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## MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, APRIL 2021

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### **Production of natural rubber decreased 33.5 per cent in April 2021**

Production year-on-year declined **33.5** per cent in April 2021 to **23,013** tonnes as compared to **34,616** tonnes in April 2020. This was due to the seasonal factor (wintering period) which causes the tree to be less productive. Month-on-month comparison also showed a decrease by **36.2** per cent.

The stocks of natural rubber decreased **7.9** per cent in April 2021 to **259,355** tonnes as compared to **281,729** tonnes in March 2021. Rubber processors accounted for **90.3** per cent followed by rubber consumer (**9.6%**) and rubber estates (**0.1%**). The decline in stocks was also influenced by factors at the supply level. Thus, the existing stocks was used to accommodate the reduction in production.

Average price of Latex Concentrate recorded a decrease of **623.40** sen per kilogramme as compared to March 2021 (**680.20** sen per kilogramme). Standard Malaysian Rubber 20 (S.M.R. 20) also decreased from **707.89** sen per kilogramme to **667.85** sen per kilogramme for the same period. The decline was due to concerns over the global futures rubber market (Malaysian Rubber Board Digest, April 2021).

Total domestic consumption for natural rubber increased **31.1** per cent to **47,096** tonnes as compared to the same month last year. The year-on-year change was the highest recorded as compared to the change in the first quarter of this year. Meanwhile, comparison with March 2021 showed a decrease of **5.3** per cent.

The use of natural rubber in rubber glove manufacturing continues to lead with **34,716** tonnes or **73.7** per cent of the total domestic consumption in April 2021 followed by rubber thread **4,198** tonnes (**8.9%**) and tyres and tube **3,588** tonnes (**7.6%**). The use of natural rubber in rubber glove manufacturing April 2021 increased by **10.4** per cent as compared to **31,456** tonnes in April 2020.

Exports of Malaysia's natural rubber amounted **55,696** tonnes in April 2021, a decrease of **5.4** per cent as against **58,852** tonnes in March 2021. P.R. China remains as the main destination for natural rubber exports with a share of **57.4** per cent from total exports in April 2021 followed by Germany (**8.1%**), U.S.A (**3.9%**), Turkey (**2.6%**) and Finland (**2.4%**).

Rubber gloves was the main export item with an export value of **RM6.7** billion in April 2021, an increase of **4.7** per cent as compared to March 2021 (**RM6.4** billion). U.S.A was the highest importer of rubber gloves followed by Germany and United Kingdom.



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### PRODUCTION (tonnes)

April 2021<sup>P</sup>: 23,013

March 2021: 36,068



36.2%



### AVERAGE PRICE (sen/kg)

Concentrate latex

April 2021: 623.40

March 2021: 680.20



8.4%



S.M.R. 20

April 2021: 667.85

March 2021: 707.89



5.7%

### STOCKS

APRIL 2021<sup>P</sup>: 259,355 tonnes



Rubber  
Estates

0.1%



Rubber  
Consumer

9.6%



Rubber  
Processors

90.3%

### DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION

APRIL 2021<sup>P</sup>: 47,096 tonnes



Rubber Gloves

73.7%



Rubber Thread

8.9%



Tyres and Tube

7.6%



Others

9.8%

### Production of natural rubber by main producing countries, ANRPC\* April 2021 (\*'000 tonnes)



<sup>P</sup> : preliminary  
<sup>e</sup> : estimates

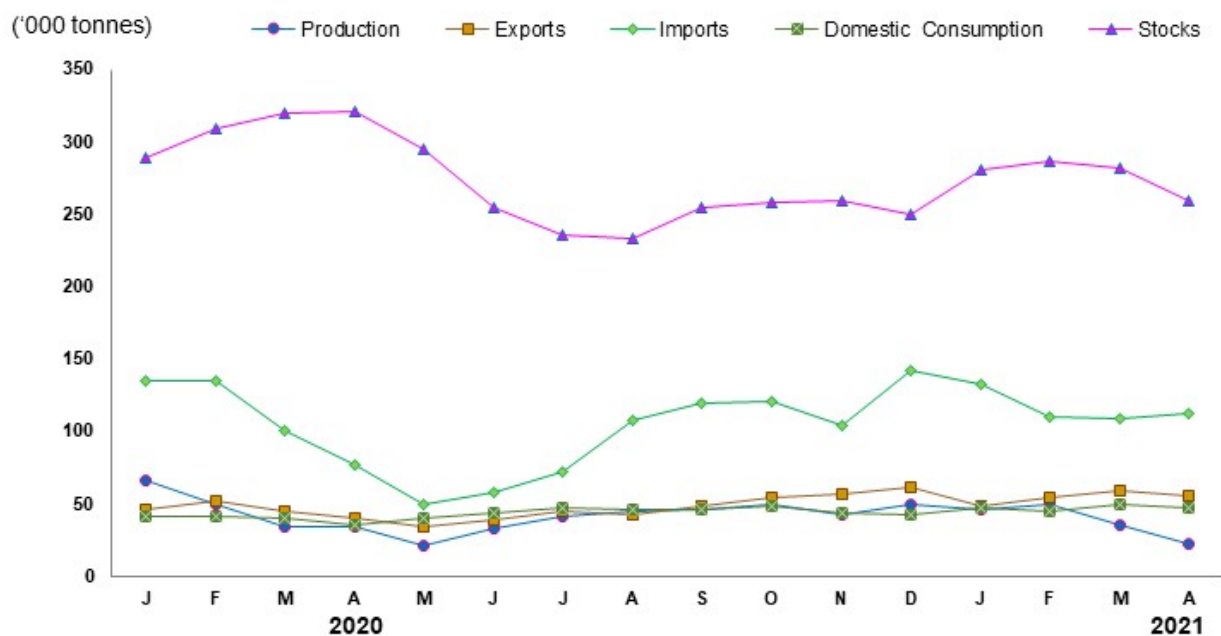
\*Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries (ANRPC)  
Source : Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities, MPIC

Table 1 presents the principal statistics of rubber for April 2021 while Chart 1 shows the monthly time series from April 2020 to April 2021.

**Table 1: Principal statistics of rubber, April 2021**

Principal Statistics	April 2020	March 2021	April 2021	Change month-on-month April 2021/ March 2021 (%)	Change year-on-year April 2021/ April 2020 (%)
Production (tonnes)	34,616	36,068	23,013	-36.2	-33.5
Exports (tonnes)	40,596	58,852	55,696	-5.4	37.2
Imports (tonnes)	76,383	108,561	112,498	3.6	47.3
Domestic consumption (tonnes)	35,922	49,742	47,096	-5.3	31.1
Closing stocks (tonnes)	321,413	281,729	259,355	-7.9	-19.3
Number of paid workers (estate)	10,180	8,843	8,830	-0.1	-13.3
Salaries & wages (estate) (RM'000)	13,927	13,474	12,404	-7.9	-10.9

**Chart 1: Monthly production, exports, imports, domestic consumption and stocks of natural rubber 2020/2021**



The full publication of the Monthly Rubber Statistics, April 2021 can be downloaded through [eStatistik Portal](#).

For more details, please refer to the Department's portal: [www.dosm.gov.my](http://www.dosm.gov.my)

\*Notes:

Data for April 2021 is **provisional**. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the May 2021 publication.

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