MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, OCTOBER 2016

Natural Rubber (NR) increased by 3.3 per cent in October 2016

Natural rubber (NR) production increased by **3.3** per cent in October 2016 to **62,010** tonnes as compared to September 2016. The main contributor of NR production is from smallholding sector with **91.5** per cent.

Average monthly price of Latex Concentrate was **487.70** sen per kilogramme, rose by **31.57** sen per kilogramme from the previous month. For Standard Malaysian Rubber 20, the average monthly price also went up by **58.50** sen per kilogramme to **609.48** sen per kilogramme.

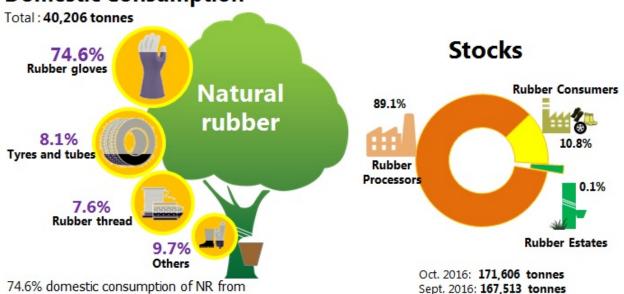
Exports of NR in October 2016 recorded at **59,379** tonnes increased by **7.9** per cent as compared to the previous month. Five main destinations of NR exports were China, Germany, Iran, Turkey and Finland.

Meanwhile, domestic consumption of NR rose by **4.1** per cent to **40,206** tonnes within the same period. Rubber gloves industry remains as a main domestic consumer of NR at **74.6** per cent.

At the end of October 2016, level of NR stocks increased by **2.4** per cent to **171,606** tonnes.







74.6% domestic consumption of NR from the rubber gloves industry.

China Germany Iran Turkey 2.3% Finland 2.1%

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Exports of NR increased by **7.9%** as compared to September 2016. The main destination of NR exports was China.

Total exports: 59,379 tonnes

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

Thailand Indonesia Viet Nam China India Malaysia Cambodia Philippines Sri Lanka 490.0 262.6 105.0 103.0 66.0 62.0 16.7 12.0 5.6

Source: Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities

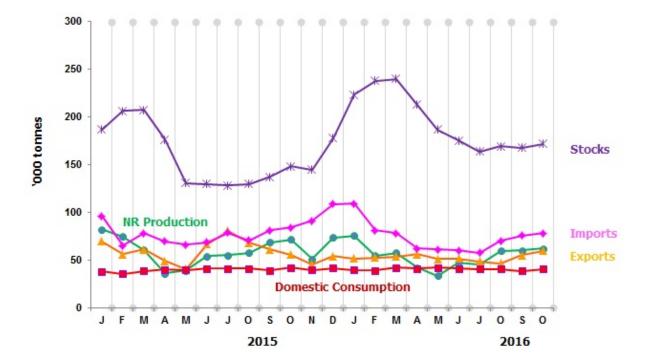
Source: Monthly Rubber Statistics Malaysia, October 2016, Department of Statistics, Malaysia

Table 1 presents the principal statistics of rubber for October 2016 while Chart 1 shows the monthly time series.

Table 1: Principal Statistics of rubber, October 2016

Principal Statistics	October 2016	September 2016	October 2015	Change month-on-month (%)	Change year-on-year (%)
Production (tonnes)	62,010	60,058	71,384	3.3	-13.1
Exports (tonnes)	59,379	55,036	55,398	7.9	7.2
Imports (tonnes)	77,903	75,661	83,925	3.0	-7.2
Domestic consumption (tonnes)	40,206	38,635	41,751	4.1	-3.7
Closing stocks (tonnes)	171,606	167,513	147,867	2.4	16.1
Number of paid workers (estate)	10,377	10,365	11,774	0.1	-11.9
Salaries & wages (RM'000) (estate)	14,554	13,964	15,907	4.2	-8.5

Chart 1: Monthly production, exports, imports, domestic consumption and stocks of natural rubber 2015/2016



Data for October 2016

is **provisional**. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the November 2016 publication.

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