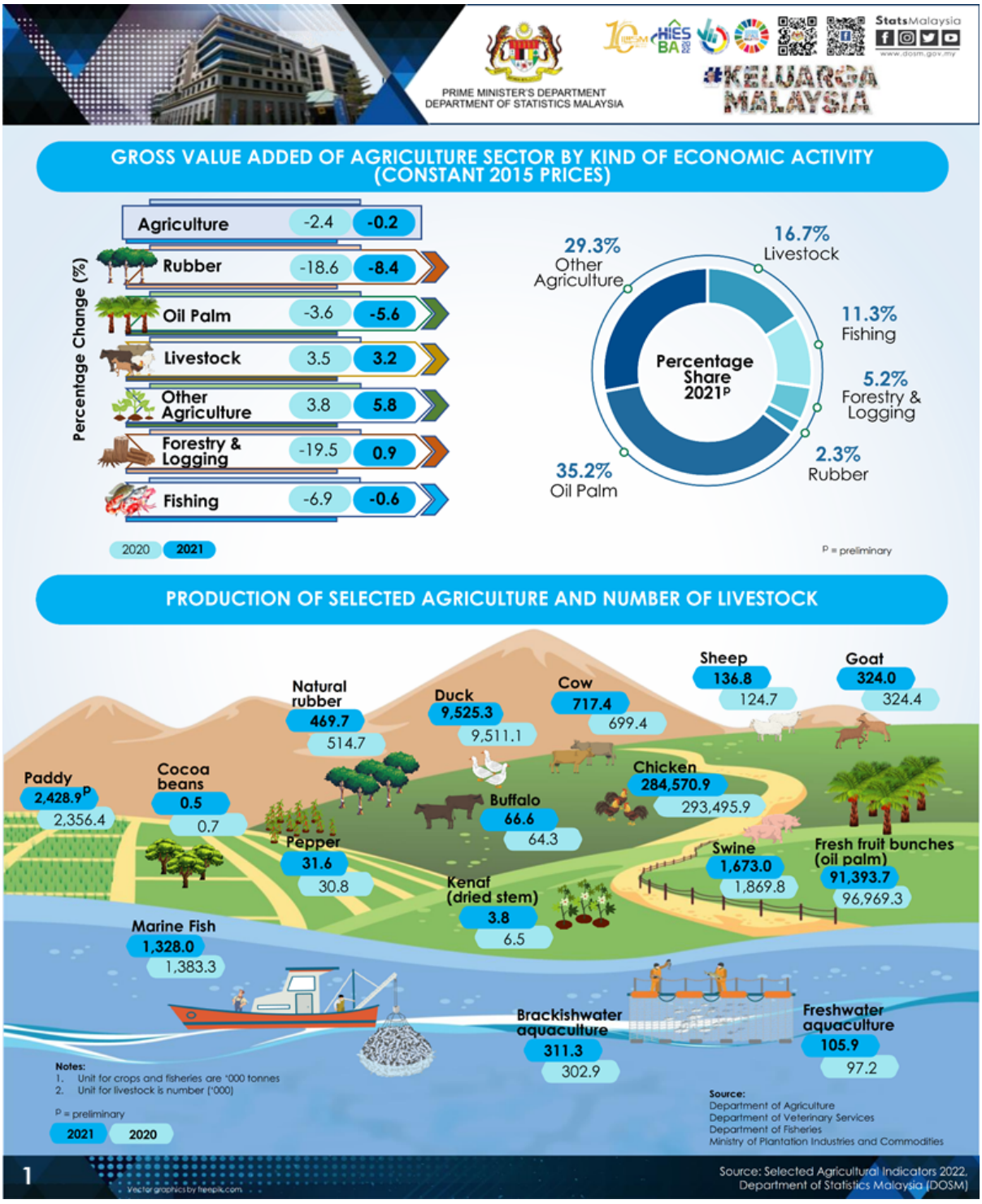
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SELECTED AGRICULTURAL INDICATORS, MALAYSIA, 2021



EXTERNAL TRADE IN AGRICULTURE SECTOR

(RM million)



Exports

2021 : 154,479
2020 : 118,706
30.1%

Imports

2021 : 120,470
2020 : 98,292
22.6%

Balance of Trade

2021 : 34,010
2020 : 20,414
66.6%

Source : Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industries

MEDIAN AND MEAN MONTHLY SALARIES AND WAGES FOR SKILLED AGRICULTURE WORKERS

Median and mean salaries & wages for skilled agriculture workers are respectively

RM1,695

and

RM1,853



RM1,740 (RM1,291)
RM1,868 (RM1,572)



RM1,530 (RM1,211)
RM1,732 (RM1,434)

Median 2021 (2020)
Mean 2021 (2020)

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) FOR SUB-GROUPS OF FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES



137.1
134.8
1.7%

Food away from home
1.4%
144.5
142.5

Food at home
2.1%
134.3
131.5

2021
2020

Source: Selected Agricultural Indicators 2022, Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM)

The agriculture sector shifted into a recovery phase in 2021

This publication consists of statistics on economic performance, employment, domestic production and external trade in the agriculture sector. These statistics detail the findings from a sectoral perspective for the three main agriculture sub-sectors, namely crops, livestock and fisheries, as well as the social perspective that contribute to Malaysia's economic position in 2021.

In 2021 Malaysia’s economy has gained the momentum by recording RM1,386.7 billion Gross Domestic Product (GDP), increased 3.1 per cent as compared to RM1,345.1 billion in 2020. Growth in agriculture sector decreased by 0.2 per cent in 2021 as compared to negative 2.4 per cent in the previous year. The decrease was caused by the commodity sub-sector especially oil palm which recorded a growth of negative 5.6 per cent (2020: -3.6%). Even though the growth rate of oil palm showed a decline, it was the main contributor to the value added of agriculture sector with RM34.8 billion or 35.2 per cent.

Overall, the production of four major commodity crops, namely fresh fruit bunches (oil palm), natural rubber, kenaf (dried stem) and cocoa beans, in 2021 showed a decreasing trend as compared to 2020. Though the production of fresh fruit bunches (oil palm) was the highest among the agricultural commodities, its production decreased by 5,575.6 thousand tonnes with 5.7 per cent as compared to previous year.

Looking at the livestock sub-sector, the production of chicken/ duck egg recorded an increase of 5.6 per cent in 2021 to 839.7 thousand tonnes as compared to 795.5 thousand tonnes in the previous year. On the other hand, livestock production for beef, mutton and pork declined by double-digit with 11.1, 10.6 and 10.5 per cent respectively.

Landings of marine fish in 2021 was 1,328.0 thousand tonnes, decreased by 4.0 per cent as compared to 1,383.3 thousand tonnes in 2020. Meanwhile, the production of freshwater and brackishwater aquaculture increased by 9.0 and 2.8 per cent respectively as compared to the previous year.

The number of employed persons in 2021 amounted to 15,064.2 thousand persons (2020: 14,956.7 thousand persons). Out of total, 1,550.0 thousand persons (10.3%) were involved in the agriculture sector. This number showed a decrease compared to the previous year. The employed persons in the agriculture sector was still dominated by citizen with 63.6 per cent while the rest are non-citizens.

Based on the Salaries & Wages Survey conducted by the Department of Statistics Malaysia, in 2021, the number of recipients of salaries and wages for skilled agriculture worker decreased to 76.7 thousand persons as compared to 142.1 thousand in 2020. The median monthly salaries & wages for the agriculture sector increased to RM1,695 as compared to 2020 (RM1,291). The mean salaries & wages of skilled agriculture worker also increased to RM1,853 in 2021 as compared to RM1,547 in the previous year. The median monthly salaries & wages received by male employees increased to RM1,740 as compared to RM1,291 in 2020 while females received RM1,530. The mean monthly salaries & wages of male and female employees received were RM1,868 and RM1,732 respectively.

The agriculture sector contributes to the country through exports, especially by products produced from agricultural commodities such as palm oil. Total agricultural exports increased from RM118.7 billion in 2020 to RM154.5 billion in 2021. Meanwhile, total imports of the agriculture sector also showed an increase to RM120.5 billion in 2021 as compared to RM98.3 billion in 2020.

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