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## MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, MARCH 2021

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### **Production of natural rubber decreased 27.6 per cent in March 2021**

Production of natural rubber decreased **27.6** per cent in March 2021 to **36,068** tonnes as compared to **49,840** tonnes in the previous month. On the contrary, year on year comparison showed an increase of **4.5** per cent.

Exports of Malaysia's natural rubber amounted **58,852** tonnes in March 2021, an increase of **7.7** per cent as against **54,632** tonnes in February 2021. P.R. China remains as the main destination for natural rubber exports with a share of **51.8** per cent from total exports in March 2021 followed by Germany (**6.4%**), Finland (**5.3%**), U.S.A (**4.8%**) and Brazil (**2.3%**).

Rubber gloves was the main export item with an export value of **RM6.4** billion in March 2021, an increase of **9.4** per cent as compared to February 2021 (**RM5.8** billion). U.S.A was the highest importer of rubber gloves followed by Germany and China.

The stocks of natural rubber decreased **1.6** per cent in March 2021 to **281,672** tonnes as compared to **286,117** tonnes in February 2021.

The average price for Latex Concentrate and Standard Malaysian Rubber 20 (S.M.R. 20) for March 2021 was the highest recorded in First Quarter of this year. Average price of Latex Concentrate recorded an increase of **680.20** sen per kilogramme as compared to February 2021 (**587.91** sen per kilogramme). S.M.R. 20 also showed an increase from **672.68** sen per kilogramme to **707.89** sen per kilogramme for the same period.

Total domestic consumption for natural rubber was **49,718** tonnes, an increase of **11.2** per cent as compared to the previous month. The use of natural rubber in rubber glove manufacturing industry continues to lead with **37,435** tonnes or **75.3** per cent of the total domestic consumption in March 2021.



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### PRODUCTION (tonnes)



March 2021<sup>P</sup>: 36,068  
February 2021: 49,840



27.6%

### AVERAGE PRICE (sen/kg)



Concentrate latex  
March 2021: 680.20  
February 2021: 587.91



15.7%



S.M.R. 20  
March 2021: 707.89  
February 2021: 672.68



5.2%

### STOCKS

March 2021<sup>P</sup>: 281,672 tonnes

0.1%



Rubber  
Estates

8.7%



Rubber  
Consumer

91.2%



Rubber  
Processors

Production of natural rubber by main  
producing countries, ANPRC\* March 2021  
( '000 tonnes)



Malaysia  
36.1<sup>P</sup>

P.R. China  
16.4<sup>e</sup>



Thailand  
320.7<sup>e</sup>



Sri Lanka  
6.8<sup>e</sup>



Indonesia  
277.5<sup>e</sup>



Cambodia  
13.2<sup>e</sup>



Vietnam  
35.0<sup>e</sup>



India  
46.0<sup>e</sup>



Philippines  
3.0<sup>e</sup>



### DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION

March 2021<sup>P</sup>: 49,718 tonnes



Rubber Gloves

75.3%



Tyres and Tube

7.4%



Rubber Thread

8.5%



Others

8.8%



### EXPORTS (tonnes)

March 2021<sup>P</sup>  
58,852

P.R. China  
51.8%



Germany  
6.4%



Finland  
5.3%



United States  
of America  
4.8%



Brazil  
2.3%



\*Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries (ANRPC)  
Source: Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities, MPPIC

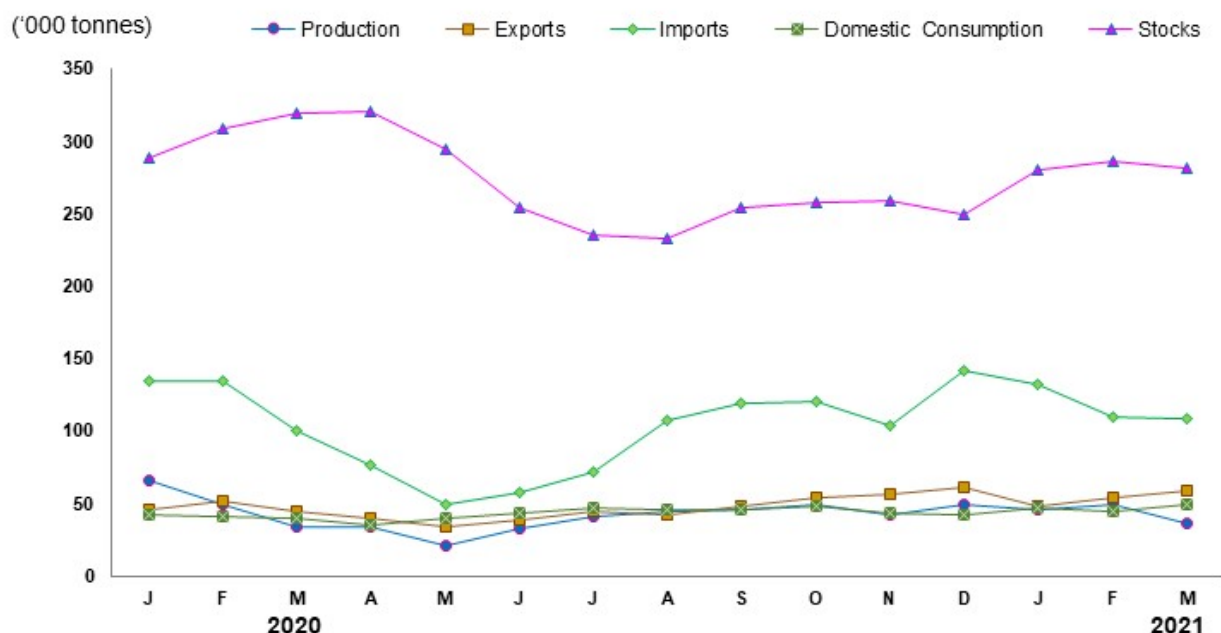
<sup>P</sup>: preliminary  
<sup>e</sup>: estimates

Table 1 presents the principal statistics of rubber for March 2021 while Chart 1 shows the monthly time series from March 2020 to March 2021.

**Table 1: Principal statistics of rubber, March 2021**

Principal Statistics	March 2020	February 2021	March 2021	Change month-on-month March 2021/ February 2021 (%)	Change year-on-year March 2021/ March 2020 (%)
Production (tonnes)	34,506	49,840	36,068	(27.6)	4.5
Exports (tonnes)	45,198	54,632	58,852	7.7	30.2
Imports (tonnes)	100,937	109,759	108,561	(1.1)	7.6
Domestic consumption (tonnes)	40,163	44,697	49,718	11.2	23.8
Closing stocks (tonnes)	319,960	286,117	281,672	(1.6)	(12.0)
Number of paid workers (estate)	10,110	9,269	8,843	(4.6)	(12.5)
Salaries & wages (estate) (RM'000)	14,030	13,847	13,474	(2.7)	(4.0)

**Chart 1: Monthly production, exports, imports, domestic consumption and stocks of natural rubber 2020/2021**



The full publication of the Monthly Rubber Statistics, March 2021 can be downloaded through [eStatistik Portal](#).

For more details, please refer to the Department's portal: [www.dosm.gov.my](http://www.dosm.gov.my)

\*Notes:

Data for March 2021 is **provisional**. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the April 2021 publication.

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