



MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, NOVEMBER 2014

1. PRODUCTION

The production of natural rubber (NR) in November 2014 was recorded at **53,040** tonnes, increased by **5,252** tonnes (**+11.0%**) from the previous month. However, production dropped **14,262** tonnes (**-21.2%**) when compared year-on-year. The smallholding sector is the biggest contributor of NR at **90.7** percent whereas the estate sector only **9.3** per cent. Smallholding and estate sector shows an increase in production as compared to the previous month at **11.3** per cent and **8.3** per cent respectively.

2. EXPORTS

This month's export of NR decreased by **8,270** tonnes (**-15.1%**) to **46,425** tonnes as compared to October 2014. For year-on-year, exports dropped **27,314** tonnes (**-37.0%**). Standard Malaysian Rubber (S.M.R.) contributed **93.3** per cent of the total NR exports with **63.4** per cent comprised of S.M.R. 20.

The main destination for exports of NR were the People's Rep. of China (**53.4%**), followed by Germany (**9.5%**), U.S.A. (**7.2%**), Islamic Rep. of Iran (**5.6%**), Rep. of Korea (**2.6%**), Brazil (**1.8%**), Mexico (**1.8%**), Turkey (**1.5%**) and Taiwan (**1.4%**). The total exports to these countries accounted for **84.8** per cent of the overall NR exports.

3. IMPORTS

In November 2014, imports of NR amounted to **80,457** tonnes, increased by **3,596** tonnes (**+4.7%**) from a month ago but fell **13,497** tonnes (**-14.4%**) from a year ago. Standard Rubber was the main type of rubber imported at **35.0** per cent of total imports.

NR was imported mainly from Thailand at **45.0** per cent and Viet Nam **30.8** per cent. These two countries accounted for **75.8** per cent of the total NR imports in November 2014.

4. DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION

The total domestic consumption of NR in November 2014, was recorded at **38,712** tonnes, increased by **1,486** tonnes (**+4.0%**) from October 2014. Domestic consumption also went up by **2,613** tonnes (**+7.2%**) when compared to a year ago.

The rubber gloves industry was the highest consuming industry of NR at **27,151** tonnes (**70.1%**), followed by rubber thread (**9.2%**) and tyre & tubes (**6.6%**). These three industries consumed more than half of the overall domestic consumption in the country with a total of **33,296** tonnes (**86.0%**).

5. STOCKS

At the end of November 2014, the level of NR stocks was recorded at **132,048** tonnes, decreased by three tonnes (**-0.0%**) as compared to the previous month. NR stocks also dropped by **28,625** tonnes (**-17.8%**) 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 went up by **16.56** sen (**+4.3%**) in November 2014 to **397.13** sen per kilogramme as compared to October 2014. Nevertheless, the price of latex concentrate dropped by **115.32** sen (**-22.5%**) when compared to November 2013.

The average monthly price of G.M.M. 20 was recorded at **503.55** sen per kilogramme, increased by **17.81**

sen (+3.7%) when compared to month-on-month, whereas for year-on-year dropped by **220.43** sen (-30.4%).

7. EMPLOYMENT

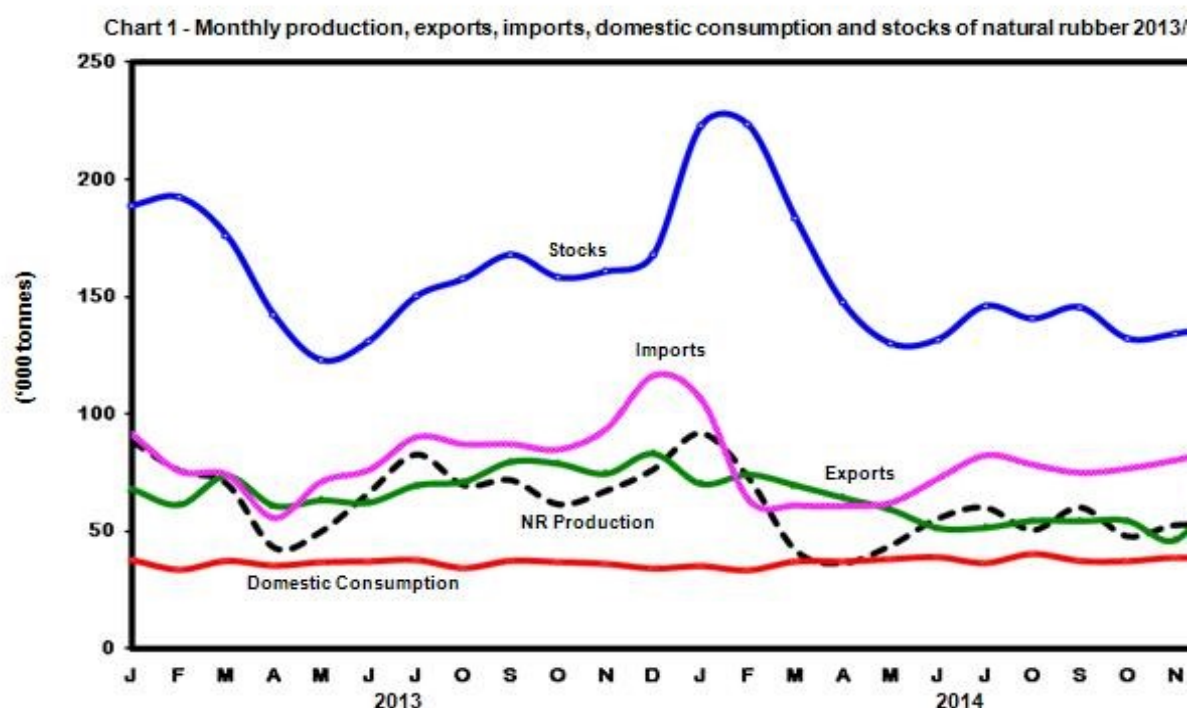
At the end of November 2014, a total of **12,344** persons were engaged in rubber estates where **12,340** were paid employees with salaries & wages amounting to **RM15.5** million. The number of paid employees reduced by **0.8** per cent from the previous month but increased by **0.9** per cent from November 2013.

8. PRODUCTIVITY

The productivity of NR production on estates in November 2014, was recorded at **125.0** kilogramme per hectare. Productivity of NR production shows an increase when compared to month-on-month and year-on-year at **10.2** kilogramme per hectare (+8.9%) and 16.0 kilogramme per hectare (+14.7%) respectively.

9. PRINCIPAL STATISTICS

Chart 1 below shows the monthly time series.



* Notes:

1. Data for November 2014 is **provisional**. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the December 2014 publication.

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