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## MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, JULY 2018

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### **Natural rubber production in July 2018 surged 36.3 per cent**

Malaysia's natural rubber production rose by **36.3** per cent in July to **56,397** tonnes as compared with **41,364** tonnes in June. For year-on-year, the production showed an increase of **2.1** per cent.

Average price of Latex Concentrate was recorded at **415.39** sen per kilogramme whereas the average price of Standard Malaysian Rubber 20 (S.M.R. 20) was **527.80** sen per kilogramme, both diminished at **5.6** per cent and **3.2** per cent respectively as compared to the average price in June 2018.

Malaysia's natural rubber exports amounted to **56,490** tonnes and showed an increase of **7.8** per cent. China remain the main destination, accounting for **52.4** per cent of total exports in July, followed by Germany (**11.6%**), Iran (**7.6%**), Finland (**4.3%**) and U.S.A (**2.5%**).

Domestic consumption of natural rubber in July 2018 was **44,192** tonnes against **40,820** tonnes during June 2018, with an increased of **8.3** per cent. The rubber glove industry as the main consumer uses **33,518** tonnes or **75.8** per cent of the total natural rubber domestic consumption.

Stock of natural rubber stood at **185,491** tonnes, decreased by **5.4** per cent as compared to **196,084** tonnes at the end of June.



## Production

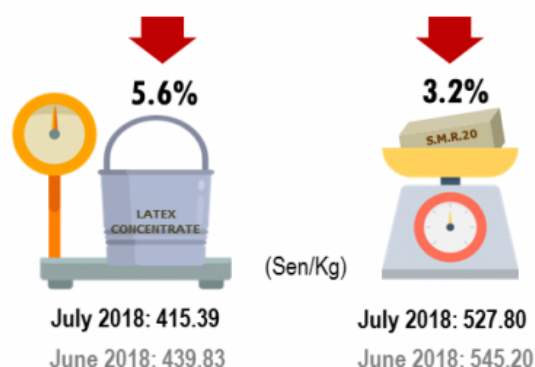
Production of natural rubber rose **36.3%** in July 2018.

(tonnes)



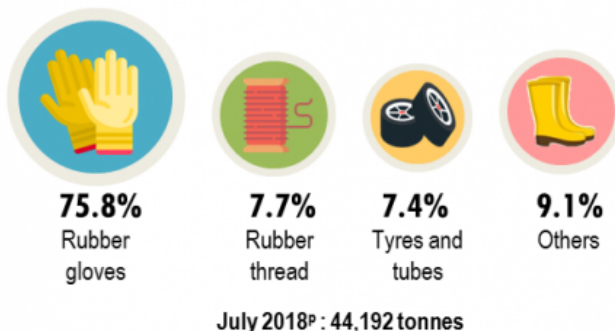
**88.8%** of natural rubber production was from the smallholding sector.

## Average price

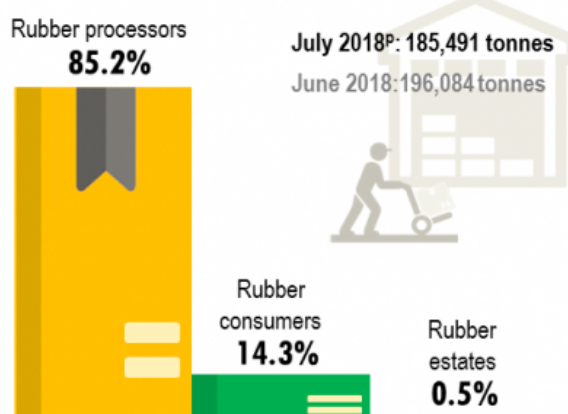


## Domestic consumption

Rubber gloves industry was the main consumer of natural rubber which is **75.8%**.

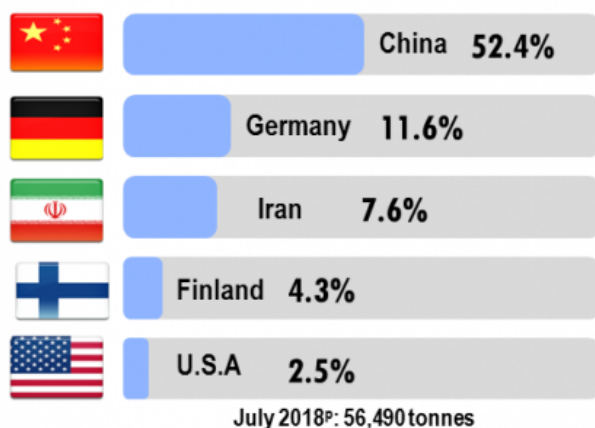


## Stocks



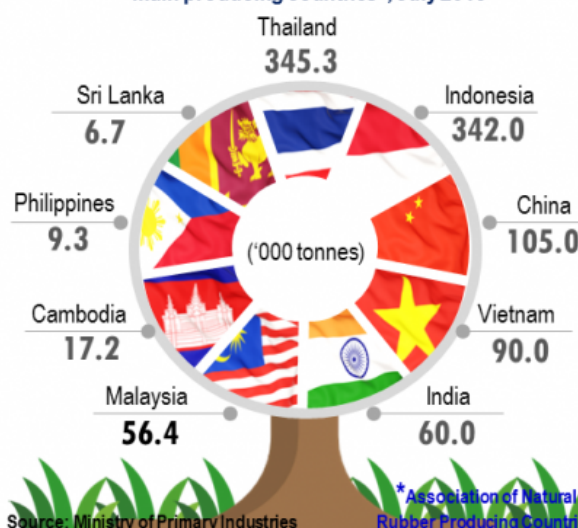
## Exports

Exports of natural rubber increased by **7.8%** as compared to June 2018. The main destination of natural rubber exports was China.



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## Production of natural rubber by main producing countries\*, July 2018



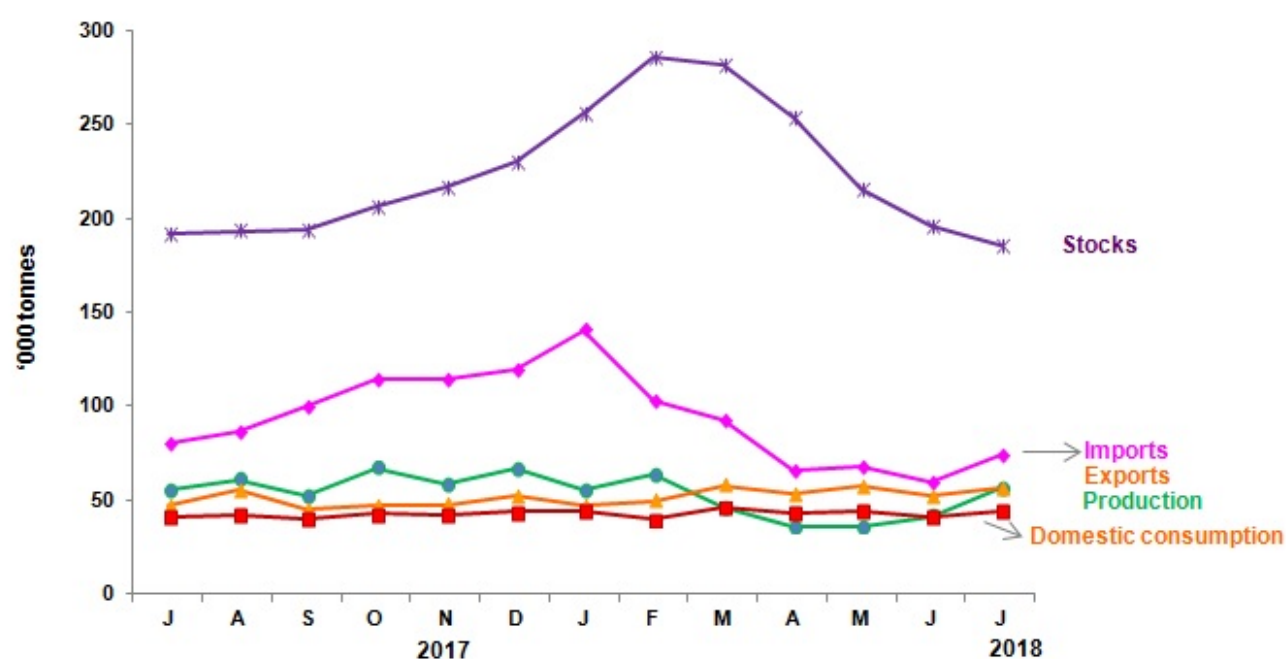
Source: Ministry of Primary Industries

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

**Table 1: Principal statistics of rubber, July 2018**

Principal Statistics	July 2017	June 2018	July 2018	Change month-on-month July 2018/ June 2018 (%)	Change year-on-year July 2018/ July 2017 (%)
Production (tonnes)	55,236	41,364	56,397	36.3	2.1
Exports (tonnes)	47,136	52,395	56,490	7.8	19.8
Imports (tonnes)	80,086	59,820	74,230	24.1	-7.3
Domestic consumption (tonnes)	40,895	40,820	44,192	8.3	8.1
Closing stocks (tonnes)	192,237	196,084	185,491	-5.4	-3.5
Number of paid workers (estate)	10,039	12,094	11,691	-3.3	16.5
Salaries & wages (estate) (RM'000)	13,984	15,459	17,779	15.0	27.1

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



\*Notes:

Data for July 2018 is **provisional**. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the August 2018 publication.

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