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ANNUAL RUBBER STATISTICS 2016

PRODUCTION OF NATURAL RUBBER IN 2015 RECORDED AN ANNUAL GROWTH RATE OF -5.1 PER CENT AS COMPARED TO 2010

In 2015, the production of natural rubber was **722,122** tonnes as compared to **939,241** tonnes in 2010 with an annual growth rate of **-5.1** per cent. Smallholding sector was the main contributor to the production of natural rubber at **665,301** tonnes or **92.1** per cent of the total production while **7.9** per cent was from estate sector.

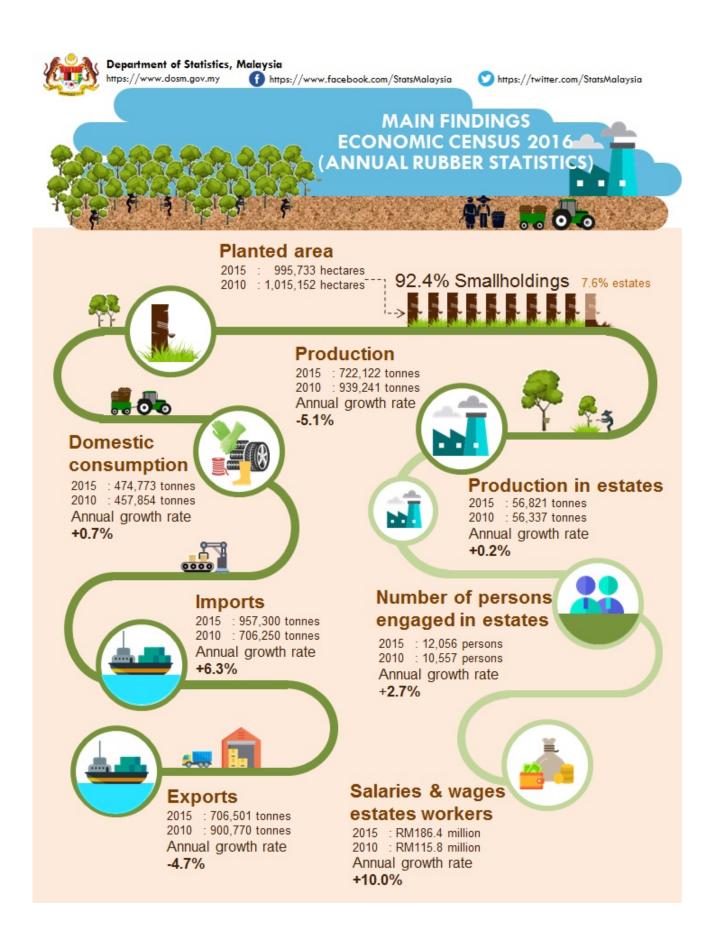
Planted area in 2015 was **995,733** hectares. A large portion of rubber planting was owned by smallholding sector of **919,901** hectares (**92.4**%) and **75,832** hectares (**7.6**%) was estate sector.

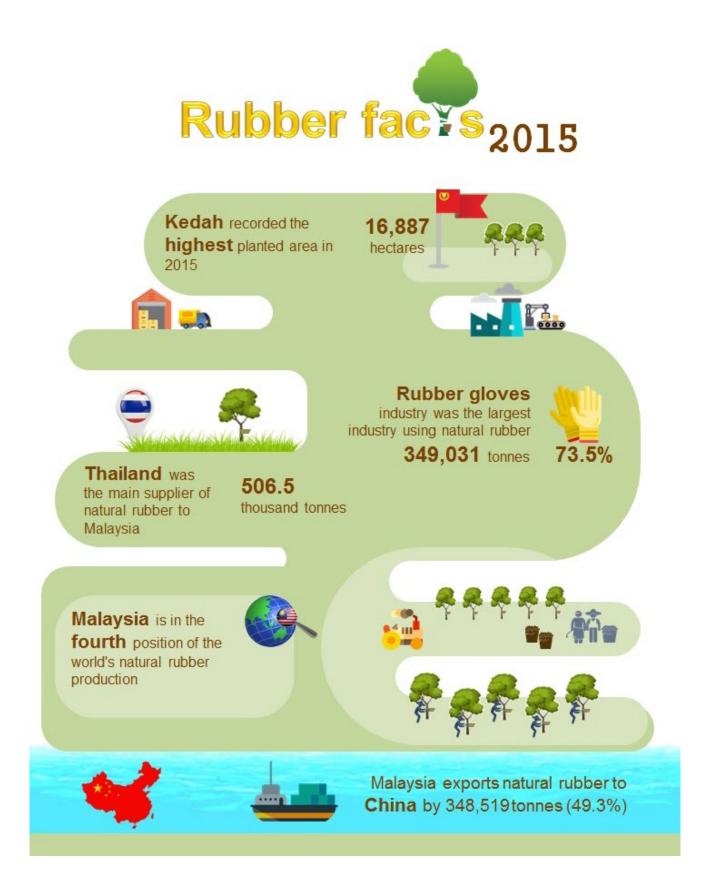
In 2015, exports of natural rubber was **706,501** tonnes as compared to **900,770** tonnes in 2010 with an annual growth rate of **-4.7** per cent. Almost half of the natural rubber exported to China at **49.3** per cent. This was followed by Germany (**12.8%**), Iran (**5.6%**), U.S.A. (**5.1%**), Brazil (**2.4%**) and other countries (**24.8%**).

Malaysia imported natural rubber of **957,300** tonnes in 2015, mainly from Thailand (**52.9%**) and Viet Nam (**19.7%**).

Domestic consumption of natural rubber in 2015 was **474,773** tonnes. Rubber glove industry was the largest industry using natural rubber of **349,031** tonnes (**73.5**%).

The number of persons engaged in the estate sector increased by **1,499** persons to **12,056** persons in 2015 as compared to 2010 with an annual growth rate of **+2.7** per cent. The total salaries & wages paid to workers in the estate sector amounted to **RM186.4** million in 2015.





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