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MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, MARCH 2016

Natural Rubber (NR) production increased by 5.7% in March 2016

In March 2016, production of NR registered **57,678** tonnes with an increase of **5.7** per cent as compared to February 2016. The main contributor of NR production is from smallholding sector with more than **90** per cent.

Average monthly price of latex concentrate was **408.52** sen per kilogramme, increased by **52.94** sen per kilogramme as compared to February 2016. Meanwhile, S.M.R.20 recorded at **516.98** sen per kilogramme, went up by **62.95** sen per kilogramme as compared to previous month.

Exports of Malaysian NR increased to **53,587** tonnes as compared to February 2016. Nevertheless, the exports reduced by **12.4** per cent as compared to March 2015. The five main destinations of NR exports were China followed by Germany, Iran, U.S.A. and Finland.

Domestic consumption of NR in March 2016 recorded at **41,786** tonnes, increased by **7.4** per cent as compared to February 2016. Year-on-year comparison also showed an increase of **9.0** per cent. Rubber gloves industry recorded more than **50** per cent of NR consumption from the total domestic consumption.

The level of NR stocks held at the end of March 2016 rose by **0.9** per cent to **239,969** tonnes when compared to the previous month. Rubber Processors is the largest NR stocks holder.

Natural Rubber **production** increased by **5.7%** in March 2016



Smallholding
93.3%

Estate
6.7%



NR production dominated by smallholding sector with contribution more than 90%.

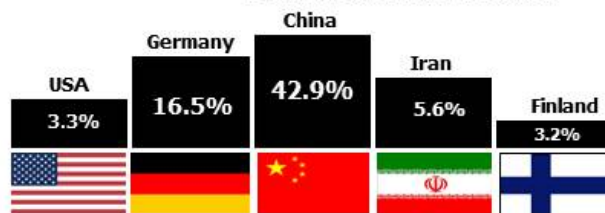
Average price



Exports

Exports of NR increased by 1.8% as compared to February 2016. For year on year, the exports dropped by 7,850 tonnes.

Total exports: 53,587 tonnes



Domestic Consumption



More than 7/10 domestic consumption of NR was rubber gloves industry.

Total Domestic Consumption: 41,786 tonnes

Stocks



91.7%

8.1%

0.2%



Rubber Processors



Rubber Consumers



Rubber Estate

Source: Monthly Rubber Statistics, Malaysia, March 2016

Table 1 present the principal statistics of rubber for March 2016 while **Chart 1** shows the monthly time series.

Table 1: Principal Statistics of rubber, March 2016

	Change month-on-month (%)	Change year-on-year (%)
11	5.7	-4.7
67	1.8	-12.4
23	-3.5	-0.2
30	7.4	9.0
98	0.9	15.9
64	-1.6	-7.4
03	0.3	-2.9

Principal Statistics	March 2016	February 2016	March 2015
Production (tonnes)	57,678	54,564	60,5
Exports (tonnes)	53,587	52,651	61,1
Imports (tonnes)	77,953	80,759	78,1
Domestic consumption (tonnes)	41,786	38,919	38,3
Closing stocks (tonnes)	239,969	237,790	206,9
Number of paid workers	11,259	11,440	12,1
Salaries & wages (RM'000)	13,208	13,162	13,6

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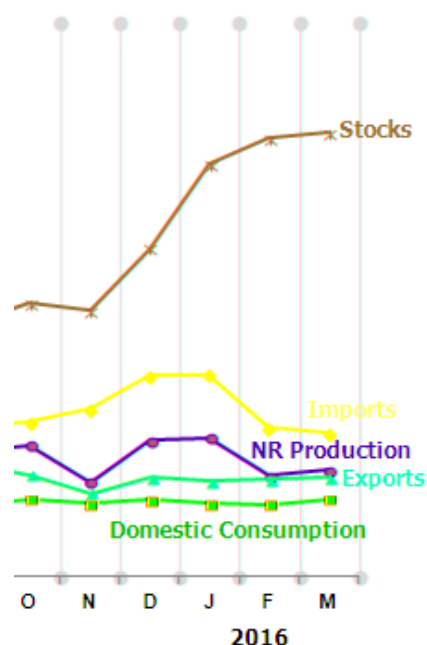
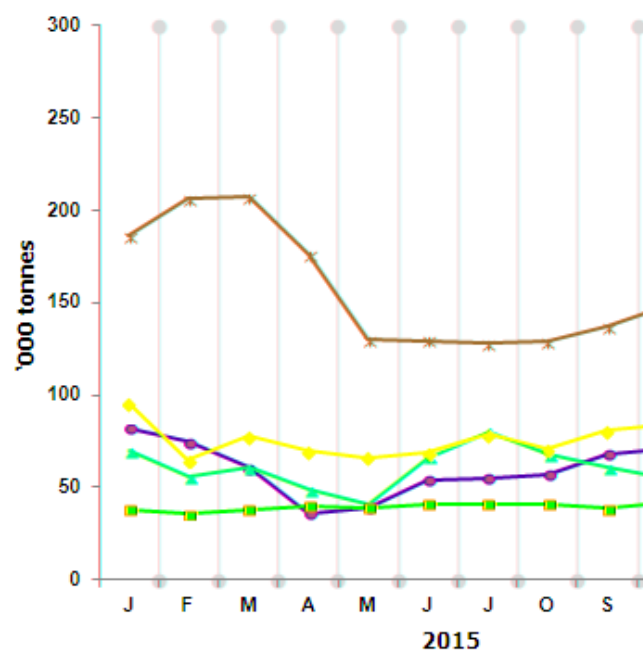


Chart 1: Monthly production, exports, imports, domestic consumption



*Notes:

Data for March 2016 is **provisional**. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the April 2016 publication.

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