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## MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, MAY 2020

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### **Production of natural rubber decreased 39.2 per cent in May 2020**

The monthly rubber census conducted for the reference month of May 2020 found that the implementation of the Movement Control Order (MCO) in that month still has an impact to the establishment that carries out rubber processing activities. Production of natural rubber decreased **39.2** per cent in May 2020 to **21,044** tonnes as compared to **34,616** tonnes in the previous month. Comparison year on year also showed the decrease of **52.7** per cent as compared to the same month in the previous year.

The decline in the production of natural rubber was also supported by the closing stocks in the previous month. This situation is among the remedial measures taken to address the shortage of production. Stocks of natural rubber started to decline in May 2020 by **8.2** per cent to **295,146** tonnes compared to **321,413** tonnes in April 2020.

Exports of Malaysia's natural rubber amounted **33,780** tonnes, decreased by **16.8** per cent against **40,596** tonnes in April 2020. The main natural rubber export destination is People's Republic of China with a share of **50.4** per cent from total exports in May 2020 followed by Germany (**13.4%**), U.S.A (**5.2%**), Turkey (**4.1%**) and Egypt (**2.5%**). Rubber gloves remained the major export item with an export value in May 2020 was **RM2.13** billion compared to **RM1.98** billion in April 2020.

Average price of Latex Concentrate recorded an increase of **432.16** sen per kilogramme as compared to April 2020 (**413.26** sen per kilogramme). Standard Malaysian Rubber 20 (S.M.R. 20) also increased to **476.13** sen per kilogramme as compared to **472.64** sen per kilogramme for the same period.

Total domestic consumption for natural rubber was **39,692** tonnes, increased **10.5** per cent as compared to the previous month. Rubber gloves industry dominates the use of natural rubber with **33,679** tonnes or **84.9** per cent from the total domestic consumption.



# MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS

MAY  
2020



PRODUCTION  
Tonnes  
39.2%



## AVERAGE PRICE



May 2020 : 432.16  
Apr. 2020 : 413.26

May 2020 : 476.13  
Apr. 2020 : 472.64

(sen/Kg)

Rubber gloves



84.9%

Tyres and tubes



4.3%

Rubber processors  
89.8%



Rubber consumers  
9.4%



Rubber estates  
0.8%



Others



7.6%

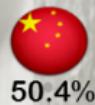
DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION  
May 2020<sup>P</sup>: 39,692 tonnes

Rubber thread



3.2%

P.R. China



50.4%

Germany



13.4%

## EXPORTS

May 2020<sup>P</sup>: 33,780 tonnes

U.S.A



5.2%

Turkey



4.1%

Egypt



2.5%

Production of natural rubber by main producing countries\*, May 2020



Source: Ministry of Primary Industries

\*Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries (ANRPC)

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

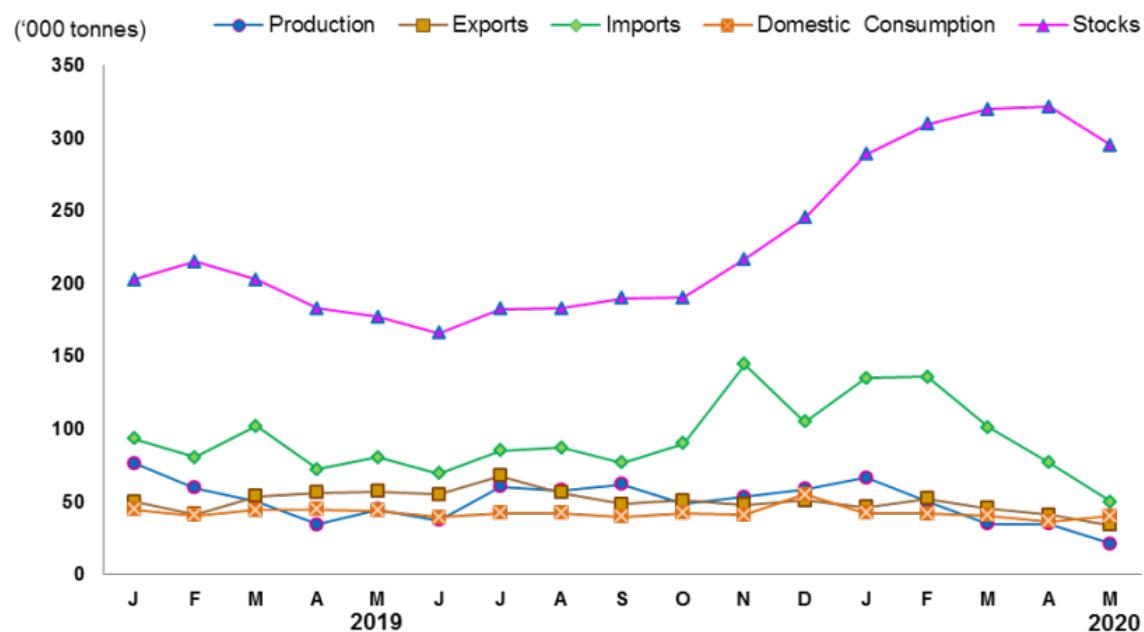
Source: Monthly Rubber Statistics, Malaysia, May 2020

Table 1 presents the principal statistics of rubber for May 2020 while Chart 1 shows the monthly time series from May 2019 to May 2020.

**Table 1: Principal statistics of rubber, May 2020**

Principal Statistics	May 2019	April 2020	May 2020	Change month-on-month May 2020/ April 2020 (%)	Change year-on-year May 2020/ May 2019 (%)
Production (tonnes)	44,479	34,616	21,044	-39.2	-52.7
Exports (tonnes)	56,850	40,596	33,780	-16.8	-40.6
Imports (tonnes)	80,212	76,383	49,658	-35.0	-38.1
Domestic consumption (tonnes)	43,529	35,922	39,692	10.5	-8.8
Closing stocks (tonnes)	176,972	321,413	295,146	-8.2	66.8
Number of paid workers (estate)	10,784	10,180	10,412	2.3	-3.4
Salaries & wages (estate) (RM'000)	16,609	13,927	14,084	1.1	-15.2

**Chart 1: Monthly production, exports, imports, domestic consumption and stocks of natural rubber 2019/2020**



\*Notes:

Data for May 2020 is **provisional**. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the June 2020 publication.

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