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## MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, FEBRUARY 2019

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### **Natural rubber in February 2019 shrank by 22.5 per cent**

Malaysia's natural rubber production in February 2019 was **59,017** tonnes, a decrease of **6.7** per cent as compared to February 2018. Month-on-month comparison showed the production of natural rubber declined by **22.5** per cent from **76,104** tonnes in January 2019.

Malaysia's natural rubber exports amounted to **41,102** tonnes, decreased **17.5** per cent against **49,797** tonnes in January 2019. China is the main destination of exported natural rubber, **42.6** per cent of the total exports in February 2019 followed by Germany (**11.3** %), U.S.A (**6.3**%), Iran (**5.0**%) and Finland (**3.9**%).

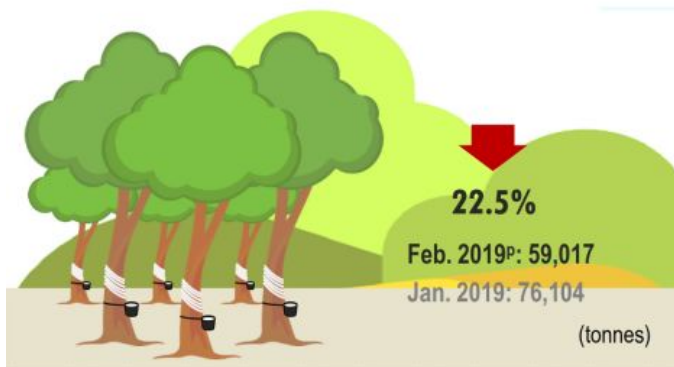
Stocks of natural rubber recorded at the end of February 2019 rose **6.1** per cent from **202,427** tonnes in January 2019 to **214,773** tonnes.

Average price of Latex Concentrate in February 2019 was **410.50** sen per kilogramme, gained by **4.4** per cent whereas the average price of Standard Malaysian Rubber 20 (S.M.R.20) also increased **1.8** per cent to **558.09** sen per kilogramme as compared to the average price in January 2019.

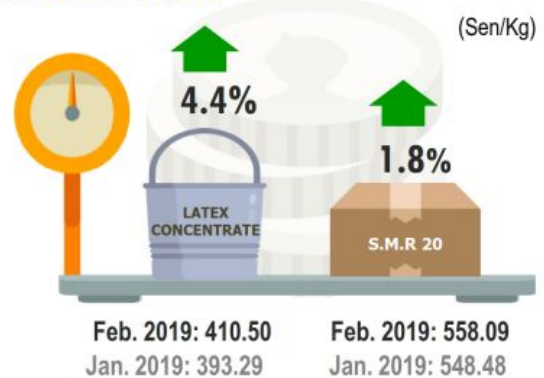
Total domestic consumption of natural rubber in February 2019 was **39,835** tonnes, a decrease of **9.8** per cent against **44,140** tonnes as reported in January 2019. Natural rubber is widely used in the manufacturing of rubber glove industry with a consumption of **29,952** tonnes or **75.2** per cent of the total domestic consumption.



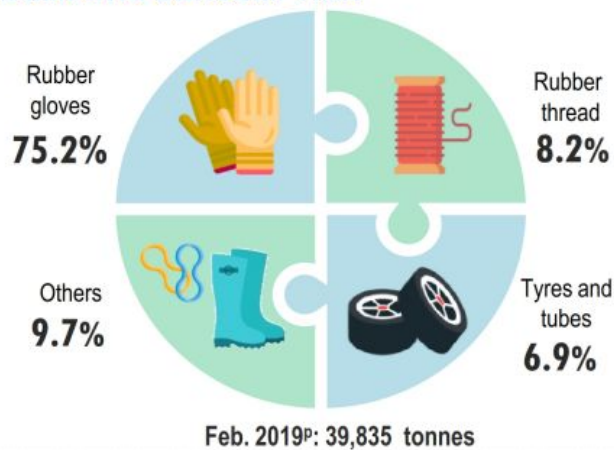
## PRODUCTION



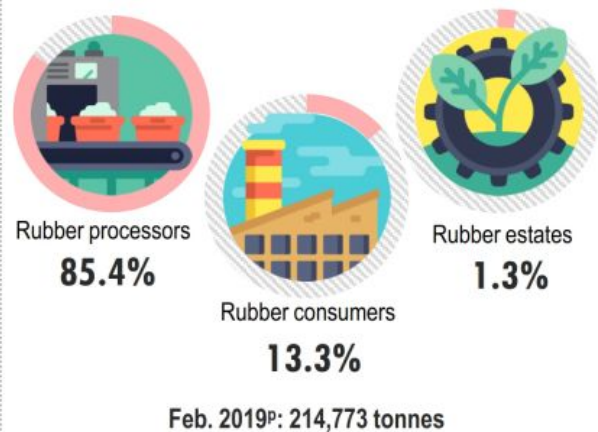
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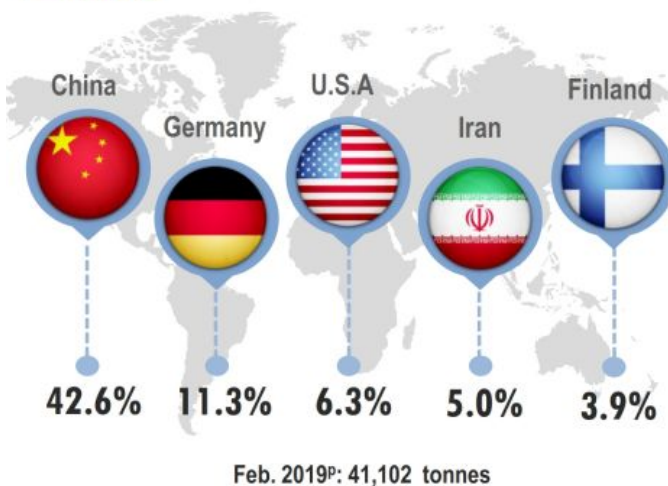
## DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION



## STOCKS



## EXPORTS



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## Production of natural rubber by main producing countries\*, January 2019



Source: Ministry of Primary Industries

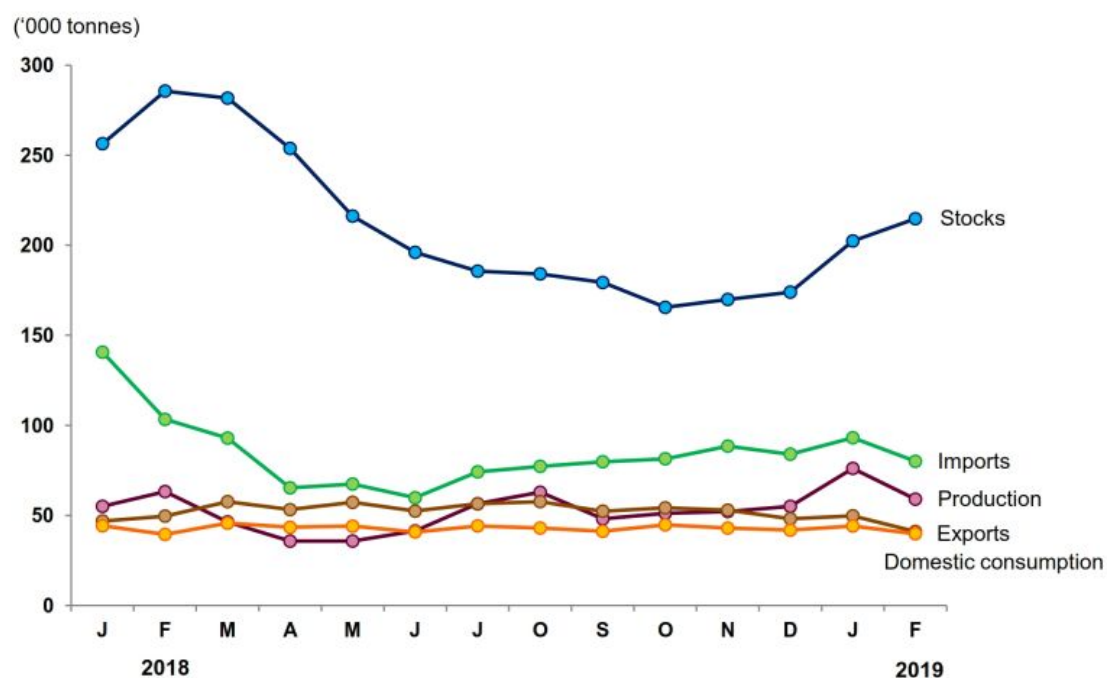
\*Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries (ANRPC)

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

**Table 1: Principal statistics of rubber, February 2019**

| Principal Statistics               | February 2018 | January 2019 | February 2019 | Change month-on-month February 2019/ January 2019 (%) | Change year-on-year February 2019/ February 2018 (%) |
|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---|--|
| Production (tonnes)                | 63,246        | 76,104       | 59,017        | -22.5   | -6.7   |
| Exports (tonnes)                   | 49,627        | 49,797       | 41,102        | -17.5   | -17.2  |
| Imports (tonnes)                   | 103,338       | 93,127       | 80,047        | -14.0   | -22.5  |
| Domestic consumption (tonnes)      | 39,448        | 44,140       | 39,835        | -9.8  | 1.0  |
| Closing stocks (tonnes)            | 285,671       | 202,427      | 214,773       | 6.1   | -24.8  |
| Number of paid workers (estate)    | 10,464        | 11,874       | 11,766        | -0.9  | 12.4   |
| Salaries & wages (estate) (RM'000) | 15,186        | 19,708       | 16,997        | -13.8   | 11.9   |

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



\*Notes:

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

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