



MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, JANUARY 2015

1. PRODUCTION

In January 2015, the total production of natural rubber (NR) which was registered at **81,798** tonnes, increased by **28,600** tonnes **(+53.8%)** when compared to a month ago. Comparison to January 2014 showed a decrease of **10,419** tonnes **(-11.3%)**. The smallholding sector contributed **93.0** per cent of the total NR while the estate sector **7.0** per cent. Month-on-month, both smallholding and estate sectors recorded an increase in production at **56.4** per cent and **25.5** per cent respectively.

2. EXPORTS

NR exports in January 2015 increased by **27** tonnes **(+0.0%)** compared to the previous month to **69,465** tonnes. Exports fell **953** tonnes **(-1.4%)** when compared to a year ago. The Standard Malaysian Rubber (S.M.R.) constituted **93.7** per cent of total exports of which the S.M.R 20 grade was the highest grade exported **(61.9%)**.

NR was mainly exported to People's Rep. of China **(47.1%)**, followed by Germany **(13.3%)**, Islamic Rep. of Iran **(7.6%)**, U.S.A. **(3.7%)**, Brazil **(3.5%)**, Mexico **(2.7%)**, Portugal **(2.2%)**, Finland **(2.2%)** and Rep. of Korea **(1.8%)**. The total exports to these countries accounted for **84.1** per cent of the overall NR exports .

3. IMPORTS

In January 2015, total imports of NR was **96,131** tonnes. Month-on-month comparison shows an increase in imports by **10,938** tonnes **(+12.8%)**. Nevertheless, for year-on-year, imports dropped by **10,323** tonnes **(-9.7%)**. Standard Rubber was the main type of NR imported at **32,548** tonnes **(33.9%)** of total imports.

The main suppliers of NR were Thailand **(52.7%)** and Viet Nam **(23.5%)**. These two countries accounted for **76.2** per cent of the total imports of NR .

4. DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION

In January 2015, the total domestic consumption of NR was recorded at **37,923** tonnes. Domestic consumption of NR shows an increase of **214** tonnes **(+0.6%)** when compared month-on-month and **2,853** tonnes **(+8.1%)** for year-on-year.

The rubber gloves industry was the highest consuming industry of NR at **27,378** tonnes **(72.2%)**, followed by rubber thread **(8.8%)** and tyre & tubes **(7.9%)**. The total consumption of these three industries constituted **88.9** per cent of the overall domestic consumption of NR.

5. STOCKS

The level of stocks of NR in January 2015 which registered at **187,720** tonnes was **45,840** tonnes **(+32.3%)** higher than December 2014 but compared to a year ago, the level of stocks dropped by **35,391** tonnes **(-15.9%)**.

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

In January 2015, the average monthly price of latex concentrate was recorded at **376.69** sen per kilogramme, went up by **14.46** sen (**+4.0%**) when compared to December 2014. Nevertheless, average price of latex concentrate was lower than January 2014 by **108.68** sen (**-22.4%**).

The average monthly price of S.M.R. 20 was recorded at **503.64** sen in January 2015, declined by **1.63** sen (**-0.3%**) for month-on-month and **199.52** sen (**-28.4%**) for year-on-year.

7. EMPLOYMENT

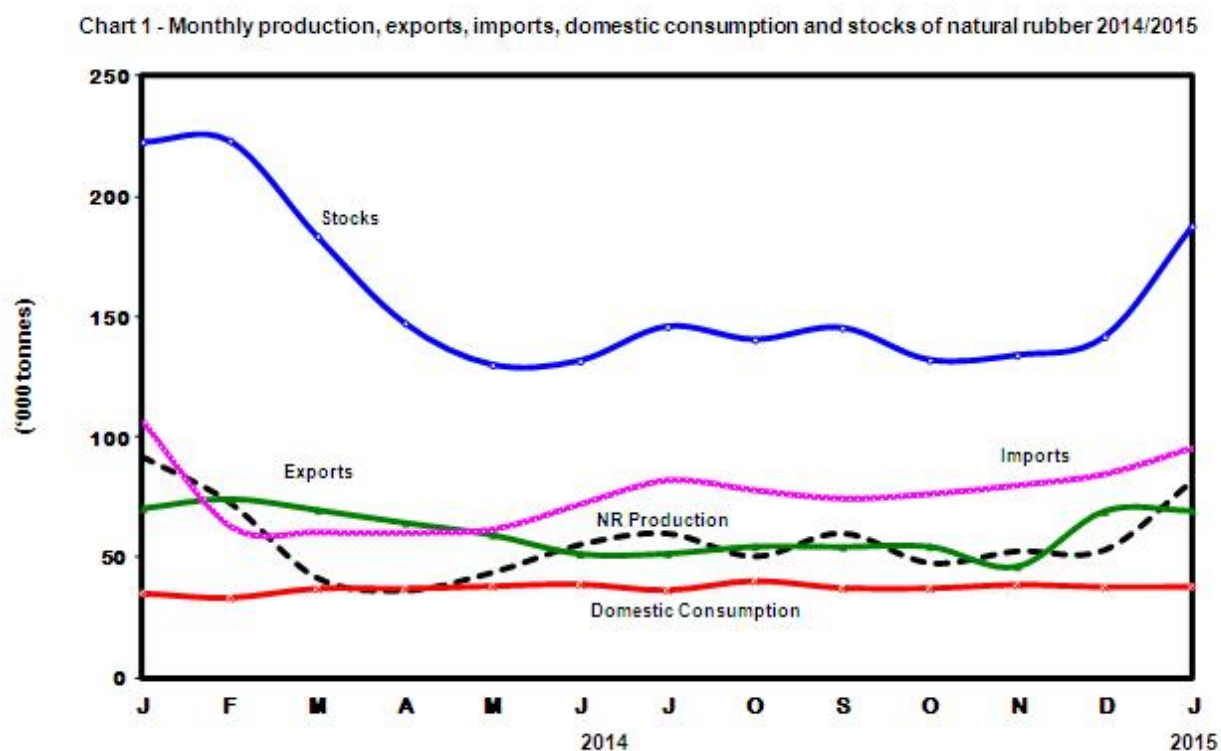
A total of **12,185** persons were engaged in the rubber estates at the end of January 2015, where **12,181** persons were paid employees with salaries and wages paid amounting to **RM16.6** million. The number of paid employees decreased by **179** persons (**-1.4%**) from December 2014 and **439** persons (**-3.5%**) from January 2014.

8. PRODUCTIVITY

The productivity of NR production in estates increased by **26.0** per cent to **146.5** kilogram per hectare (kg/ha) in January 2015 when compared to December 2014. Year-on-year, productivity showed a small increased of **2.2** kilogram per hectare (kg/ha)(**+1.5%**).

9. PRINCIPAL STATISTICS

Chart 1 below shows the monthly time series.



* Notes:

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

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