



MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, APRIL 2018

Natural rubber production dropped 22.7 per cent in April 2018

Natural rubber production in April 2018 was **35,845** tonnes, dropped by **22.7** per cent as compared to **46,381** tonnes in March 2018. For year-on-year, the production also showed a decrease of **27.1** per cent.

Average price of Latex Concentrate was **445.48** sen per kilogramme, decreased by **5.5** per cent as compared to March 2018 and the average price of Standard Malaysian Rubber 20 (S.M.R 20) also decreased by **4.6** per cent to **528.90** sen per kilogramme.

Exports of natural rubber amounted to **53,203** tonnes, dropped by **7.7** per cent than the previous month. Five main destinations of natural rubber exports were China, Germany, Iran, Turkey and Finland.

Domestic consumption of natural rubber also declined by **4.8** per cent in April 2018 to **43,527** tonnes. Natural rubber is widely used in the rubber glove industry with consumption of **32,893** tonnes or **75.6** per cent of the total natural rubber domestic consumption.

Stock of natural rubber recorded at the end of April 2018 decreased **9.8** per cent from **281,741** tonnes to **254,081** tonnes.



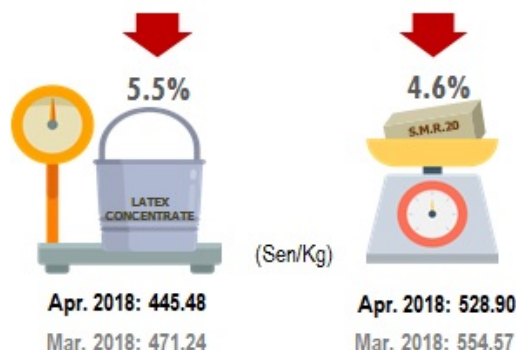
Production

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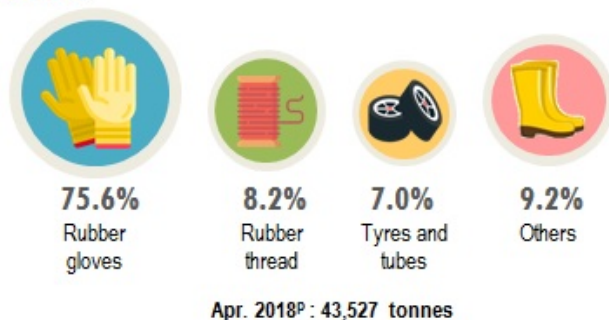
92.0% of natural rubber production was from the smallholding sector.

Average price

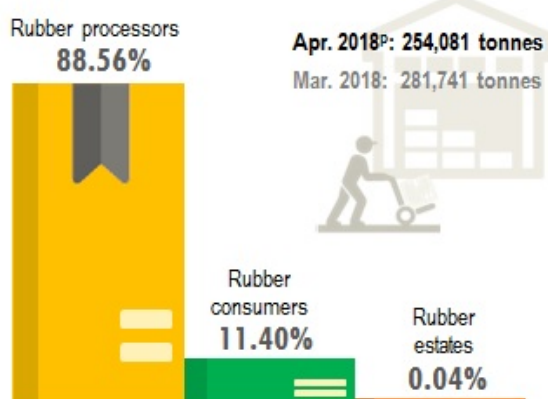


Domestic consumption

Rubber gloves industry was the main consumer of natural rubber which is **75.6%**.

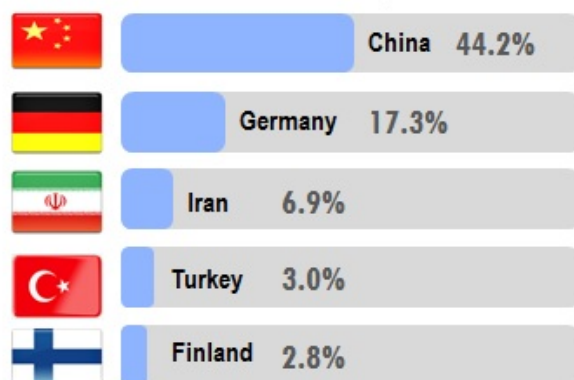


Stocks



Exports

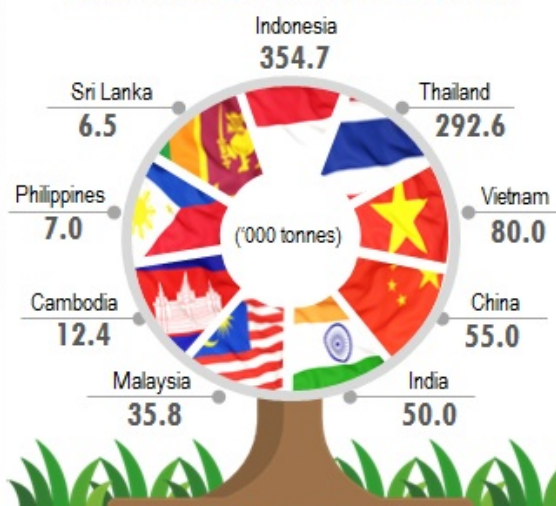
Exports of natural rubber increased by **7.7%** as compared to March 2018. The main destination of natural rubber exports was China.



April 2018P: 53,203 tonnes

p = provisional

Production of Natural Rubber by Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries (ANRPC), April 2018



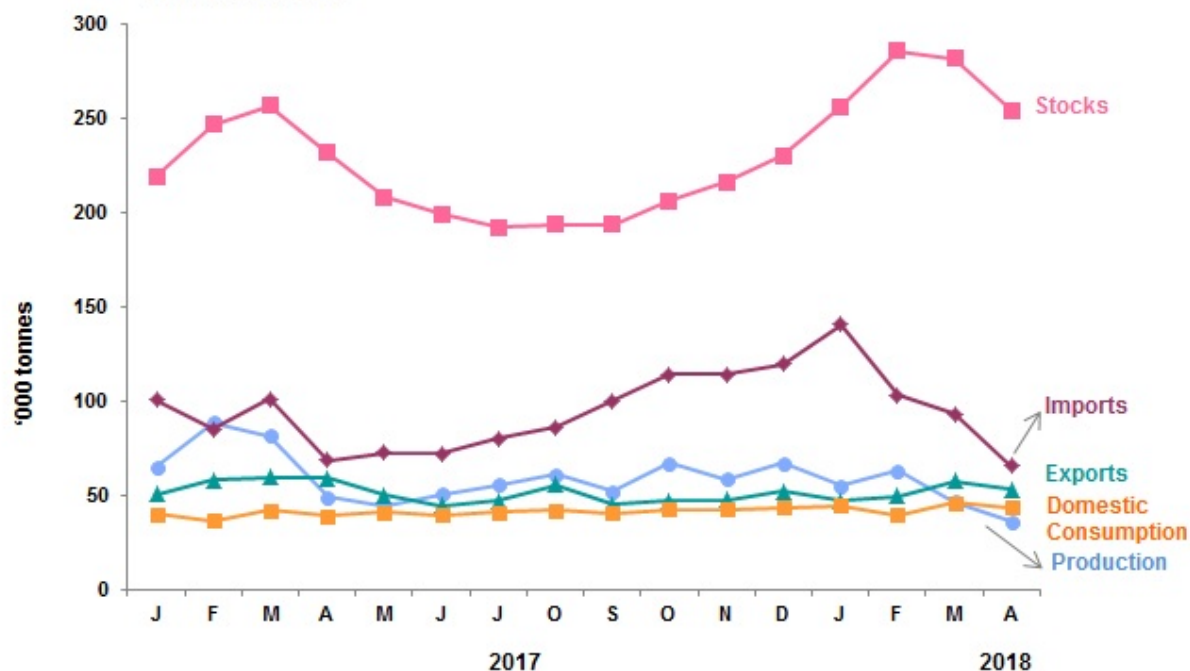
Source: Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities

Table 1 presents the principal statistics of rubber for April 2018 while Chart 1 shows the monthly time series from April 2017 to April 2018.

Table 1: Principal statistics of rubber, April 2018

Principal Statistics	April 2017	March 2018	April 2018	Change month-on-month April 2018/ March 2018 (%)	Change year-on-year April 2018/ April 2017 (%)
Production (tonnes)	49,144	46,381	35,845	-22.7	-27.1
Exports (tonnes)	59,074	57,658	53,203	-7.7	-9.9
Imports (tonnes)	68,476	92,944	65,299	-29.7	-4.6
Domestic consumption (tonnes)	39,168	45,704	43,527	-4.8	11.1
Closing stocks (tonnes)	231,677	281,741	254,081	-9.8	9.7
Number of paid workers (estate)	9,632	10,271	10,255	-0.2	6.5
Salaries & wages (estate) (RM'000)	11,468	12,549	11,989	-4.5	4.5

Chart 1: Monthly production, exports, imports, domestic consumption and stocks of natural rubber 2017/2018



*Notes:

Data for April 2018 is **provisional**. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the May 2018 publication.

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