
April natural rubber output down 8.8% from previous month

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia's natural rubber (NR) production decreased by 8.8% to 18,515 tonnes in April 2026 from 20,310 tonnes in March 2026, according to the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DoSM).

In a statement yesterday, chief statistician Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin said NR production in April 2026 was mainly contributed by smallholders (88.5%) and estates (11.5%).

"On a year-on-year (y-o-y) basis, NR production increased by 2.8% from 18,008 tonnes in April 2025," he said.

DoSM said total NR stocks decreased by 6.2% month-on-month (m-o-m) to 130,698 tonnes (March 2026: 139,387 tonnes).

"Rubber processors factory accounted for 76.9% of the stocks, followed by rubber consumers factory (23.0%) and rubber estates (0.1%)," it said.

Meanwhile, exports of Malaysia's NR rose by 12.7% m-o-m to 37,360 tonnes in April 2026 (March 2026: 33,137 tonnes).

DoSM said China remained the main NR export destination, accounting for 50.8% of total exports in April 2026, followed by Germany (15.8%), the United States (4.7%), the United Arab Emirates (4.2%) and Portugal (3.7%).

"The export performance was contributed by NR-based products such as rubber gloves, tyres, tubes, and rubber thread.

"Rubber gloves were the main export rubber-based product, worth RM1.4 billion in April 2026, an increase of 52.4% m-o-m (March 2026: RM920 million)," it said.
