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MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS, MALAYSIA FEBRUARY 2025

## Malaysia natural rubber production increased by 18.7 per cent in February 2025

**PUTRAJAYA, APRIL 14, 2025** – The Department of Statistics, Malaysia (DOSM) released the **Monthly Rubber Statistics, Malaysia, February 2025.** This publication consists of statistics on production, imports, exports, domestic consumption, stocks, prices, number of employees, salaries & wages and productivity of rubber estates.

Chief Statistician Malaysia, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin said, Natural Rubber (NR) production increased by 18.7 per cent in February 2025 (36,005 tonnes) as compared to January 2025 (30,342 tonnes). Year-on-year comparison showed that the production of NR increased by 21.3 per cent (February 2024: 29,691 tonnes). Production of NR in February 2025 for Malaysia was mainly contributed by smallholders sector (87.8%) as compared to estates sector (12.2%).

Total stocks of NR in February 2025 increased by 16.2 per cent to 206,762 tonnes as compared to 177,935 tonnes in January 2025. Rubber processors factory contributed 88.2 per cent of the stocks followed by rubber consumers factory (11.7%) and rubber estates (0.1%).

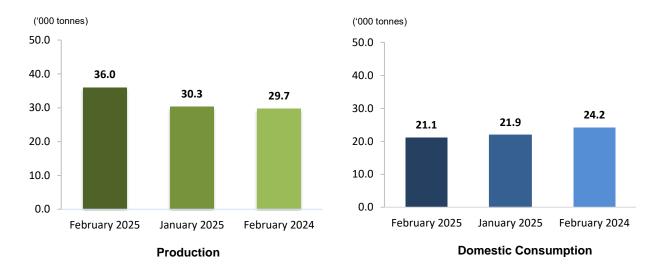
Exports of Malaysia's NR amounted to 54,847 tonnes in February 2025, increased 23.7 per cent as against January 2025 (44,338 tonnes). P.R. China remained as the main destination for NR exports which accounted 52.4 per cent of total exports in February 2025 followed by Germany (9.0%), the United Arab Emirates (8.4%), the United States of America (4.8%) and Brazil (3.0%). The exports performance was contributed by NR-based product such as gloves, tyre, tube and rubber thread. Gloves were the main exports of rubber-based products with a value of RM1.2 billion in February 2025, a decrease of 11.8 per cent as compared to January 2025 (RM1.4 billion).

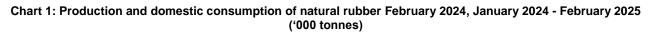
Analysis of the average monthly price showed that Concentrated Latex recorded an increase of 2.2 per cent (February 2025: 693.13 sen per kg; January 2025: 678.42 sen per kg) while Scrap increased by 3.7 per cent (February 2025: 770.44 sen per kg; January 2025: 743.27 sen per kg). Trend of prices for all Standard Malaysian Rubber (S.M.R) increased between 2.1 per cent and 3.3 per cent. The World Bank Commodity Price Data reported the prices for TSR 20 (Technically Specified Rubber) has increased 3.7 per cent (from USD1.93/kg to USD2.01/kg) and SGP/MYS (Singapore/Malaysia) increased 1.5 per cent (from USD2.37/kg to USD2.41/kg).

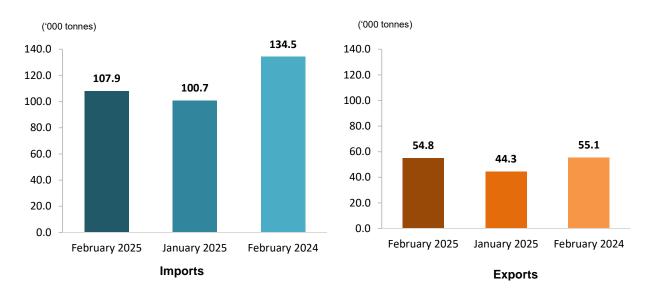
According to the Malaysia Rubber Board Digest published in February 2025, the Kuala Lumpur Rubber Market moved in a mixed trend during the review period in tandem with the regional rubber futures market due to uncertainties surrounding the United States of America (U.S) trade tariffs, the U.S. monetary policy direction, and U.S.-China trade relations. Losses in crude oil prices and fluctuations in ringgit against the U.S. dollar also dragged down market sentiment. Nevertheless, market sentiment was supported by persistent concerns over tight NR supply due to weather conditions in major NR-producing countries and Chinese stimulus measures amid a brighter NR demand outlook reported by the Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries (ANRPC).

ASEAN-Malaysia 2025 Chairmanship: Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) will chair the 15th ASEAN Community Statistical System Committee (ACSS15) which aims to strengthen the statistical cooperation towards sustainable regional development. The Government of Malaysia has declared October 20th as National Statistics Day (MyStats Day), with the theme 'Statistics is the Essence of Life.' Meanwhile, the Fourth World Statistics Day will be celebrated on 20 October 2025, with the theme 'Driving Change with Quality Statistics and Data for Everyone'.

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## Chart 2: Imports and exports of natural rubber February 2024, January 2024 - February 2025 ('000 tonnes)

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