



MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, JANUARY 2018

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Natural rubber production shrunk by **2.0** per cent in January 2018 to **65,792** tonnes as compared to December 2017. Meanwhile for year-on-year comparison showed an increase of **1.4** per cent in January 2018 compared to January 2017.

Average monthly price of Latex Concentrate and Standard Malaysian Rubber 20 (S.M.R 20) in January 2018 were **474.95** sen per kilogramme and **587.69** sen per kilogramme, gained by **0.4** per cent and **1.2** per cent respectively as compared to December 2017.

Exports of natural rubber in January 2018 was recorded at **46,928** tonnes, decreased by **9.7** per cent than the previous month. Five main destinations of natural rubber exports were China, Germany, Iran, Vietnam and Brazil.

Domestic consumption of natural rubber in January 2018 rose by **1.6** per cent to **44,302** tonnes as compared to the previous month. The main industry using natural rubber was rubber glove industry at **32,854** tonnes (**74.2**%).

Meanwhile, in terms of stocks, the level of natural rubber stocks increased by **10.5** per cent to **254,525** tonnes at the end of January 2018.



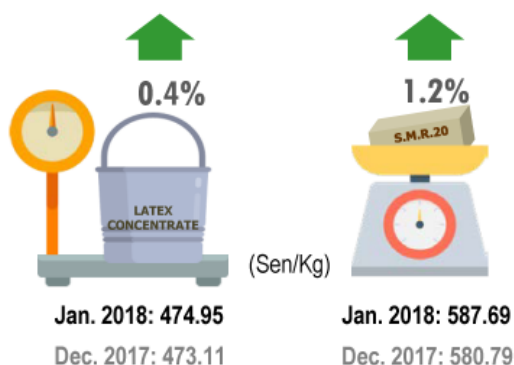
Production

Production of natural rubber shrunk **2.0%** in January 2018.



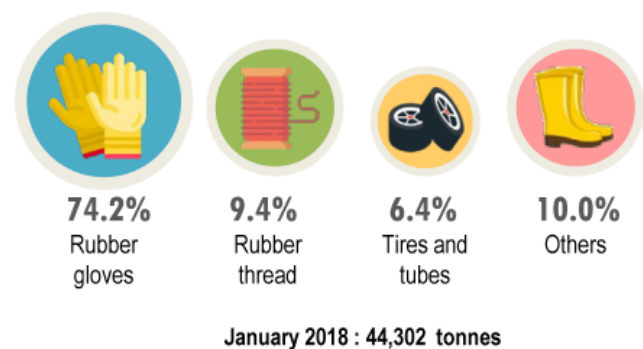
92.9% of natural rubber production was from the smallholding sector.

Average price

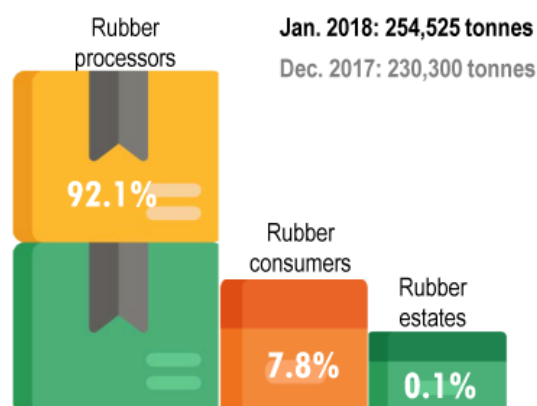


Domestic consumption

Rubber gloves industry was the main consumer of NR which is **74.2%**.

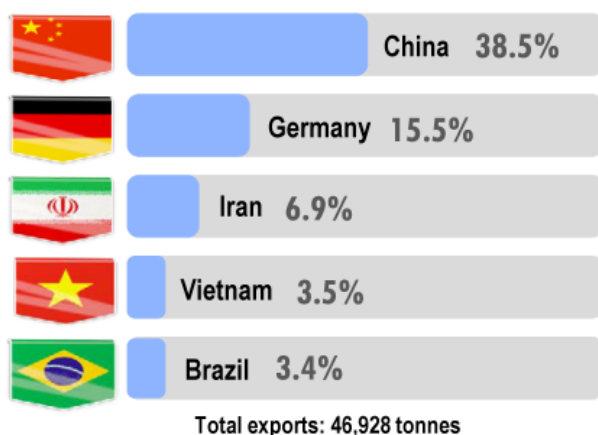


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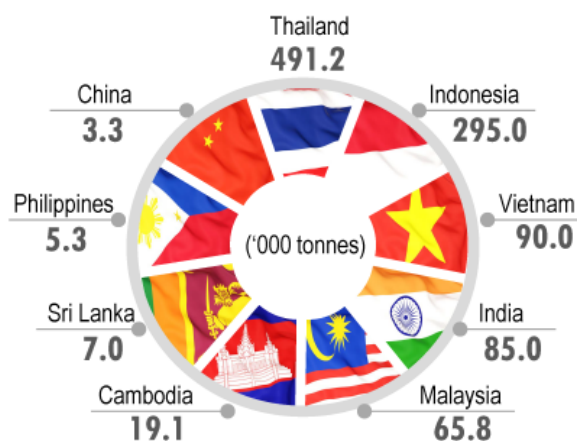


Exports

Exports of NR decreased by **9.7%** as compared to December 2017. The main destination of NR exports was China.



Production of Natural Rubber by Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries (ANRPC), January 2018



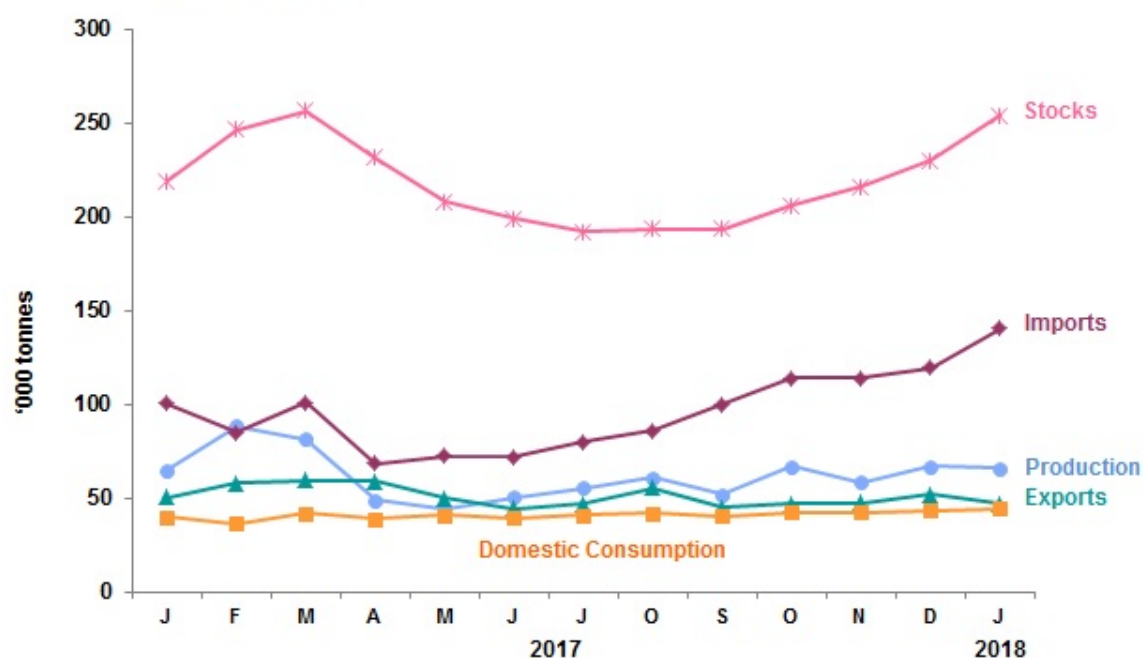
Source: Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities

Table 1 presents the principal statistics of rubber for January 2018 while Chart 1 shows the monthly time series from January 2017 to January 2018.

Table 1: Principal statistics of rubber, January 2018

Principal Statistics	January 2017	December 2017	January 2018	Change month-on-month January 2018/ December 2017 (%)	Change year-on-year January 2018/ January 2017 (%)
Production (tonnes)	64,871	67,101	65,792	-2.0	1.4
Exports (tonnes)	50,410	51,995	46,928	-9.7	-6.9
Imports (tonnes)	100,488	119,637	140,670	17.6	40.0
Domestic consumption (tonnes)	39,707	43,617	44,302	1.6	11.6
Closing stocks (tonnes)	219,467	230,300	254,525	10.5	16.0
Number of paid workers (estate)	10,217	10,295	10,856	5.4	6.3
Salaries & wages (estate) (RM'000)	13,519	16,565	14,567	-12.1	7.8

Chart 1: Monthly production, exports, imports, domestic consumption and stocks of natural rubber 2017/2018



*Notes:

Data for January 2018 is **provisional**.

The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the February 2018 publication.

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