



## MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, NOVEMBER 2015

### 1. PRODUCTION

Production of natural rubber (NR) in November 2015 was recorded at **51,146** tonnes, dropped by **20,243** tonnes (**-28.4%**) as compared to October 2015. Year-on-year also showed a decrease in rubber production by **1,587** tonnes (**-3.0%**). The main contributor of NR is smallholding sector of **92.1** per cent while the rest from the estate sector. Month-on-month, both of smallholding and estate sectors recorded a decrease in production at **28.2** per cent and **30.7** per cent respectively.

### 2. EXPORTS

A total of **45,259** tonnes of NR was exported in November 2015. Total exports of NR dropped by **10,139** tonnes (**-18.3%**) from a month ago and **1,166** tonnes (**-2.5%**) from a year ago. Standard Malaysian Rubber (S.M.R.) contributes **94.5** per cent from the total exports where **65.1** per cent is S.M.R. 20.

The main destination for exports of NR were the People's Rep. of China (**52.1%**), followed by Germany (**11.0%**), Islamic Rep. of Iran (**6.5%**), U.S.A. (**3.7%**), Finland (**3.6%**), Turkey (**3.5%**), France (**2.2%**), Brazil (**1.5%**) and Rep. of Korea (**1.4%**).

### 3. IMPORTS

The total imports of NR in November 2015 amounted to **91,110** tonnes. Imports increased by **7,185** tonnes (**+8.6%**) from October 2015 and **10,653** tonnes (**+13.2%**) from November 2014. The main type of NR imported in this month was Standard Rubber (**38.6%**) and Latex Concentrate (**27.4%**).

NR was mainly imported from Thailand and Viet Nam at **47.1** per cent and **22.7** per cent respectively.

### 4. DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION

Domestic consumption of NR in November 2015 was **39,651** tonnes, dropped by **2,262** tonnes (**-5.4%**) from October 2015. However, when compared to November 2014, the domestic consumption of NR showed an increase of **958** tonnes (**+2.5%**).

Rubber gloves industry is the largest NR consumer at **29,910** tonnes (**75.4%**), followed by tyre & tubes (**8.0%**) and rubber thread (**7.3%**). These three industries consumed **35,996** tonnes (**90.7%**) of NR.

### 5. STOCKS

The level of stocks held at the end of November 2015 was recorded at **144,367** tonnes, dropped **3,495** tonnes (**-2.4%**) from the level of stocks held in the previous month. Nevertheless, year-over-year comparison has increased by **7.6** percent. Rubber Processors remain as the biggest contributor in the NR stocks (**87.1%**).

## 6. AVERAGE MONTHLY PRICE PER KILOGRAMME

### (Noon Quotations - F.O.B.)

The average monthly price of NR in November 2015 fell lower than the previous months. The average price of latex concentrate decreased by **28.48** sen (-7.1%) to **375.45** sen as compared to October 2015 and dropped by **21.68** sen (-5.5%) from November 2014.

The average monthly price of S.M.R 20 was recorded at **500.15** sen per kilogramme, decreased by **28.92** sen (-5.5%) when compared to month-on-month and **3.40** sen (-0.7%) for year-on-year.

## 7. EMPLOYMENT

At the end of November 2015, a total of **11,741** persons were engaged in rubber estates where **11,737** were paid employees with salaries & wages amounting to **RM14.9** million. The number of paid employees reduced by **0.3** per cent from the previous month and **4.9** per cent from November 2014.

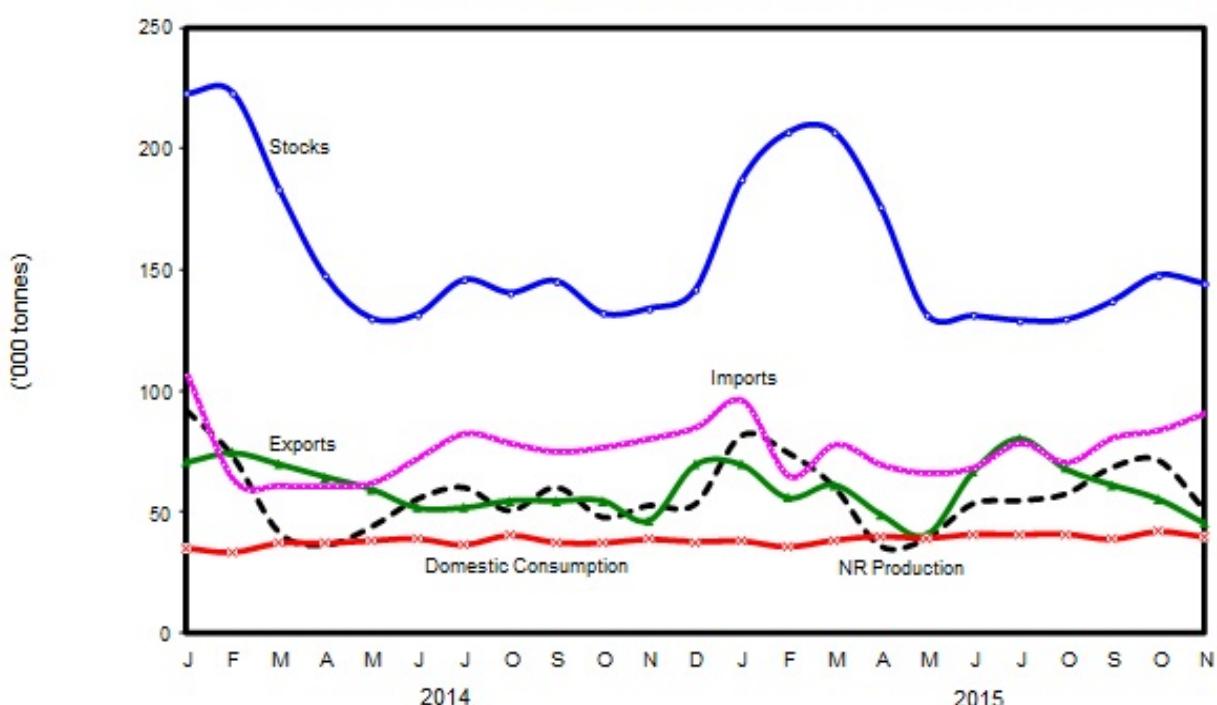
## 8. PRODUCTIVITY

In November 2015, the productivity of NR production on estates was recorded at **104.6** kilogramme per hectare. The productivity of NR production showed a decrease when compared to month-on-month and year-on-year at **44.1** kilogramme per hectare (-29.7%) and **19.0** kilogramme per hectare (-15.4%) respectively.

## 9. PRINCIPAL STATISTICS

Chart 1 below shows the monthly time series.

Chart 1 - Monthly production, exports, imports, domestic consumption and stocks of natural rubber 2014/2015



\*Notes:

Data

for

November 2015 is **provisional**. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the December 2015 publication.

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