 presents the principal statistics of rubber for February 2017 while Chart 1 shows the monthly time series from January 2016 to February 2017.

Table 1: Principal statistics of rubber, February 2017

Principal Statistics	February 2017	January 2017	February 2016	Change month-on-month (%)	Change year-on-year (%)
Production (tonnes)	86,403	66,712	54,564	29.5	58.4
Exports (tonnes)	57,959	50,410	52,651	15.0	10.1
Imports (tonnes)	84,787	100,488	80,759	-15.6	5.0
Domestic consumption (tonnes)	36,528	39,677	38,918	-7.9	-6.1
Closing stocks (tonnes)	246,599	221,551	237,266	11.3	3.9
Number of paid workers (estate)	9,818	10,055	11,435	-2.4	-14.1
Salaries & wages (RM'000) (estate)	13,759	13,393	13,159	2.7	4.6

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



*Notes:

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

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