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## The Trend

The Natural Rubber (NR) production in the country during May 2004 slightly decreased to 47300 tonnes from 49960 tonnes in May 2003. The cumulative production during the first two months of the current financial year declined by 0.7 percent to 94850 tonnes from 95540 tonnes of the previous year due to adverse weather conditions. The production provisionally estimated for June 2004 is 49000 tonnes.

Consumption of NR increased to 60695 tonnes during May 2004 from 59020 tonnes during April 2004. The total consumption for the first two months of the current year increased to 119715 tonnes from 112225 tonnes registering a growth rate of 6.7%. The increase in consumption was due to the impressive growth in the auto tyre manufacturing sector at a growth rate of 12%. The consumption in the auto tyre manufacturing sector for the first two months of the current financial year was 65383 tonnes compared to 58371 tonnes during the same period of the last year. The consumption provisionally estimated for June 2004 is 62000 tonnes.

Import of NR during May 2004 was 4155 tonnes as against 6095 tonnes during May 2003. The total import

during the first two months of the current year was 11073 tonnes as against 6910 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year. The export of NR during May 2004 was 2035 tonnes compared to 1244 tonnes during May 2003. The total export of NR for the first two months of the current year was 3297 tonnes as against 2423 tonnes of the previous year.

There was a marginal decrease in the production of Synthetic Rubber (SR) during May 2004 to 7542 tonnes from 7865 tonnes during April 2004. The total production of SR during April & May 2004 together increased to 15560 tonnes as against 12588 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. The consumption of SR increased to 18745 tonnes during May 2004 from 17550 tonnes during April 2004. The cumulative consumption of SR during April & May 2004 was 36295 tonnes compared to 31690 tonnes during the same period of the previous year at a growth rate of 14.5 percent.

The trend in the prices of different grades of NR at Kottayam market for the period from July 2003 to July 2004 is given below.

### Table

Price of Rubber in Kottayam Market.

(Rupees per quintal)

Month		RSS 1	RSS 2	RSS 3	RSS 4	RSS 5	Latex (60%) (drc)	E B C 2x
July	2003	4815	4735	4635	4453	4286	6203	4283
August	2003	5024	4924	4824	4693	4490	5853	4402
September	2003	5152	5052	4952	4849	4655	6004	4506
October	2003	5494	5394	5294	5155	4978	6571	4858
November	2003	5716	5616	5516	5346	5148	7164	5124
December	2003	5659	5559	5459	5315	5092	6873	5038
January	2004	5510	5410	5310	5153	5014	6840	4997
February	2004	5587	5487	5387	5192	5087	6752	4980
March	2004	5944	5844	5744	5567	5436	6882	5389
April	2004	6163	6063	5963	5779	5673	7190	5496
May	2004	6232	6132	6032	5855	5749	7403	5579
June	2004	6678	6578	6478	6343	6113	7916	5794
July	2004	6911	6811	6711	6560	6271	8175	5889

<b>(Metric Tonnes)</b>						Percentage increase (+)/ decrease (-) during Apr.2004 & May 2004 compared to Apr. 2003 & May 2003
May 2004	May 2003	April 2004 & May 2004	April 2003 & May 2003	April 2003 to March 2004	(6)	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)		
<b>PRODUCTION</b>						
<b>NATURAL RUBBER</b>						
Solid Block Rubber	5855	6110	10820	10890	91120	
Latex Concentrates (DRC)	4275	5100	8585	8950	77070	
Pale Latex Crepes	150	135	200	205	1765	
RSS	33310	35055	67950	68645	491405	
Others	3710	3560	7295	6850	50290	
Total	47300	49960	94850	95540	711650	(-) 0.7
<b>SYNTHETIC RUBBER (P)</b>						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	1612	1455	3249	2772	18673	
Poly butadiene (BR)	4832	4000	9817	7750	55652	
Others	1098	1093	2494	2066	14041	
Total	7542	6548	15560	12588	88366	(+) 23.6
Total NR & SR	54842	56508	110410	108128	800016	(+) 2.1
<b>CONSUMPTION</b> *						
<b>NATURAL RUBBER</b>						
Solid Block Rubber	7850	6795	15385	12670	98205	
Latex Concentrates (DRC)	5705	5955	11460	11630	78660	
Pale Latex Crepes	205	220	360	370	2515	
RSS	43775	42090	86325	81555	501625	
Others	3160	3035	6185	6000	38595	
Total	60695	58095	119715	112225	719600	(+) 6.7
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	33231	30506	65383	58371	378185	(+) 12.0
<b>SYNTHETIC RUBBER</b>						
SBR	6125	5660	12100	10765	71030	
BR	5425	4980	10605	9550	61120	
Others	7195	6020	13590	11375	78040	
Total	18745	16660	36295	31690	210190	(+) 14.5
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufactures	10714	9441	20931	17530	119367	(+) 19.4
Total NR & SR	79440	74755	156010	143915	929790	(+) 8.4
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufactures	43945	39947	86314	75901	497552	(+) 13.7

\* Indigenous and imported

		(Metric Tonnes)				
		May 2004	May 2003	April 2004 & May 2004	April 2003 & May 2003	April 2003 to March 2004
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
<b>IMPORT (P)</b>						
<b>NATURAL RUBBER</b>		4155	6095	11073	6910	44199
<b>SYNTHETIC RUBBER</b>						
SBR		3575	4500	8265	9105	64649
BR		435	390	1065	645	8677
Others		3165	6004	10545	14561	100458
Total		7175	10894	19875	24311	173784
Total NR & SR		11330	16989	30948	31221	217983
<b>EXPORT OF NR (P)</b>		2035	1244	3297	2423	75905

### STOCK AT THE END OF MAY 2004

<b>NATURAL RUBBER</b>		(Tonnes)		(Tonnes)
With Growers	8145		Ribbed Smoked Sheets	25520
With Dealers & Processors	21620		Estate Brown crepes and remilled crepes	4490
			Latex (drc)	12270
With Auto tyre units (C)	31515		Pale latex crepes	330
With Other manufacturing units (C) 7235			Block Rubber	14560
			Scraps (drc)	11235
			Other grades	110
<b>Total</b>	<b>68515</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>68515</b>
	<b>(Rounded)</b>			
	(C: including transit)			

<b>SYNTHETIC RUBBER</b>				
Producers	8410 <sup>P</sup>		SBR	22640
Auto Tyre units	10920		Others	71140
Other manufacturing units	74450			
<b>Total</b>	<b>93780</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>93780</b>

<b>RECLAIMED RUBBER</b>		May 2004	May 2003	April 2004 & May 2004	April 2003 & May 2004	April 2003 to March 2004
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Production @		5965	5695	12115	11000	70990
Consumption		5905	5645	12000	10910	70460
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers		1544	1401	3029	2585	18244
Stock with Manufacturers (end of month/year)		3575	3125			3580

@ Indigenous purchase by manufactures  
P - Provisional

## CATEGORY-WISE YEAR-WISE TOTAL PRODUCTION OF TYRES (**'000 numbers**)

Tyres for	1999-200	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04P
Truck & Bus	8969	8612	8474	9863	10821
Tractor	2400	2315	2255	2420	2405
Car	6054	6813	7481	8544	9959
Jeep	1283	1155	1247	1384	1440
LCV	1980	2108	2352	2844	3271
Motor Cycles	9275	11196	12275	15655	16688
Scooter	10140	9385	8547	9875	9274
Moped	516	119	135	185	168
A.D.V.	589	511	488	456	295
OTR	36	38	46	51	74
Industrial	172	219	214	309	295
<b>Total</b>	<b>41414</b>	<b>42471</b>	<b>43514</b>	<b>51586</b>	<b>54690</b>

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Source : Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association, New Delhi.