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MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, APRIL 2020

Production of natural rubber increased 0.3 per cent on April 2020

The Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry in its press release on 22 March 2020 stated that agricultural activities including the rubber industry were allowed to continue operating during the Movement Control Order. Monthly Rubber Census for April 2020 was conducted during this period.

Production of natural rubber increased **0.3** per cent in April 2020 to **34,616** tonnes as compared to the previous month (**34,506** tonnes). Comparison year on year also showed an increase of **2.0** per cent as compared to the same month in the previous year.

Exports of Malaysia's natural rubber amounted **40,596** tonnes, decreased by **10.2** per cent against **45,198** tonnes in March 2020. The primary natural rubber export destination is People's Republic of China with a share of **48.9** per cent from total exports in April 2020 followed by Germany (**12.1%**), U.S.A (**6.2%**), Iran (**5.3%**) and Taiwan (**3.5%**).

The highest exports were for glove items with **RM1,984.4 million**, an increase of **11.6** per cent as compared to March 2020. Malaysia exports the highest gloves to the United States with **97,905** tonnes in April 2020 compared to **24,737** tonnes in March 2020, an increase of **295.8** per cent, followed by People's Republic of China (**28.8%**) and Germany (**9.9%**). The increase was driven by high demand due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Stocks of natural rubber continuously increased by **0.5** per cent from **319,486** tonnes in March 2020 to **321,214** tonnes in April 2020.

Average price of Latex Concentrate recorded a decline of **413.26** sen per kilogramme as compared to March 2020 (**435.66** sen per kilogramme). Standard Malaysian Rubber 20 (S.M.R. 20) also dropped to **472.64** sen per kilogramme as compared to **517.45** sen per kilogramme for the same period.

Total domestic consumption for natural rubber was **39,208** tonnes, decreased **7.9** per cent as compared to the previous month. Rubber gloves industry dominates the use of natural rubber with **35,080** tonnes or **89.5** per cent from the total domestic consumption.



MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS

 APRIL
2020

March 2020

PRODUCTION

Tonnes

0.3%

 April 2020^P


AVERAGE PRICE



5.1%



8.7%

 Apr. 2020 : 413.26
Mar. 2020 : 435.66

 Apr. 2020 : 472.64
Mar. 2020 : 517.45

(sen/Kg)

 Rubber
processors
90.5%


STOCKS

 April 2020^P : 321,214 tonnes

 Rubber
estates
0.5%

 Rubber
gloves


89.5%

 Rubber
thread


5.0%

 Tyres and
tubes


0.8%

Others



4.7%

 DOMESTIC
CONSUMPTION

 April 2020^P : 39,208 tonnes

 P.R. China
48.9%

12.1%

 Germany
12.1%

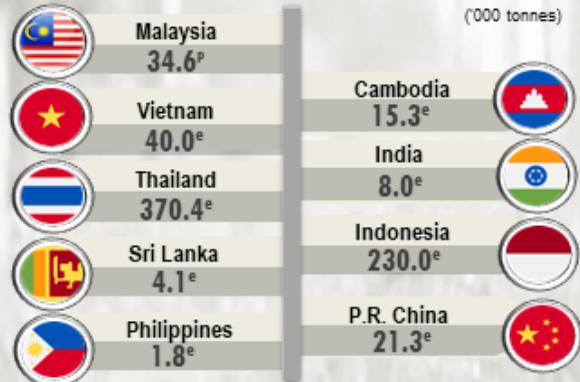
U.S.A
6.2%

Iran
5.3%

 Taiwan
3.5%

EXPORTS

 April 2020^P : 40,596 tonnes

 Production of natural rubber by main producing countries*,
April 2020


Source: Ministry of Primary Industries

*Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries (ANRPC)

 P : preliminary
e : estimate

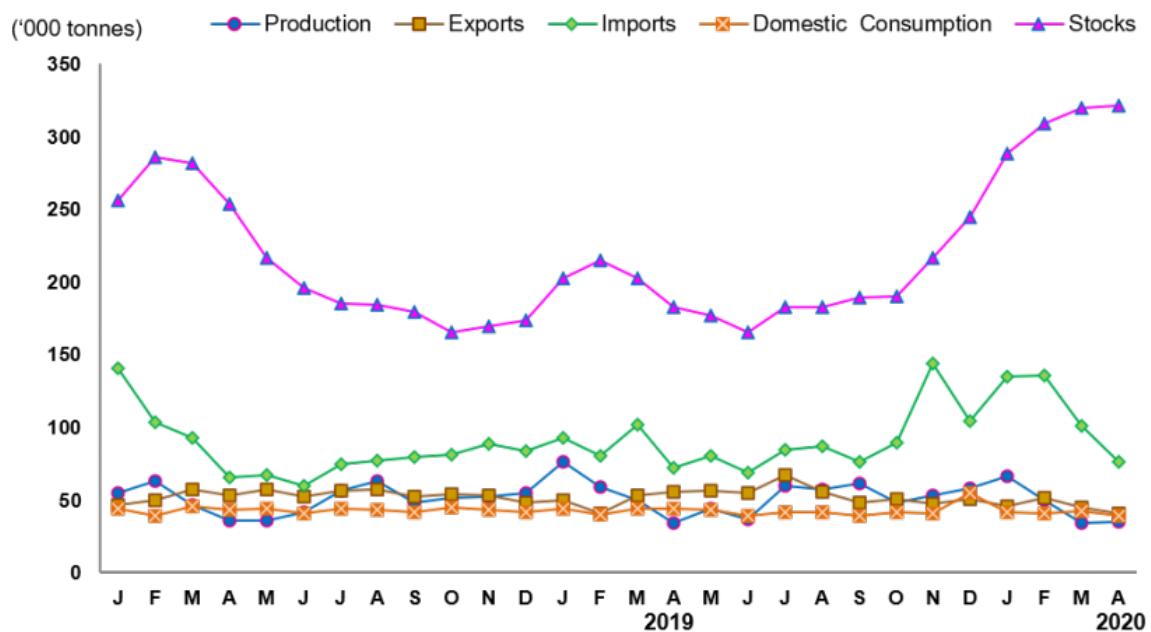
Source: Monthly Rubber Statistics, Malaysia, April 2020

Table 1 presents the principal statistics of rubber for April 2020 while Chart 1 shows the monthly time series from April 2019 to April 2020.

Table 1: Principal statistics of rubber, April 2020

Principal Statistics	April 2019	March 2020	April 2020	Change month-on-month April 2020/ March 2020 (%)	Change year-on-year April 2020/ April 2019 (%)
Production (tonnes)	33,923	34,506	34,616	0.3	2.0
Exports (tonnes)	55,930	45,198	40,596	-10.2	-27.4
Imports (tonnes)	72,045	100,937	76,383	-24.3	6.0
Domestic consumption (tonnes)	44,169	42,555	39,208	-7.9	-11.2
Closing stocks (tonnes)	182,645	319,486	321,214	0.5	75.9
Number of paid workers (estate)	11,170	10,110	10,194	0.8	-8.7
Salaries & wages (estate) (RM'000)	15,336	14,030	13,959	-0.5	-9.0

Chart 1: Monthly production, exports, imports, domestic consumption and stocks of natural rubber 2019/2020



*Notes:

Data for April 2020 is **provisional**. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the May 2020 publication.

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