MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, FEBRUARY 2021

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Exports of Malaysia's natural rubber amounted **54,632** tonnes in February 2021, an increase of **13.5** per cent as against **48,125** tonnes in January 2021. P.R. China remains as the main destination for natural rubber exports with share **40.5** per cent of total exports in February 2021 followed by Belgium (**12.6**%), Germany (**8.4**%), Finland (**3.9**%) and U.S.A (**2.7**%).

Rubber gloves was the main export item with an export value of **RM5.8** billion in February 2021, an increase of **3.9** per cent as compared to January 2021 (**RM5.6** billion). U.S.A was led as the highest importer of rubber gloves followed by Germany and China.

The stocks of natural rubber increased in February 2021 to **286,117** tonnes as compared to **280,841** tonnes in January 2021 with an increase of **1.9** per cent.

Average price of Latex Concentrate recorded an increase of **587.91** sen per kilogramme as compared to January 2021 (**550.26** sen per kilogramme). Standard Malaysian Rubber 20 (S.M.R. 20) also increased to **672.68** sen per kilogramme as compared to **628.58** sen per kilogramme for the same period.

Total domestic consumption for natural rubber was **44,697** tonnes, a decrease of **5.1** per cent as compared to the previous month. The use of natural rubber in rubber glove manufacturing industry continues to lead with the use of **34,764** tonnes or **77.8** per cent of the total domestic consumption in February 2021.



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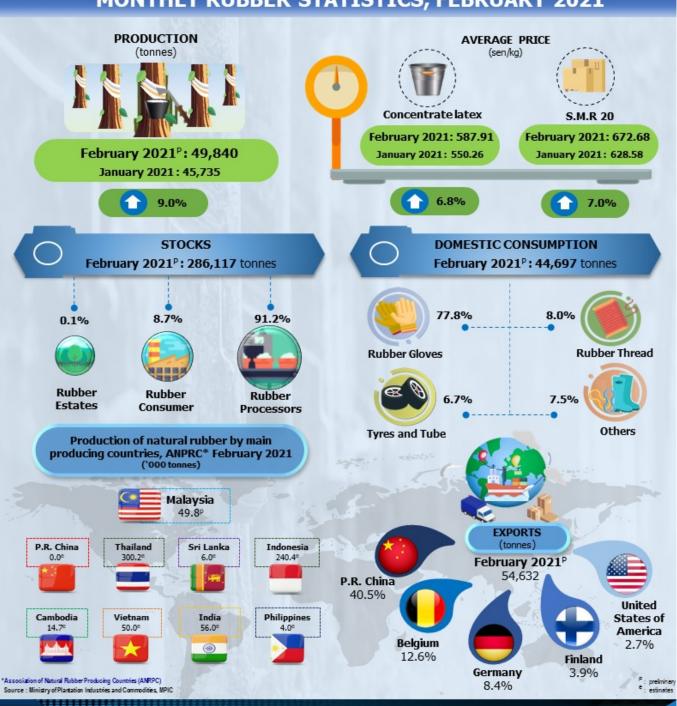
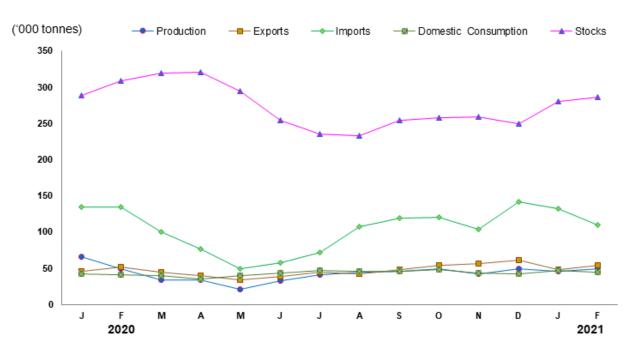


Table 1 presents the principal statistics of rubber for February 2021 while Chart 1 shows the monthly time series from February 2020 to February 2021.

Table 1: Principal statistics of rubber, February 2021

Principal Statistics	February 2020	January 2021	February 2021	Change month-on-month February 2021/ January 2021 (%)	Change year-on-year February 2021/ February 2020 (%)
Production (tonnes)	49,894	45,735	49,840	9.0	-0.1
Exports (tonnes)	51,852	48,125	54,632	13.5	5.4
Imports (tonnes)	135,494	132,152	109,759	-16.9	-19.0
Domestic consumption (tonnes)	41,470	47,101	44,697	-5.1	7.8
Closing stocks (tonnes)	310,282	280,841	286,117	1.9	-7.8
Number of paid workers (estate)	9,218	9,292	9,269	-0.2	0.6
Salaries & wages (estate) (RM'000)	13,284	14,971	13,847	-7.5	4.2

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



The full publication of the Monthly Rubber Statistics, February 2021 can be downloaded through eStatistik Portal.

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*Notes:

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

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