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MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, AUGUST 2020

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Exports of Malaysia's natural rubber amounted **42,658** tonnes in August 2020, a decrease of **6.0** per cent against **45,386** tonnes in July 2020. People's Republic of China remains as the main destination for natural rubber exports, with a share of **46.8** per cent of total exports in August 2020 followed by Germany (**10.1**%), Finland (**4.3**%), Iran (**3.0**%) and Turkey (**2.4**%). Rubber gloves was the main export item with export value in August 2020 **RM3.0 billion**. However, this export value decreased by **5.2** per cent as compared to **RM3.2 billion** which recorded in July 2020.

The stocks of natural rubber showed a declining trend since May 2020. Stocks declined further in August 2020 by **0.7** per cent to **233,537** tonnes as compared to **235,156** tonnes in July 2020.

Average price of Latex Concentrate recorded an increase of **467.71** sen per kilogramme as compared to July 2020 (**467.20** sen per kilogramme). Standard Malaysian Rubber 20 (S.M.R. 20) also increased to **538.68** sen per kilogramme as compared to **497.86** sen per kilogramme for the same period.

Total domestic consumption for natural rubber was **46,745** tonnes, a decrease of **0.6** per cent as compared to the previous month. Rubber gloves industry dominates the use of natural rubber with **35,542** tonnes or **76.0** per cent from the total domestic consumption.

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MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS AUGUST 2020

PRODUCTION
tonnes

AUGUST 2020P : 44,543
JULY 2020 : 41,801
6.6%

AVERAGE PRICE
sen/kg

AUGUST 2020 : 467.71
JULY 2020 : 467.20
0.1%

AUGUST 2020 : 538.68
JULY 2020 : 497.86
8.2%

STOCKS
tonnes

AUGUST 2020P : 233,537

Rubber Estates	Rubber Consumer	Rubber Processors
0.1%	10.0%	89.9%

DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION
tonnes

AUGUST 2020P : 46,745

Rubber gloves	Rubber thread	Tyres and tube	Others
76.0%	8.1%	7.4%	8.5%

Production of natural rubber by main producing countries* August 2020
('000 tonnes)

MALAYSIA
44.5P

Thailand 393.7e	Sri Lanka 6.2e	P.R. China 100.0e	Philipines 9.0e
Cambodia 30.0e	India 58.0e	Vietnam 130.0e	Indonesia 245.0e

EXPORT
tonnes

AUGUST 2020P
45,386

*Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries (ANRPC)
Source : Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities, MPIC
p : provisional | e : estimate

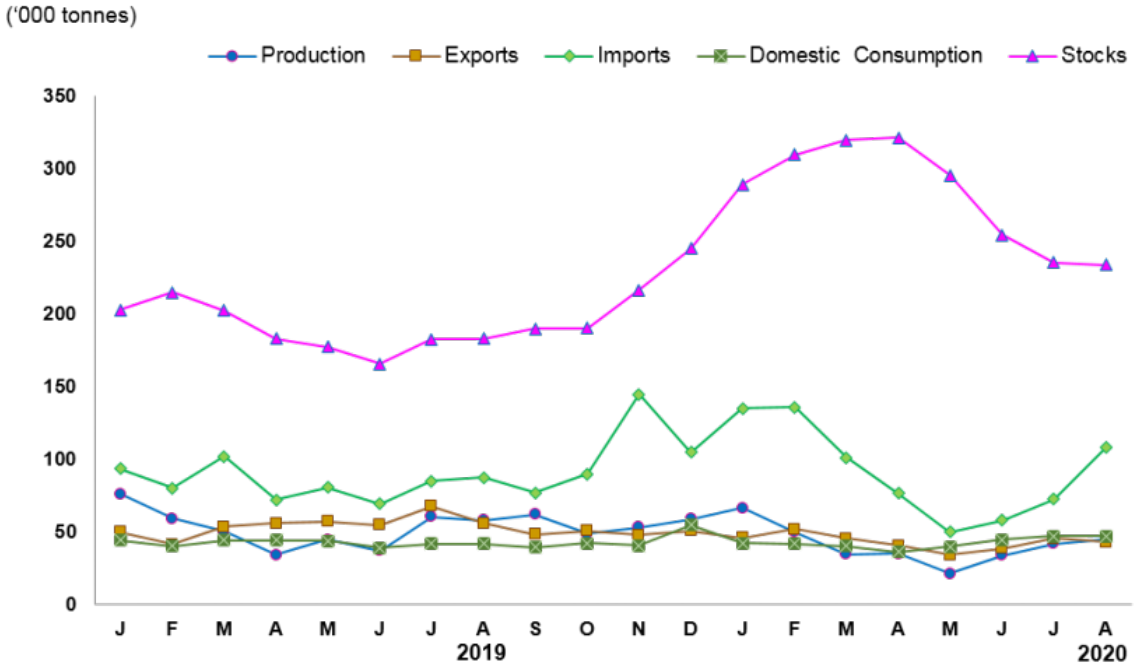
Source : Monthly Rubber Statistics, Malaysia, August 2020

Table 1 presents the principal statistics of rubber for August 2020 while Chart 1 shows the monthly time series from August 2019 to August 2020.

Table 1: Principal statistics of rubber, August 2020

Principal Statistics	August 2019	July 2020	August 2020	Change month-on-month August 2020/ July 2020 (%)	Change year-on-year August 2020/ August 2019 (%)
Production (tonnes)	57,599	41,801	44,543	6.6	-22.7
Exports (tonnes)	55,879	45,386	42,658	-6.0	-23.7
Imports (tonnes)	86,977	72,114	107,947	49.7	24.1
Domestic consumption (tonnes)	41,750	47,042	46,745	-0.6	12.0
Closing stocks (tonnes)	182,695	235,156	233,537	-0.7	27.8
Number of paid workers (estate)	11,086	10,331	10,397	0.6	-6.2
Salaries & wages (estate) (RM'000)	18,170	16,098	17,133	6.4	-5.7

Chart 1: Monthly production, exports, imports, domestic consumption and stocks of natural rubber 2019/2020



*Notes:

Data for August 2020 is **provisional**. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the September 2020 publication.

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