



MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, MARCH 2017

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Production of NR in March 2017 decreased by **7.4** per cent to **79,966** tonnes as compared to previous month. The main contributor of NR production is from smallholding sector which is more than **90** per cent.

Average monthly price of Latex Concentrate and Standard Malaysian Rubber 20 were **731.80** sen per kilogramme and **863.07** sen per kilogramme, decreased by **8.3** per cent and **10.7** per cent respectively from February 2017.

In March 2017, exports of NR increased by **2.7** per cent to **59,520** tonnes as compared to February 2017. Five main destinations of NR exports were China, Germany, Iran, Finland and Turkey.

In the meantime, domestic consumption of NR increased by **15.0** per cent to **41,727** tonnes within the same period. Rubber gloves industry remains as the main domestic consumer of over **70** per cent.

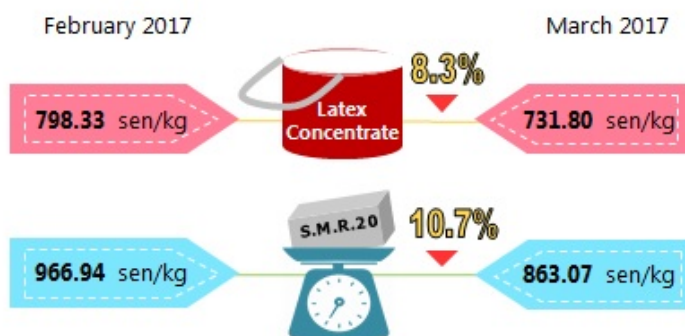
At the end of March 2017, level of NR stocks went up by **4.1** per cent to **256,692** tonnes.

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Average price



Domestic Consumption

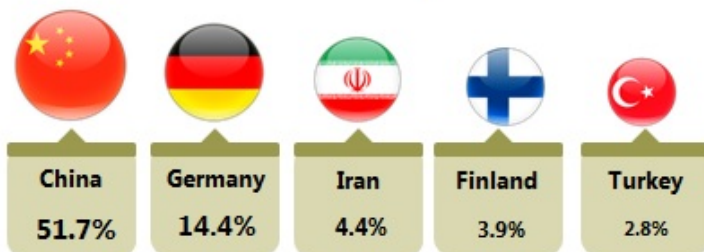
Total: 41,727 tonnes

More than 7/10 domestic consumption of NR was rubber gloves industry.



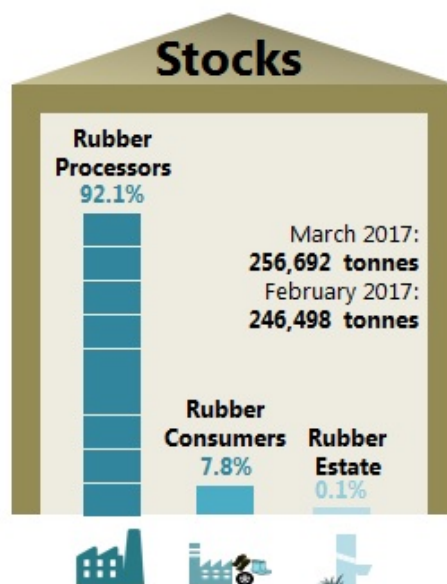
Exports

Exports of NR increased by 2.7% as compared to February 2017. The main destination of NR exports was China.

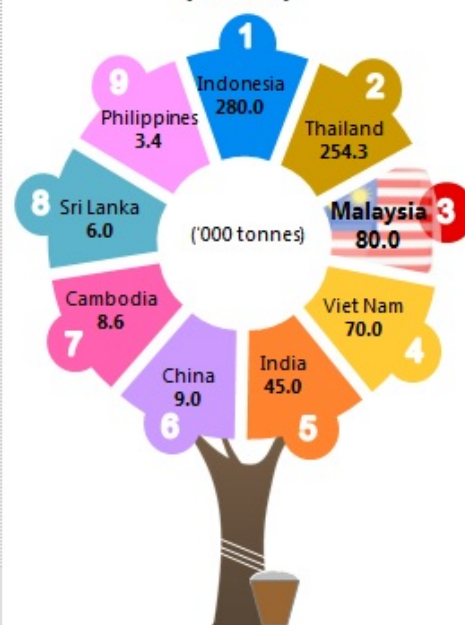


Total exports: 59,520 tonnes

Stocks



Production of NR by Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries (ANRPC)



Source: Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities

Source: Monthly Rubber Statistics Malaysia, March 2017

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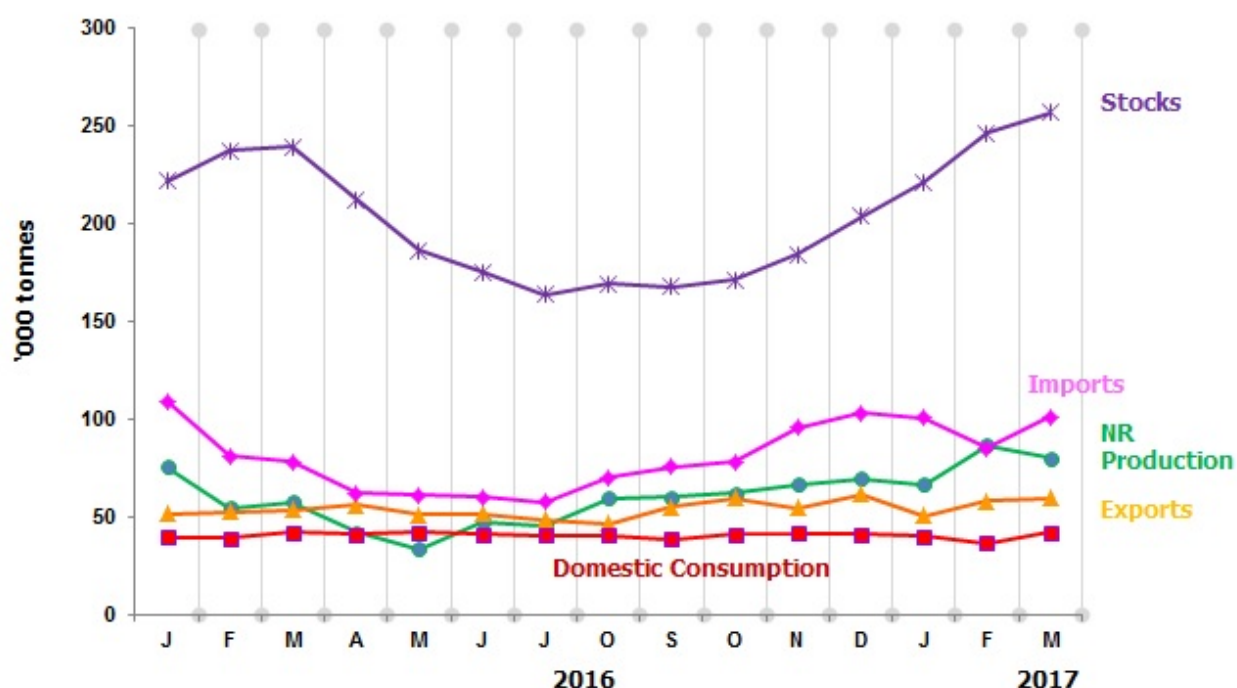
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Table 1 presents the principal statistics of rubber for March 2017 while Chart 1 shows the monthly time series from February 2016 to March 2017.

Table 1: Principal statistics of rubber, March 2017

Principal Statistics	March 2017	February 2017	March 2016	Change month-on-month (%)	Change year-on-year (%)
Production (tonnes)	79,966	86,403	57,695	-7.4	38.6
Exports (tonnes)	59,520	57,959	53,587	2.7	11.1
Imports (tonnes)	101,027	84,787	77,953	19.2	29.6
Domestic consumption (tonnes)	41,727	36,279	41,788	15.0	-0.1
Closing stocks (tonnes)	256,692	246,498	239,481	4.1	7.2
Number of paid workers (estate)	9,750	9,856	11,267	-1.1	-13.5
Salaries & wages (RM'000) (estate)	13,190	13,842	13,206	-4.7	-0.1

Chart 1: Monthly production, exports, imports, domestic consumption and stocks of natural rubber 2016/2017



*Notes:

Data for March 2017 is **provisional**. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the April 2017 publication.

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