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Production of natural rubber (NR) increased 28.5 per cent in October 2017

Production of natural rubber (NR) increased by **14,931** tonnes (**28.5%**) to **67,403** tonnes in October 2017 as compared to the previous month. Year-on-year comparisons also showed an increase of **8.3** per cent compared to October 2016. The main contributor of NR production is from smallholding sector which is more than **90** per cent.

Average monthly price of Latex Concentrate and Standard Malaysian Rubber 20 in October 2017 were **489.36** sen per kilogramme and **601.21** sen per kilogramme, decreased by **11.4** per cent and **9.0** per cent respectively from September 2017.

Exports of NR in October 2017 rose by **2,018** tonnes (**4.5%**) to **47,162** tonnes as compared to September 2017. Five main destinations of NR exports were China, Germany, U.S.A., Iran and Republic of Korea.

Domestic consumption of NR in October 2017 was **42,753** tonnes, increased by **2,092** tonnes (**5.2%**) as compared to the previous month. Rubber glove industry was the largest industry using NR of **31,041** tonnes (**72.9%**).

At the end of October 2017, level of NR stocks increased by **12,564** tonnes (**6.5%**) to **206,593** tonnes.



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92.6% of NR production was from the smallholding sector.

September 2017



52,472 tonnes

October 2017



67,403 tonnes

Average price



Domestic consumption

Total : 42,573 tonnes

More than 70.0% domestic consumption of NR was rubber gloves industry.



Rubber Gloves

72.9%



Rubber Thread

8.9%



Tyres and Tubes

8.3%



Others

9.9%

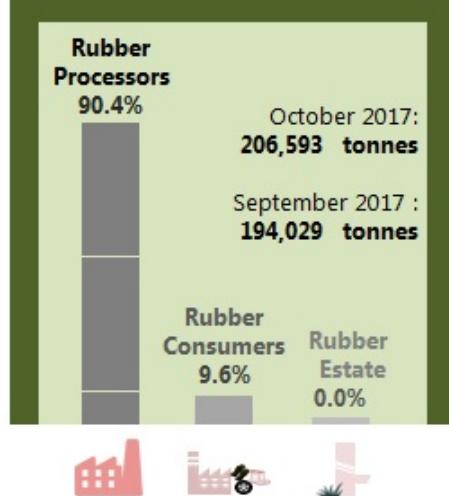
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Exports of natural rubber increased by 4.5% as compared to September 2017. The main destination of NR exports was China.

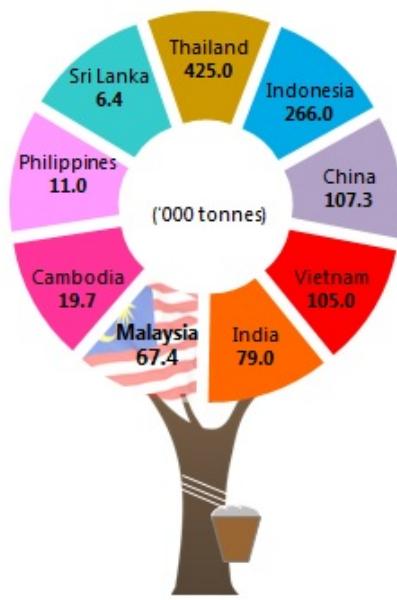


Total exports : 47,162 tonnes

Stocks



Production of Natural Rubber by Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries (ANRPC)



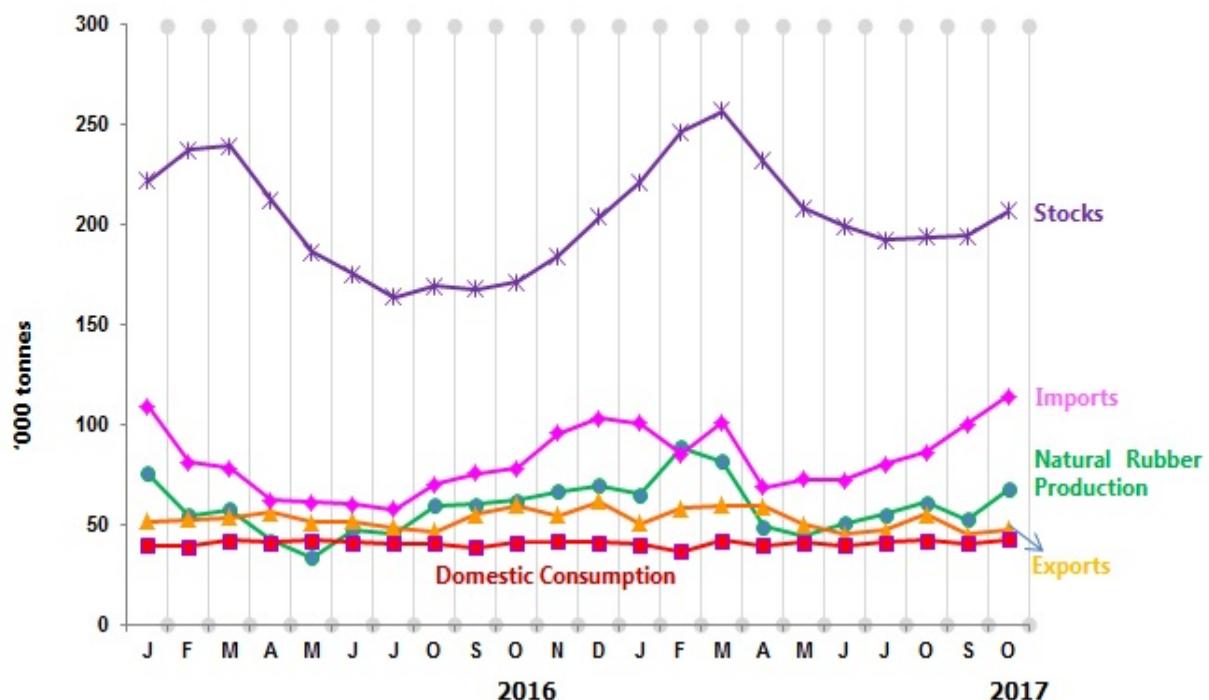
Source: Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities

Table 1 presents the principal statistics of rubber for October 2017 while Chart 1 shows the monthly time series from October 2016 to October 2017.

Table 1: Principal statistics of rubber, October 2017

Principal Statistics	October 2016	September 2017	October 2017	Change month-on-month October 2017/ September 2017 (%)	Change year-on-year October 2017/ October 2016 (%)
Production (tonnes)	62,225	52,472	67,403	28.5	8.3
Exports (tonnes)	59,379	45,144	47,162	4.5	-20.6
Imports (tonnes)	77,903	99,957	113,930	14.0	46.2
Domestic consumption (tonnes)	40,762	40,481	42,573	5.2	4.4
Closing stocks (tonnes)	171,170	194,029	206,593	6.5	20.7
Number of paidworkers (estate)	10,366	10,130	10,018	-1.1	-3.4
Salaries & wages (RM'000) (estate)	14,550	13,191	14,183	7.5	-2.5

Chart 1: Monthly production, exports, imports, domestic consumption and stocks of natural rubber 2016/2017



*Notes:

Data for October 2017 is **provisional**.
The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the November 2017 publication.

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