



MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, OCTOBER 2020

Average price of Standard Malaysia Rubber (SMR) 20 highest in October 2020

Production of natural rubber increased **5.4** per cent in October 2020 to **48,663** tonnes as compared to **46,187** tonnes in the previous month. Comparison to the same month in the previous year also showed an increase of **0.3** per cent in production.

Exports of Malaysia's natural rubber amounted **54,492** tonnes in October 2020, an increase of **11.8** per cent against **48,720** tonnes in September 2020. People's Republic of China remains as the main destination for natural rubber exports with **57.0** per cent of total exports in October 2020 followed by Germany (**11.7%**), Finland (**3.7%**), Iran (**3.3%**) and Brazil (**2.8%**).

Rubber gloves was the main export item with export value **RM3.8 billion** in September 2020 to **RM4.4 billion** in October 2020, an increase of **14.6** per cent. United States, Germany and United Kingdom was remained as among highest export rubber gloves.

The stocks of natural rubber increased in October 2020 with **256,724** tonnes as compared to **255,089** tonnes in September 2020 with an increase of **0.6** per cent.

The average price of SMR 20 recorded the highest price in October 2020 with an increase to **621.76** sen per kilogram compared to **558.50** sen per kilogram in September 2020. Similar trend was also observed for the average price of Latex Concentrate which increased to **576.14** sen per kilogram in October 2020 for the same period (September 2020: **484.57** sen per kilogram).

Total domestic consumption for natural rubber was **48,518** tonnes, an increase of **6.3** per cent as compared to the previous month. Rubber gloves industry continues to dominate the use of natural rubber with **36,901** tonnes or **76.1** per cent from the total domestic consumption.



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PRODUCTION

tonnes

OCTOBER 2020^p : 48,663
SEPTEMBER 2020 : 46,187

5.4%



Production of natural rubber by main producing countries* October 2020 ('000 tonnes)



*Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries (ANRPC)

Source : Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities, MPIC

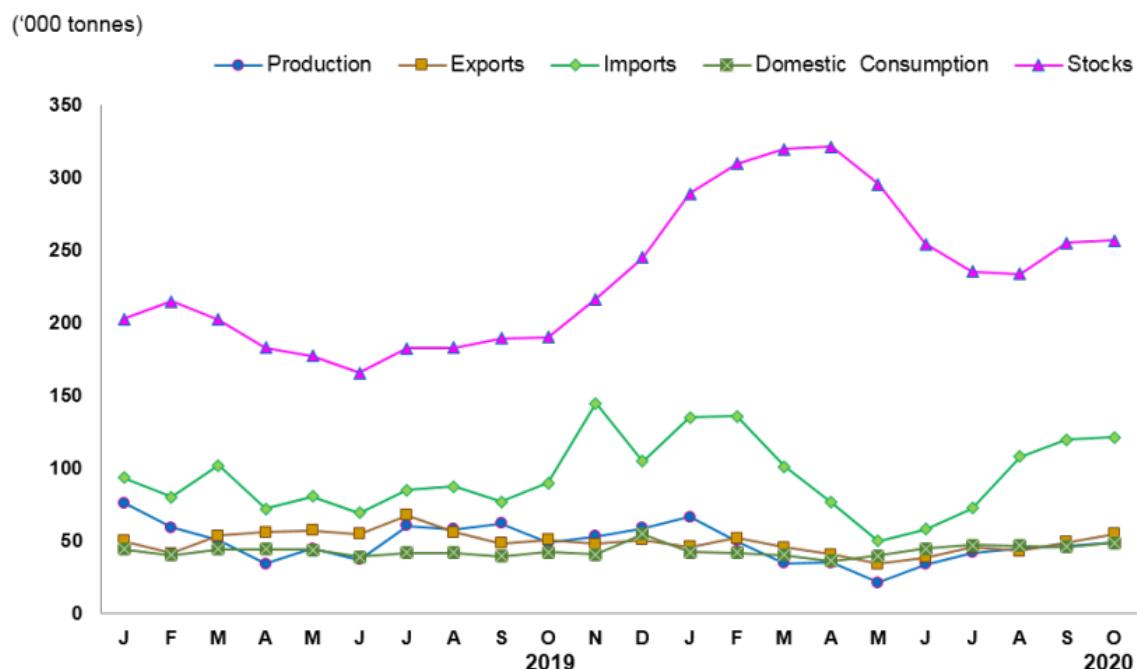
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Table 1 presents the principal statistics of rubber for October 2020 while Chart 1 shows the monthly time series from October 2019 to October 2020.

Table 1: Principal statistics of rubber, October 2020

Principal Statistics	October 2019	September 2020	October 2020	Change month-on-month October 2020/September 2020 (%)	Change year-on-year October 2020/October 2019 (%)
Production (tonnes)	48,528	46,187	48,663	5.4	0.3
Exports (tonnes)	50,600	48,720	54,492	11.8	7.7
Imports (tonnes)	89,809	119,539	120,876	1.1	34.6
Domestic consumption (tonnes)	41,989	45,637	48,518	6.3	15.5
Closing stocks (tonnes)	189,085	255,089	256,724	0.6	35.8
Number of paid workers (estate)	11,035	10,115	10,146	0.3	-8.1
Salaries & wages (estate) (RM'000)	16,926	16,335	16,007	-2.0	-5.4

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



*Notes:

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

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