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The Trend

Production of Natural Rubber (NR) in the country during May 2005 increased to 53,010 tonnes from 47,300 tonnes in May 2004. The cumulative production during the first two months of the current year increased to 101,500 tonnes as compared to 94,850 tonnes during the same period of the previous year registering an increase of 7.0 percent due to favourable weather conditions. The production provisionally estimated for June'05 is 50,000 tonnes.

Consumption of NR increased to 64,950 tonnes during May'05 from 62,560 tonnes during April'05. The total consumption for the first two months of the current year increased to 127,510 tonnes from 119,715 tonnes registering a growth of 6.5 percent. Out of this, the consumption in the auto tyre sector was 72,222 tonnes as compared to 65,518 tonnes recording an impressive growth of 10.2 percent. The consumption provisionally estimated for June'05 is 65,000 tonnes.

The rubber goods manufacturing industry in the country imported 5,920 tonnes of NR during May'05 as compared to 6,685 tonnes during May'04. The cumulative import during the first two months of the

current year was 12,428 tonnes as against 11,402 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year. The export of NR during May'05 was only 476 tonnes compared to 2,023 tonnes during May'04. The total export of NR for the first two months of the current year was 777 tonnes as against 3,301 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. Stock of NR at the end of May'05 was 92,030 tonnes.

There was a decrease in the production of Synthetic Rubber (SR) during May'05 to 7,320 tonnes from 7,850 tonnes during April'05. The total production of SR during April'05 and May'05 slightly decreased to 15,170 tonnes as against 15,407 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. Consumption of SR also marginally decreased to 19,250 tonnes during May'05 from 19,395 tonnes during April'05. The total consumption of SR during April'05 and May'05 was 38,645 tonnes as against 36,295 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year.

The trend in the prices of different grades of NR at Kottayam market for the period from July'04 to July'05 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	2004	6911	6811	6711	6560	6271	8175	5889
August	2004	5982	5882	5782	5572	5358	6999	5142
September	2004	5592	5492	5392	5163	4976	6429	4850
October	2004	5616	5516	5416	5277	5101	6681	5071
November	2004	5571	5471	5371	5207	5043	6822	5104
December	2004	5519	5419	5319	5188	4995	6675	4969
January	2005	5668	5568	5468	5311	5152	6840	5122
February	2005	5524	5424	5324	5149	5008	6805	4999
March	2005	5795	5695	5595	5447	5338	6752	5290
April	2005	6116	6016	5916	5840	5745	6877	5598
May	2005	6540	6440	6340	6214	6075	7019	5819
June	2005	6513	6413	6313	6173	6000	7146	5723
July	2005	6827	6727	6627	6562	6255	7024	5812

(Metric Tonnes)						Percentage increase (+)/ decrease (-) during Apr.2005 & May 2005 compared to Apr. 2004 & May 2004
May.2005	May. 2004	April 2005 & May 2005	April 2004 & May 2004	April 2004 to Mar. 2005	(6)	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	
PRODUCTION						
NATURAL RUBBER						
Solid Block Rubber	5715	5580	10175	10765	84275	
Latex Concentrates (DRC)	5145	3330	9975	7265	78795	
Pale Latex Crepes	205	180	310	280	2070	
RSS	38025	34500	73345	69245	532155	
Others	3920	3710	7695	7295	52370	
Total	53010	47300	101500	94850	749665	(+) 7.0
SYNTHETIC RUBBER (P)						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	1445	1612	2890	3249	18893	
Poly butadiene (BR)	4520	4832	10050	9817	63762	
Others	1355	1098	2230	2341	11554	
Total	7320	7542	15170	15407	94209	(-) 1.5
Total NR & SR	60330	54842	116670	110257	843874	(+) 5.8
CONSUMPTION *						
NATURAL RUBBER						
Solid Block Rubber	8525	8505	18645	16280	117130	
Latex Concentrates (DRC)	5260	5505	10485	11050	71880	
Pale Latex Crepes	210	175	340	365	2210	
RSS	47525	43290	91160	85455	519855	
Others	3430	3220	6880	6565	44330	
Total	64950	60695	127510	119715	755405	(+) 6.5
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	36231	33363	72222	65518	406226	(+) 10.2
SYNTHETIC RUBBER						
SBR	6260	6125	12590	12100	75610	
BR	5460	5425	11330	10605	64620	
Others	7530	7195	14725	13590	84420	
Total	19250	18745	38645	36295	224650	(+) 6.5
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufactures	11488	10714	23248	20931	131267	(+) 11.1
Total NR & SR	84200	79440	166155	156010	980055	(+) 6.5
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufactures	47719	44077	95470	86449	537493	(+) 10.4

* Indigenous and imported

		(Metric Tonnes)				
		May. 2005	May. 2004	April 2005 & May. 2005	April 2004 & May. 2004	April 2004 to March 2005
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
IMPORT (P)						
NATURAL RUBBER		5920	6685	12428	11402	68718
SYNTHETIC RUBBER						
SBR		4510	4180	8490	8056	52449
BR		680	609	1440	1364	7475
Others		3715	3884	7855	7916	53171
Total		8905	8673	17785	17336	113095
Total NR & SR		14825	15358	30213	28738	181813
EXPORT OF NR (P)		476	2023	777	3301	46169

STOCK AT THE END OF MAY 2005

NATURAL RUBBER		(Tonnes)			(Tonnes)
With Growers	20445		Ribbed Smoked Sheets		33410
With Dealers & Processors	23795		Estate Brown crepes and remilled crepes		8050
			Latex (drc)		10085
With Auto tyre units (C)	38479		Pale latex crepes		265
With Other manufacturing units (C)9311			Block Rubber		16965
			Scraps (drc)		23115
			Other grades		140
Total	92030		Total		92030
	(Rounded)				
	(C: including transit)				

SYNTHETIC RUBBER

Producers	6435 ^P	SBR	9755
Auto Tyre units	13006	Others	17515
Other manufacturing units	7829		
Total	27270	Total	27270

RECLAIMED RUBBER

	May 2005	May 2004	April 2005 & May 2005	April 2004 & May 2004	April 2004 to Mar. 2005
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Production @	6525	5965	12920	12115	73060
Consumption	6465	5905	12855	12000	72905
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	1798	1535	3513	3014	19908
Stock with Manufacturers (end of month/year)	3685	3575			3555

@ Indigenous purchase by manufactures

P - Provisional

PRODUCTION OF NATURAL RUBBER IN MAIN PRODUCING COUNTRIES**(In Thousand Tonnes)**

Country	2000	2001	2002	2003p	2004p
Thailand	2346	2320	2615	2876	2959
Indonesia	1501	1607	1630	1792	2066
Malaysia	928	882	890	986	1169
India	629	632	641	707	743
China(e)	445	464	468	480	486
Vietnam(e)	293	331	372	380	415
Liberia(e)	105	107	109	110	117
Brazil	88	88	89	94	98
Sri Lanka	88	86	91	92	94
Philippines(e)	67	71	76	84	80
Others	240	662	359	389	393
World	6730	7250	7340	7990	8620

CONSUMPTION OF NATURAL RUBBER IN MAIN CONSUMING COUNTRIES**(In Thousand Tonnes)**

Country	2000	2001	2002	2003p	2004p
China(e)	1080	1215	1310	1485	1630
U.S.A.	1195	974	1111	1079	1144
Japan	752	729	749	784	815
India	638	631	680	717	745
Malaysia	364	401	408	421	403
Rep. of Korea	332	332	326	333	352
France	270	282	231	300	230
Thailand	243	253	278	299	302
Brazil	227	216	233	256	282
Germany	250	246	247	251	220
Spain	163	176	181	188	192
Indonesia	139	142	145	156	196
Canada	148	131	155	146	146
Italy	139	137	134	138	142
Taiwan(e)	92	90	107	115	120
Others	1288	1235	1245	1282	1361
World	7320	7190	7540	7950	8280

e: Estimated, P: Provisional.

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