



MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, JUNE 2015

1. PRODUCTION

Production of natural rubber (NR) in June 2015 was recorded at **53,383** tonnes, an increased of **14,367** tonnes **(+36.8%)** compared to the previous month. For year-on-year, the production was decreased by **2,191** tonnes **(-3.9%)**. The smallholding sector was the main NR producer at **48,558** tonnes **(91.0%)**, while the remaining is from the estate sector. For month-on-month, smallholding and estate sectors recorded an increase in production at **36.4** per cent and **41.7** per cent respectively.

2. EXPORTS

In June 2015, exports of NR was recorded at **66,394** tonnes. Exports increased by **25,882** tonnes **(+63.9%)** from the previous month and **14,809** tonnes **(+28.7%)** from a year ago. From the total exports of NR, **96.3** per cent was contributed by the Standard Malaysian Rubber (S.M.R.) that comprised **64.6** per cent of S.M.R.20.

The People's Rep. of China was the main destination for NR exports **(55.5%)**, followed by Germany **(11.3%)**, Islamic Rep. of Iran **(4.7%)**, U.S.A. **(4.7%)**, Finland **(3.5%)**, Brazil **(2.0%)**, Taiwan **(1.9%)**, France **(1.7%)** and Portugal **(1.5%)**.

3. IMPORTS

Malaysia's NR imports in June 2015 was **68,485** tonnes with an increase of **2,255** tonnes **(+3.4%)** as compared to May 2015. However, the imports decreased by **4,212** tonnes **(-5.8%)** as compared to June 2014. Latex Concentrate and Standard Rubber were the main type of NR imported, at **41.9** per cent and **32.0** per cent respectively.

The main suppliers of NR were from Thailand **(58.2%)** and Viet Nam **(14.2%)**.

4. DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION

Domestic consumption of NR was recorded at **40,201** tonnes in June 2015, increased by **1,008** tonnes **(+2.6%)** from May 2015. Compared to the same month in 2014, the domestic consumption also increased by **1,318** tonnes **(+3.4%)**.

The largest industry that has consumed NR was the rubber gloves industry with a total of **29,192** tonnes **(72.6%)**, followed by rubber thread **(9.4%)** and tyre & tubes **(7.9%)**. The total consumption from these three industries covered more than half of the overall NR domestic consumption with a total of **36,151** tonnes **(89.9%)**.

5. STOCKS

The level of NR stocks was recorded at **131,136** tonnes at the end of June 2015, dropped by **543** tonnes **(-0.4%)** as compared to May 2015. NR stocks also dropped by **1,164** tonnes **(-0.9%)** when compared to the level of stocks a year ago.

6. AVERAGE MONTHLY PRICE PER KILOGRAMME

(Noon Quotations - F.O.B.)

The average monthly price of latex concentrate was recorded at **496.52** sen per kilogramme in June 2015. Month-on-month comparison shows an increase of **48.94** sen **(+10.9%)** whereas for year-on-year the price went up by **34.59** sen **(+7.5%)**.

The average monthly price of S.M.R. 20 was recorded at **580.52** sen per kilogramme, increased by **40.02** sen **(+7.4%)** from May 2015 and **36.64** sen **(+6.7%)** from June 2014.

7. EMPLOYMENT

The total number of persons engaged in rubber estates at the end of June 2015 was **12,156** persons. The paid employees were **12,152** persons with total salaries & wages paid amounting to **RM15.0** million. The number of paid employees decreased by **0.5** per cent from May 2015 and **4.1** per cent from June 2014.

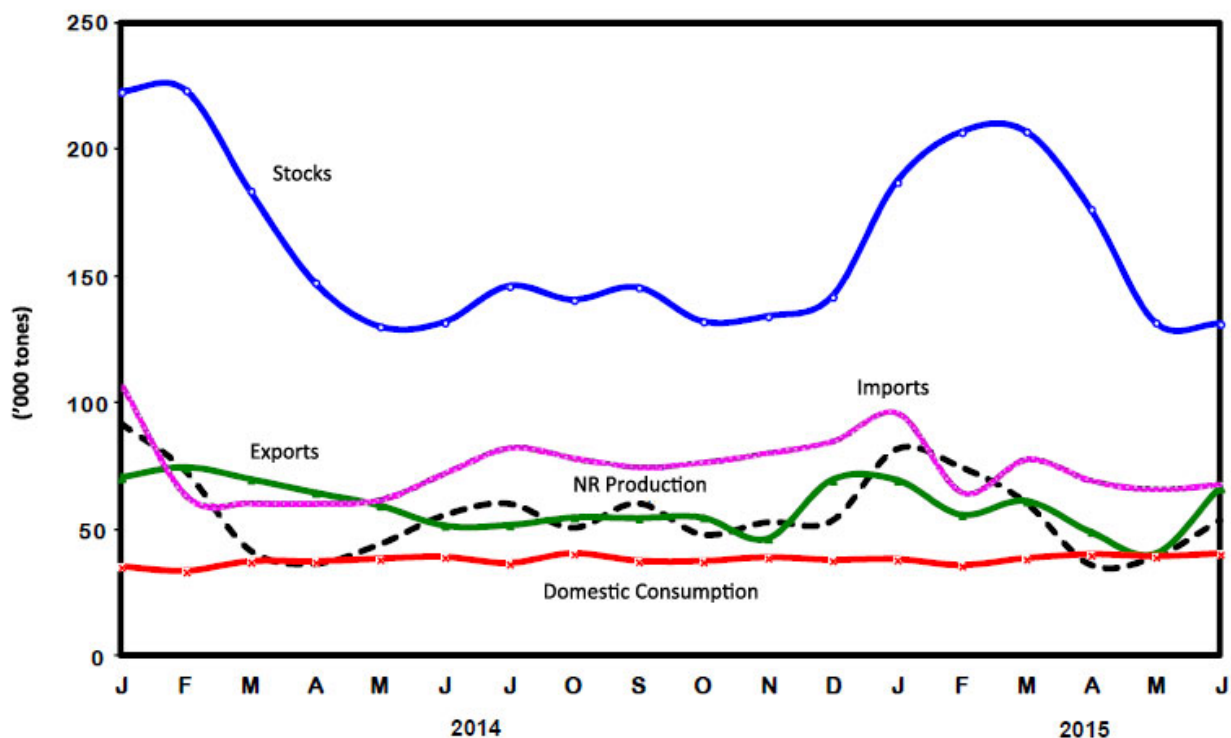
8. PRODUCTIVITY

The productivity of NR production on estates was recorded at **124.6** kilogramme per hectare in June 2015, rose by **36.5** kilogramme per hectare **(+41.4%)** from the previous month. Whereas for year-on-year it was dropped by **7.9** kilogramme **(-6.0%)**.

9. PRINCIPAL STATISTICS

Chart 1 below shows the monthly time series.

Chart 1 - Monthly production, exports, imports, domestic consumption and stocks of natural rubber 2014/2015



*Notes:

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

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