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MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, MARCH 2019

Natural rubber in March 2019 dropped by 16.2 per cent

Malaysia's natural rubber production in March 2019 was **49,465** tonnes, an increase of **6.6** per cent as compared to March 2018. Month-on-month comparison showed the production of natural rubber declined by **16.2** per cent from **59,017** tonnes in February 2019.

Malaysia's natural rubber exports amounted to **53,265** tonnes, increased by **29.6** per cent against **41,102** tonnes in February 2019. China is the main destination of exported natural rubber, **43.2** per cent of the total exports in March 2019 followed by Germany (**12.0** %), Finland (**7.8**%), U.S.A (**4.8**%) and Turkey (**4.0**%).

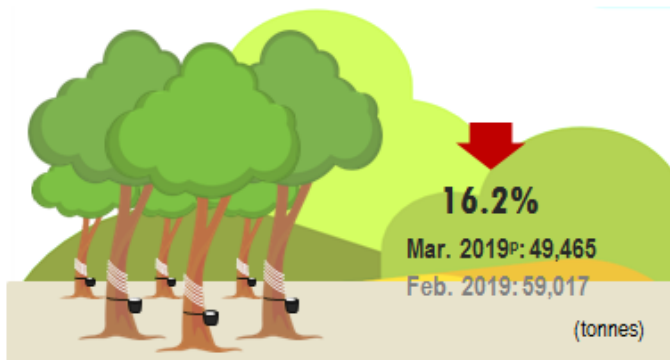
Stocks of natural rubber recorded at the end of March 2019 dropped **6.0** per cent from **214,771** tonnes in February 2019 to **201,792** tonnes.

Average price of Latex Concentrate in March 2019 was **474.19** sen per kilogramme, gained by **15.5** per cent whereas the average price of Standard Malaysian Rubber 20 (S.M.R.20) also increased **6.2** per cent to **592.62** sen per kilogramme as compared to the average price in February 2019.

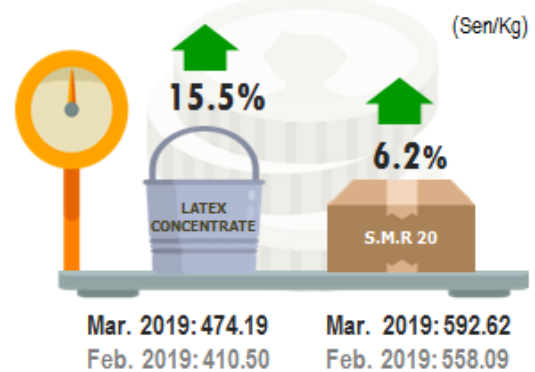
Total domestic consumption of natural rubber in March 2019 was **43,770** tonnes, an increase of **9.1** per cent against **40,121** tonnes as reported in February 2019. Natural rubber is widely used in the manufacturing of rubber glove industry with a consumption of **32,848** tonnes or **75.0** per cent of the total domestic consumption.



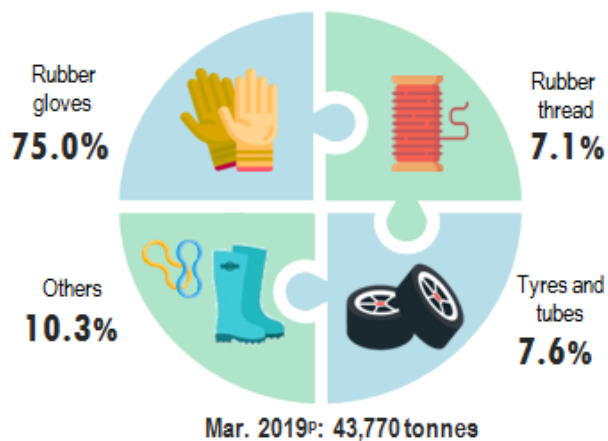
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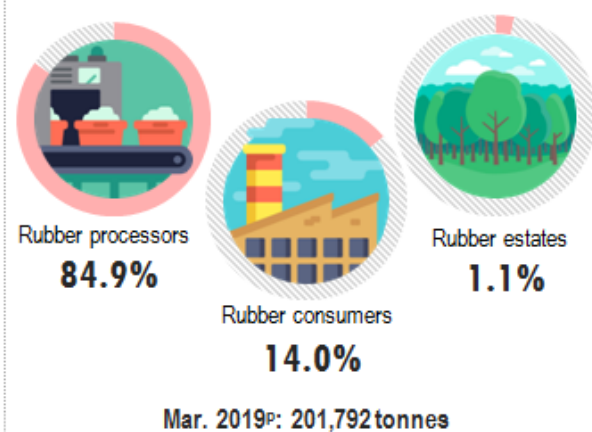
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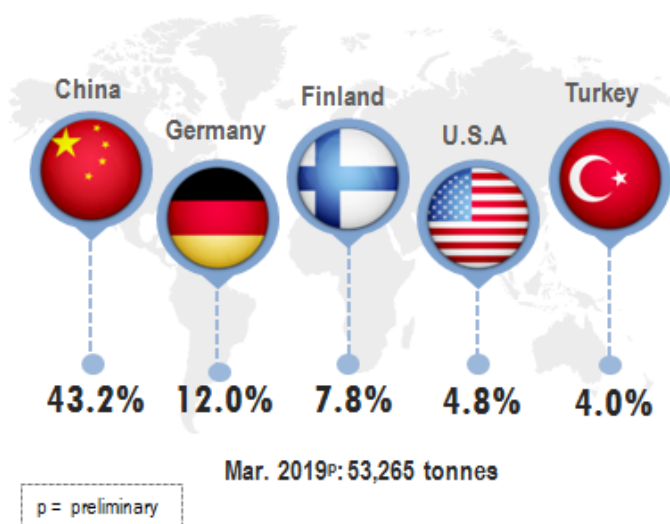
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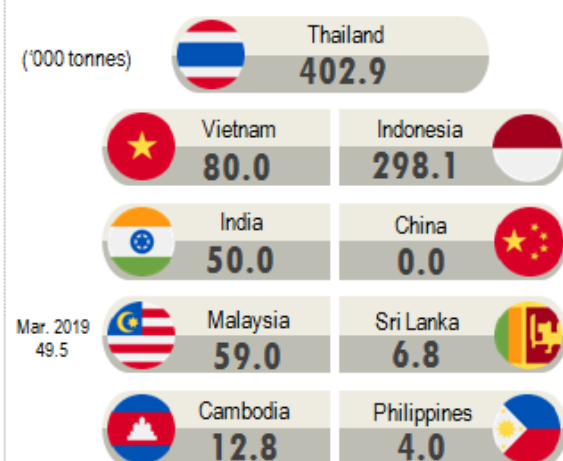
STOCKS



EXPORTS



Production of natural rubber by main producing countries*, February 2019



Source: Ministry of Primary Industries

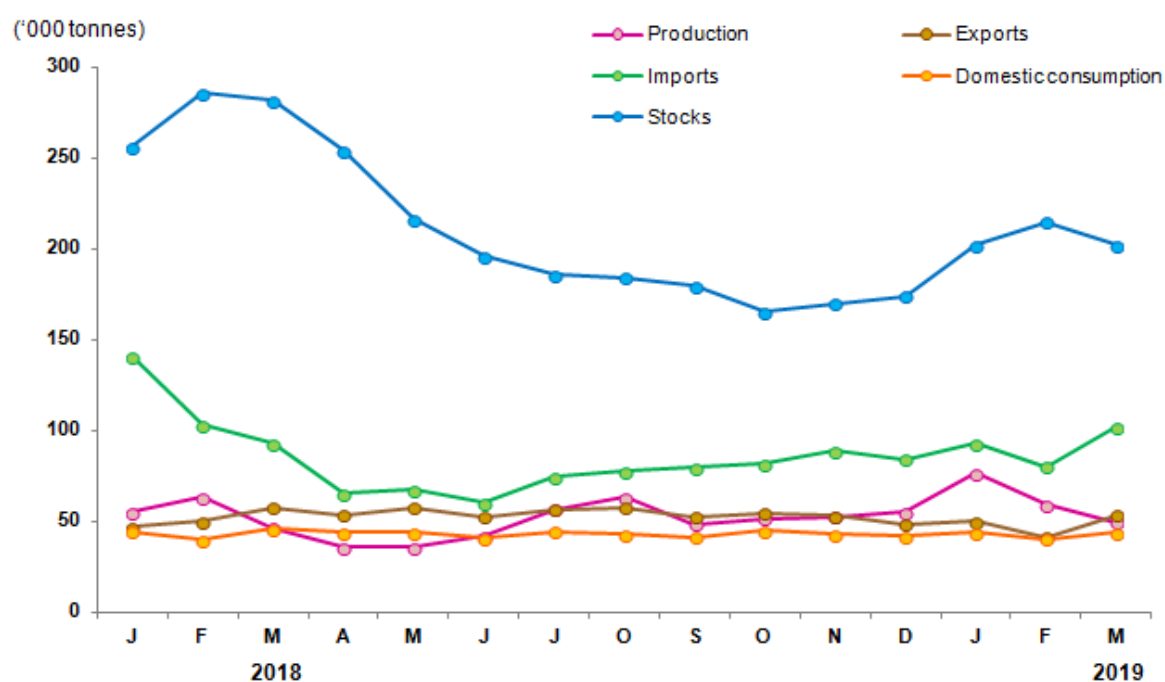
*Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries (ANRPC)

Table 1 presents the principal statistics of rubber for March 2019 while Chart 1 shows the monthly time series from March 2018 to March 2019.

Table 1: Principal statistics of rubber, March 2019

Principal Statistics	March 2018	February 2019	March 2019	Change month-on-month March 2019/ February 2019 (%)	Change year-on-year March 2019/ March 2018 (%)
Production (tonnes)	46,381	59,017	49,465	-16.2	6.6
Exports (tonnes)	57,658	41,102	53,265	29.6	-7.6
Imports (tonnes)	92,944	80,047	101,646	27.0	9.4
Domestic consumption (tonnes)	45,704	40,121	43,770	9.1	-4.2
Closing stocks (tonnes)	281,741	214,771	201,792	-6.0	-28.4
Number of paid workers (estate)	10,271	11,746	11,322	-3.6	10.2
Salaries & wages (estate) (RM'000)	12,549	16,945	15,302	-9.7	21.9

Chart 1: Monthly production, exports, imports, domestic consumption and stocks of natural rubber 2018/2019



*Notes:

Data for March 2019 is **provisional**. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the April 2019 publication.

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