



MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, SEPTEMBER 2015

1. PRODUCTION

Production of natural rubber (NR) in September 2015 was recorded at **67,971** tonnes, increased by **10,605** tonnes (**+18.5%**) when compared to August 2015. Year-on-year, production also recorded an increase of **12.7** per cent. The smallholdings sector is the largest producer of Malaysia's NR (**91.9%**) whilst the remaining is from the estate sector. For month-on-month, the NR production in the smallholding and estate sectors showed an increase of **19.9** per cent and **4.9** per cent respectively.

2. EXPORTS

A total of **61,231** tonnes of NR were exported in September 2015, dropped by **6,539** tonnes (**-9.6%**) as compared to August 2015. Comparison with the same month in 2014 showed that the exports has increased by **6,768** tonnes (**+12.4%**). Standard Malaysian Rubber (S.M.R.) contributed **93.3** per cent of the total NR exports whereby **66.1** per cent was S.M.R. 20.

NR was mainly exported to the People's Rep. of China (**52.9%**), followed by Germany (**12.3%**), Islamic Rep. of Iran (**8.2%**), U.S.A. (**5.1%**), Taiwan (**1.8%**), Brazil (**1.7%**), France (**1.5%**), Turkey (**1.4%**) and Rep. of Korea (**1.3%**).

3. IMPORTS

A total of **80,865** tonnes of NR was imported in September 2015, increased by **10,228** tonnes (**+14.5%**) from August 2015. Imports also went up by **7.8** per cent when compared to a year ago. The main types of NR imported were Latex Concentrate (**33.4%**) and Standard Rubber (**30.2%**).

NR was mainly imported from Thailand (**54.1%**) and Viet Nam (**21.8%**).

4. DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION

In September 2015, total domestic consumption of NR was recorded at **38,737** tonnes. Compared to August 2015, the domestic consumption of NR decreased by **2,140** tonnes (**-5.2%**). However, year-on-year comparison showed an increase of **1,426** tonnes (**+3.8%**).

Rubber gloves industry was the largest consumer of NR at **28,155** tonnes (**72.7%**), followed by tyre & tubes (**8.0%**) and rubber thread (**7.7%**). The total consumption for these three industries constituted of **88.4** per cent from the overall domestic consumption of NR.

5. STOCKS

In September 2015, the level of stocks was recorded at **136,964** tonnes, rose by **7,559** tonnes (**+5.8%**), compared to the level of stocks held last month. Nevertheless, the level of stocks showed a decrease of **6.0** per cent in this month as compared to last year in the same month. The biggest portion of the stocks was held by Rubber Processors (**86.9%**).

6. AVERAGE MONTHLY PRICE PER KILOGRAMME (Noon Quotations - F.O.B.)

In September 2015, the average monthly price of latex concentrate was **412.85** sen per kilogramme, decreased by **4.68** sen (**-1.1%**) from the previous month but increased by **19.72** sen (**+5.0%**) when compared to September 2014.

The average monthly price of S.M.R. 20 was recorded at **532.08** sen per kilogramme, went up by **9.10** sen (**+1.7%**) from August 2015 and **46.43** sen (**+9.5%**) from September 2014 respectively.

7. EMPLOYMENT

The total number of persons engaged in rubber estates at the end of September 2015 was **11,928** persons. Out of this total, **11,924** were paid employees with total salaries & wages amounting to **RM15.6 million**. The number of paid employees decreased by **1.4** per cent from August 2015 and **4.6** per cent from September 2014 respectively.

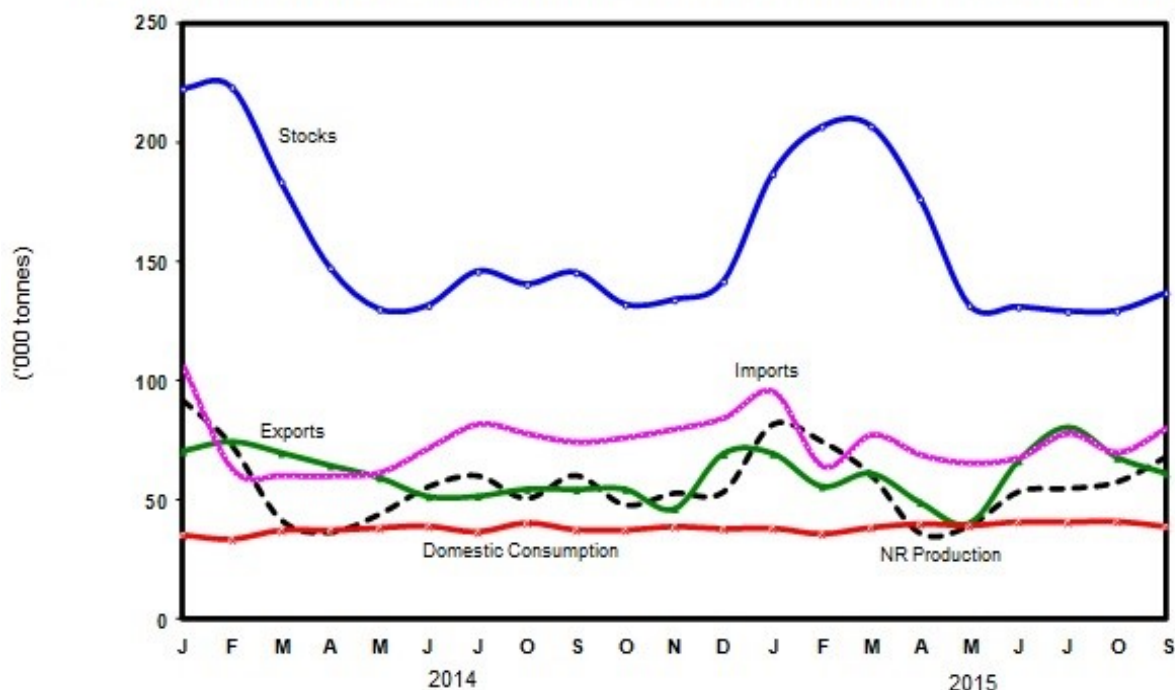
8. PRODUCTIVITY

In September 2015, the productivity of NR production on estates was recorded at **140.6** kilogramme per hectare. The productivity of NR production shows an increase by **7.5** kilogramme per hectare (**+5.6%**) when compared to month-on-month, whereas for year-on-year it was decreased by **3.6** kilogramme per hectare (**-2.5%**).

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:

Data

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2015 is **provisional**. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the October 2015 publication.

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