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ANNUAL RUBBER STATISTICS 2016

PRODUCTION OF NATURAL RUBBER IN 2015 RECORDED AN ANNUAL GROWTH RATE OF -5.1 PER CENT AS COMPARED TO 2010

In 2015, the production of natural rubber was **722,122** tonnes as compared to **939,241** tonnes in 2010 with an annual growth rate of **-5.1** per cent. Smallholding sector was the main contributor to the production of natural rubber at **665,301** tonnes or **92.1** per cent of the total production while **7.9** per cent was from estate sector.

Planted area in 2015 was **995,733** hectares. A large portion of rubber planting was owned by smallholding sector of **919,901** hectares (**92.4%**) and **75,832** hectares (**7.6%**) was estate sector.

In 2015, exports of natural rubber was **706,501** tonnes as compared to **900,770** tonnes in 2010 with an annual growth rate of **-4.7** per cent. Almost half of the natural rubber exported to China at **49.3** per cent. This was followed by Germany (**12.8%**), Iran (**5.6%**), U.S.A. (**5.1%**), Brazil (**2.4%**) and other countries (**24.8%**).

Malaysia imported natural rubber of **957,300** tonnes in 2015, mainly from Thailand (**52.9%**) and Viet Nam (**19.7%**).

Domestic consumption of natural rubber in 2015 was **474,773** tonnes. Rubber glove industry was the largest industry using natural rubber of **349,031** tonnes (**73.5%**).

The number of persons engaged in the estate sector increased by **1,499** persons to **12,056** persons in 2015 as compared to 2010 with an annual growth rate of **+2.7** per cent. The total salaries & wages paid to workers in the estate sector amounted to **RM186.4** million in 2015.



MAIN FINDINGS ECONOMIC CENSUS 2016 (ANNUAL RUBBER STATISTICS)



Planted area

2015 : 995,733 hectares
2010 : 1,015,152 hectares

92.4% Smallholdings 7.6% estates



Production

2015 : 722,122 tonnes
2010 : 939,241 tonnes
Annual growth rate
-5.1%

Domestic consumption

2015 : 474,773 tonnes
2010 : 457,854 tonnes
Annual growth rate
+0.7%

Production in estates

2015 : 56,821 tonnes
2010 : 56,337 tonnes
Annual growth rate
+0.2%

Imports

2015 : 957,300 tonnes
2010 : 706,250 tonnes
Annual growth rate
+6.3%

Number of persons engaged in estates

2015 : 12,056 persons
2010 : 10,557 persons
Annual growth rate
+2.7%

Exports

2015 : 706,501 tonnes
2010 : 900,770 tonnes
Annual growth rate
-4.7%

Salaries & wages estates workers

2015 : RM186.4 million
2010 : RM115.8 million
Annual growth rate
+10.0%

Rubber facts 2015

Kedah recorded the **highest** planted area in 2015

16,887 hectares



Thailand was the main supplier of natural rubber to Malaysia

506.5 thousand tonnes

Rubber gloves industry was the largest industry using natural rubber

349,031 tonnes



73.5%

Malaysia is in the **fourth** position of the world's natural rubber production



Malaysia exports natural rubber to **China** by 348,519 tonnes (49.3%)

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