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MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS, MALAYSIA MAY 2025

Malaysia natural rubber production increased by 24.9 per cent in May 2025

PUTRAJAYA, JULY 10, 2025 – The Department of Statistics, Malaysia (DOSM) released the **Monthly Rubber Statistics, Malaysia, May 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 24.9 per cent in May 2025 (22,494 tonnes) as compared to April 2025 (18,008 tonnes). Year-on-year comparison showed that the production of NR decreased by 12.2 per cent (May 2024: 25,608 tonnes). Production of NR in May 2025 for Malaysia was mainly contributed by smallholders sector (85.4%) as compared to estates sector (14.6%).

Total stocks of NR in May 2025 decreased by 11.4 per cent to 180,569 tonnes as compared to 203,708 tonnes in April 2025. Rubber processors factory contributed 86.1 per cent of the stocks followed by rubber consumers factory (13.7%) and rubber estates (0.2%).

Exports of Malaysia's NR amounted to 35,939 tonnes in May 2025, increased 0.1 per cent as against April 2025 (35,901 tonnes). P.R. China remained as the main destination for NR exports which contributed 31.7 per cent of total exports in May 2025 followed by Germany (15.8%), the United Arab Emirates (14.0%), the United States of America (8.1%) and India (6.6%). The exports performance was contributed by NR-based products such as gloves, tyre, tube and rubber thread. Gloves were the main exports of

rubber-based products with a value of RM1.04 billion in May 2025, a decrease of 3.5 per cent as compared to April 2025 (RM1.07 billion).

Analysis of the average monthly price showed that Concentrated Latex recorded a decrease of 5.2 per cent (May 2025: 613.80 sen per kg; April 2025: 647.20 sen per kg) while Scrap decreased by 5.4 per cent (May 2025: 606.67 sen per kg; April 2025: 641.27 sen per kg). Trend of prices for all Standard Malaysian Rubber (S.M.R) showed a decline between 3.2 per cent and 5.1 per cent. The World Bank Commodity Price Data reported the prices for TSR 20 (Technically Specified Rubber) has decreased 0.2 per cent from USD1.71/kg to USD1.70/kg and SGP/MYS (Singapore/Malaysia) increased 3.3 per cent from USD2.13/kg to USD2.19/kg.

According to the Malaysia Rubber Board Digest published in May 2025, the Kuala Lumpur Rubber Market exhibited a downtrend throughout May 2025, weighed down by declines in regional rubber futures markets, weaker benchmark crude oil prices, and a stronger ringgit against the United States of America dollar. The negative sentiment was also driven by concerns over the United States of America trade tariffs and escalating tensions in the Middle East, which have heightened global economic uncertainties. However, further losses were limited by brighter demand prospects reported by the Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries (ANRPC) and improvements in Chinese economic performance.

ASEAN-Malaysia 2025 Chairmanship: The 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.

Malaysia, for the first time, ranked as number one (1) globally in the biennial Open Data Inventory (ODIN) 2024/25 report released by Open Data Watch (ODW), surpassing 198 other countries. This achievement marks a significant leap from its 67th position in the ODIN 2022/23 assessment.

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 20th October 2025, with the theme 'Driving Change with Quality Statistics and Data for Everyone'.

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Chart 1: Production and domestic consumption of natural rubber May 2024, April - May 2025
(‘000 tonnes)

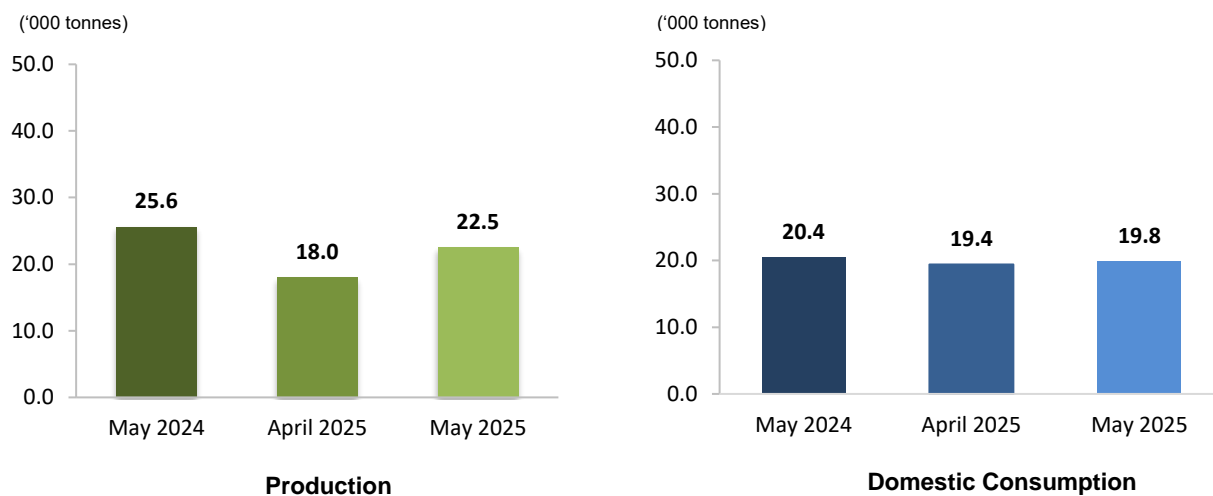
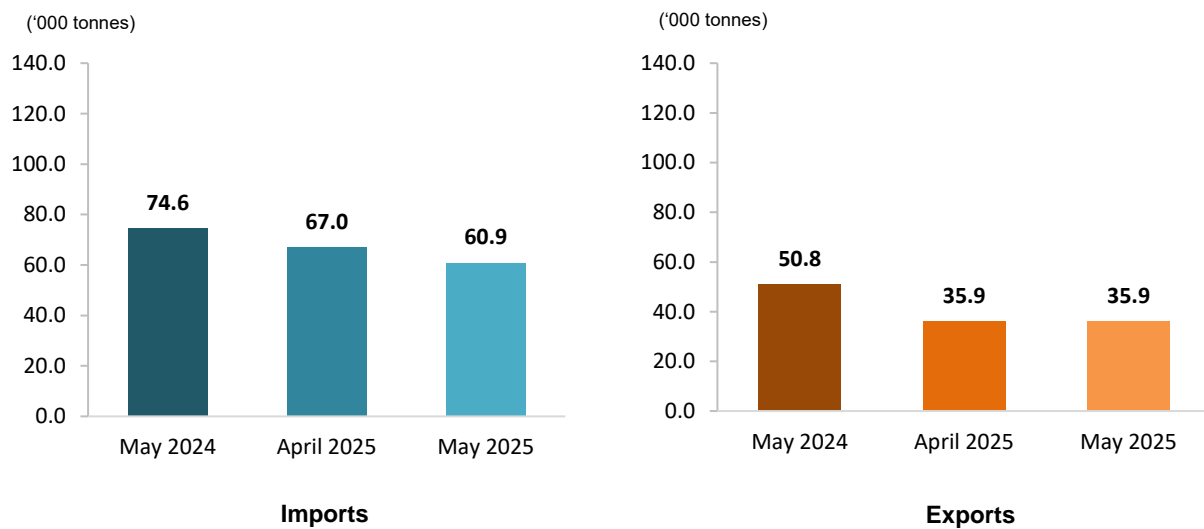


Chart 2: Imports and exports of natural rubber May 2024, April - May 2025
(‘000 tonnes)



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