

MONTHLY Rubber Statistical News



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The Trend

Production of Natural Rubber (NR) in the country during June 2007 decreased to 43,480 tonnes as against 57,610 tonnes during June 2006. The cumulative production during the first quarter of the current financial year was 143,630 tonnes as compared to 168,665 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year registering a negative growth of 14.8% due to adverse weather conditions and continued effect of viral fever that spread in major rubber growing areas in Kerala. The production provisionally estimated for July'07 is 40,000 tonnes.

The rubber goods manufacturing industry consumed 69,495 tonnes of NR during June'07 as against 65,895 tonnes during May'07. The total natural rubber consumption for the first quarter of the current year

increased to 200,740 tonnes as against 194,440 tonnes recording a growth of 3.2%. Out of this, the consumption in the auto tyre sector was 117,302 tonnes compared to 112,427 tonnes registering a growth of 4.3% as against 4.0% attained during the same period of the previous year. The consumption provisionally estimated for July'07 is 71,000 tonnes.

The country imported 7,172 tonnes of NR during June'07 as compared to 6,517 tonnes during June'06. The cumulative import during the first quarter of the year 2007-08 was 24,038 tonnes as against 16,709 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year. Export of NR during June'07 was 3,945 tonnes as compared to 9,901 tonnes during June'06. The total export of NR during the first

quarter of the current year was 10,233 tonnes as compared to 22,612 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. Stock of NR at the end June'07 was 123,700 tonnes.

Synthetic Rubber (SR) production during June'07 decreased to 8,131 tonnes from 8,861 tonnes during May'07. The cumulative production of SR during the period April'07 to June'07 decreased to 24,606 tonnes as against 26,100 tonnes during the analogous period of the previous year. Consumption of SR slightly decreased to 23,340 tonnes during June'07 as against 23,630 tonnes during May'07. The total consumption of SR during the first quarter of the current year was 69,540 tonnes as against 63,420 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year.

PRICE OF NATURAL RUBBER (Rupees per quintal)

Month/ Year	RSS-5	RSS-4	RSS-3	Latex (60% drc)		ISNR 20	SMR 20
	Domestic		International	Domestic	International	Domestic	International
August 2006	8911	9182	10303	12408	10827	8828	10011
September "	7974	8169	8480	11120	8515	7869	8438
October "	8507	8709	8463	9976	9275	8286	8328
November "	8016	8260	7426	9359	8147	7860	7274
December "	8294	8615	7811	9374	8369	8208	7299
January 2007	9132	9716	9319	10866	10377	9055	8556
February "	9421	9757	10605	11225	12204	9190	9313
March "	8933	9057	10050	10753	12095	8819	9157
April "	8877	8979	9870	10983	11503	8856	9139
May "	8564	8685	9638	10395	10611	8522	9127
June "	7980	8093	9226	10127	9748	7920	8774
July "	7796	7943	8420	9440	8790	7805	8237
August "	8499	8742	8690	10375	9228	8470	8498

Note: Domestic price refers to Kottayam market, international price for RSS 3 refers to Bangkok market and that of latex and SMR 20 to Kuala Lumpur market.

(Metric Tonnes)						
Type-wise Production & Consumption of NR & SR	June 2007	June 2006	April 2007 to June 2007	April 2006 to June 2006	April 2006 to March 2007	Percentage increase (+)/ decrease (-) of (3) & (4)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Production						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	27815	41230	97390	121175	612735	
Solid Block Rubber	6550	7375	19280	19950	98500	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	5250	5150	15035	15480	86780	
Pale Latex Crepes	75	85	275	330	2055	
Others	3790	3770	11650	11730	52825	
Total	43480	57610	143630	168665	852895	-14.8
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^P						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	1240	1131	3856	3409	12285	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	5900	5530	17800	17855	71730	
Others	991	1768	2950	4836	15498	
Total	8131	8429	24606	26100	99513	-5.7
Total NR & SR	51611	66039	168236	194765	952408	-13.6
Consumption*						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	45610	43700	131535	138555	561580	
Solid Block Rubber	14350	12580	40900	28000	132755	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	6065	5970	17180	17055	76190	
Pale Latex Crepes	195	115	585	470	2170	
Others	3275	3220	10540	10360	47610	
Total	69495	65585	200740	194440	820305	3.2
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	40876	37414	117302	112427	462081	4.3
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^P						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	8735	8325	25395	23685	98170	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	8015	7050	22790	19175	79900	
Others	6590	7145	21355	20560	92760	
Total	23340	22520	69540	63420	270830	9.6
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	15815	14670	45409	40399	170809	12.4
Total NR & SR	92835	88105	270280	257860	1091135	4.8
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	56691	52084	162711	152826	632890	6.5

*: indigenous and imported

(Metric Tonnes)					
Production Consumption and stock of RR	June 2007 (1)	June 2006 (2)	April 2007 to June 2007 (3)	April 2006 to June 2006 (4)	April 2006 to March 2007 (5)
Reclaimed Rubber (RR)					
Production @	6450	6080	19530	18950	78495
Consumption	6710	6290	19715	19230	78435
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	2187	1874	5992	5824	23714
Stock with Manufacturers (end of month/year)	3550	3385			

@: indigenous purchase by manufacturers

Import/Export & Stock of NR & SR					
Import (p)					
Natural Rubber	7172	6517	24038	16709	89699
Synthetic Rubber	15550	14655	45135	36770	171998
Total NR & SR	22722	21172	69173	53479	261697
Export (p)					
Natural Rubber	3945	9901	10233	22612	56545

Stock at the end of June 2007			
(Metric tonnes)			
Natural Rubber			
With Growers	31190	Ribbed Smoked sheet	76985
With Dealers & Processors	30105	Solid Block Rubber	16370
With Auto Tyre units©	50067	Latex(drc)	12155
With other manufacturing units	12338	Pale Latex Crepe	500
		Others	17690
Total	123700	Total	123700

©: including transit

Synthetic Rubber			
With Producers	6825p		
With Auto Tyre units	17250	SBR	14075
With other manufacturing units	2535	Others	12535
Total	26610	Total	26610

p:provisional

ESTIMATED PERCAPITA CONSUMPTION OF NATURAL AND SYNTHETIC RUBBER (Kilograms)

Year	U.S.A.	Canada	Germany	France	U.K.	Japan	Australia	Italy	Brazil	China	India	World
1990	10.52	10.12	9.07	9.34	6.24	14.65	5.39	7.63	2.76	0.83	0.55	2.82
1995	12.07	10.77	7.69	10.32	6.06	14.19	6.37	6.93	2.98	1.25	0.70	2.61
2000	11.84	12.46	10.84	13.42	5.45	14.89	4.91	7.39	3.34	1.99	0.81	2.99
2001	9.88	11.52	10.61	12.61	4.59	14.27	3.75	7.11	3.13	2.17	0.79	2.84
2002	10.46	12.24	10.42	11.76	4.75	14.48	3.50	6.80	3.32	2.39	0.83	2.95
2003	10.22	11.61	10.56	13.22	5.00	14.80	3.68	6.82	3.40	2.79	0.86	3.07
2004	10.37	11.65	10.29	10.84	4.97	15.32	3.68	6.96	3.76	3.12	0.91	3.18
2005p	10.50	11.88	10.88	9.64	4.81	15.77	3.42	6.55	3.81	3.38	0.93	3.20
2006p	9.42	11.15	10.97	8.71	4.43	16.04	3.38	6.86	3.79	4.02	0.99	3.28

Source: Upto 1995, 'Key Rubber Indicators' published by IRSG, London. From 1996 onwards, compiled by the Rubber Board.

CHINA'S RUBBER FORECASTS

China is the top consumer of rubber in the world. Prof. Fan Rende, Secretary General of China Rubber Industry Association reported that during the year 2007, the elastomer (NR & SR) consumption in China is expected to be 5.05 Million Tonnes, out of which the NR consumption would be 2.7 Million Tonnes. China's rubber consumption is forecast to reach 6.83 Million Tonnes in 2010, including 3.18 Million Tonnes of NR. The expected domestic production of NR in China during the year 2007 is 600,000 Tonnes, which will rise to 780,000 Tonnes in 2010. Tan Yukun, the Vice Secretary General of the Tyre Association told that the consumption of rubber in the Tyre sector would be 4 Million Tonnes in 2010. (Source: International Rubber Study Group)