



MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, FEBRUARY 2020

Natural rubber production in February 2020 decreased 29.2 per cent

The Monthly Rubber Census for reference February 2020 was conducted in March 2020, prior to the announcement of the Movement Control Order (MCO). Activities of collecting statistics in the industry especially on production was not affected after the MCO's announcement during that period.

However, the census showed that Malaysia's natural rubber production decreased **29.2** per cent in February 2020 to **46,881** tonnes as compared to **66,232** tonnes in the previous month. Comparison year on year also showed a decrease of **20.6** per cent as compared to the same month in the previous year. This declining trend is due to the annual wintering period that typically falls between February and May. This is a normal cycle of rubber trees where the leaves of the tree wither and fall. This scenario significantly affected both the principal metabolism and latex production.

Exports of Malaysia's natural rubber amounted **51,852** tonnes, increased by **13.1** per cent against **45,827** tonnes in January 2020. This is supported by an increase in the closing stock in January 2020 with an increase of **17.8** percent compared to December 2019. Likewise, the stocks of natural rubber recorded an increase of **2.7** per cent from **288,586** tonnes in January 2020 to **296,328** tonnes in current month. The primary natural rubber export destination is People's Republic of China with a share of **47.1** per cent from total exports in February 2020 followed by Germany (**9.7%**), Iran (**4.1%**), Taiwan (**3.5%**) and Finland (**2.9%**).

Average price of Latex Concentrate was **456.73** sen per kilogramme in February 2020, decreased by **0.6** per cent as compared to January 2020. The average price of Standard Malaysian Rubber 20 (S.M.R. 20) also showed a decreased by **6.9** per cent to **549.68** sen per kilogramme for the same period.

Total domestic consumption of natural rubber was **41,512** tonnes, a decrease of **1.2** per cent against **42,015** tonnes as recorded in January 2020. Rubber gloves industry dominates the use of natural rubber with **31,684** tonnes or **76.3** per cent of the total domestic consumption.



MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS

FEBRUARY 2020

66,232



January 2020^P

PRODUCTION

Tonnes

29.2%

46,881



February 2020^P

AVERAGE PRICE



0.6%

LATEX
CONCENTRATE

6.9%

S.M.R 20

Feb. 2020 : 456.73
Jan. 2020 : 459.60

Feb. 2020 : 549.68
Jan. 2020 : 590.38

(sen/Kg)

STOCKS

February 2020^P : 296,328 tonnes



Rubber
processors
89.6%



Rubber
consumers
9.4%



Rubber
estates
1.0%

Rubber
gloves



76.3%

Rubber
thread



8.1%

DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION

February 2020^P : 41,512 tonnes

Tyres and
tubes



6.9%

Others



8.7%

P.R. China



47.1%

Germany



9.7%

EXPORTS

Feb. 2020^P : 51,852 tonnes

Finland



2.9%

Iran



4.1%

Taiwan



3.5%

Production of natural rubber by main producing countries*, February 2020

('000 tonnes)



Malaysia
46.9^P



Vietnam
80.0^e



Thailand
445.6^e



Sri Lanka
7.0^e



Philippines
4.0^e

Cambodia



13.2^e

India



53.0^e

Indonesia



263.0^e

P.R. China



0.0^e

Source: Ministry of Primary Industries

*Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries (ANRPC)

^P : preliminary
^e : estimate

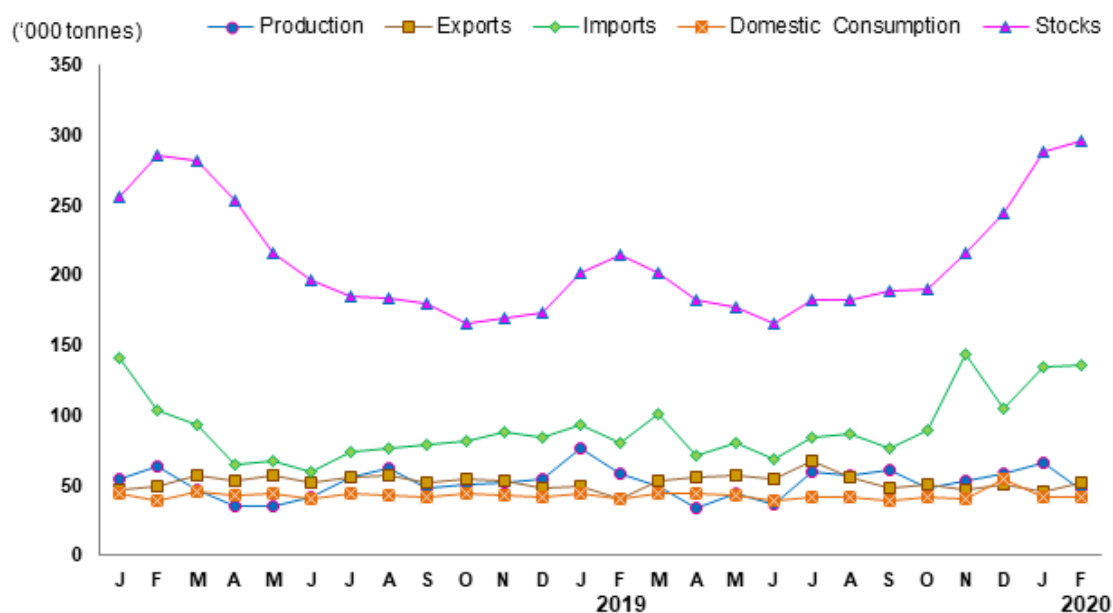
Source: Monthly Rubber Statistics, Malaysia, February 2020

Table 1 presents the principal statistics of rubber for February 2020 while Chart 1 shows the monthly time series from February 2019 to February 2020.

Table 1: Principal statistics of rubber, February 2020

Principal Statistics	February 2019	January 2020	February 2020	Change month-on-month February 2020/ January 2020 (%)	Change year-on-year February 2020/ February 2019 (%)
Production (tonnes)	59,017	66,232	46,881	-29.2	-20.6
Exports (tonnes)	41,102	45,827	51,852	13.1	26.2
Imports (tonnes)	80,047	134,868	135,494	0.5	69.3
Domestic consumption (tonnes)	40,121	42,015	41,512	-1.2	3.5
Closing stocks (tonnes)	214,771	288,586	296,328	2.7	38.0
Number of paid workers (estate)	11,746	10,723	8,822	-17.7	-24.9
Salaries & wages (estate) (RM'000)	16,945	17,283	12,801	-25.9	-24.5

Chart 1: Monthly production, exports, imports, domestic consumption and stocks of natural rubber 2019/2020



*Notes:

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

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