

The Trend

Production of Natural Rubber (NR) increased by 4.8% during April 2004 to 47550 tonnes from 45580 tonnes during April 2003. The production provisionally estimated for May '04 is 47000 tonnes

Consumption of NR declined by 2% in April 2004 to 59020 tonnes as compared to 60200 tonnes in March 2004. Out of this the consumption in the auto tyre sector was 32152 tonnes during April '04 as against 32876 tonnes during March 2004. The consumption provisionally estimated for May '04 is 61,000 tonnes

The rubber products manufacturing industry in the country imported 6918 tonnes of NR

during April '04 as compared to 815 tonnes during April 2003. India's export during April '04 was 848 tonnes as against 887 tonnes during April '03. Stock of NR at the end of April '04 was 79790 tonnes

Production as well as consumption of Synthetic Rubber (SR) decreased during April 2004. The production of SR decreased to 7865 tonnes during April '04 from 8132 tonnes during March '04. The decrease in consumption of SR during the month was 17550 tonnes from 18245 tonnes in March '04.

The trend in the prices of different grades of NR at Kottayam market for the period from June 2003 to June 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
June	2003	5176	5076	4976	4829	4719	6317	4712
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

(Metric Tonnes)

	April 2004	April 2003	April 2003 to Mar 2004	April 2002 to Mar 2003	Percentage increase (+)/ decrease (-) during Apr. 2003 to Mar. 2004 compared to Apr. 2002 to Mar. 2003
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
PRODUCTION					
NATURAL RUBBER					
Solid Block Rubber	4965	4780	91120	81405	
Latex Concentrates (DRC)	4310	3850	77070	76205	
Pale Latex Crepes	50	70	1765	1750	
RSS	34640	33590	491405	441875	
Others	3585	3290	50290	48200	
Total	47550	45580	711650	649435	(+)9.6
SYNTHETIC RUBBER (P)					
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	1637	1317	18673	16512	
Poly butadiene (BR)	4985	3750	55652	50977	
Others	1243	973	14041	12912	
Total	7865	6040	88366	80401	(+) 9.9
Total NR & SR	55415	51620	800016	729836	(+)9.6

CONSUMPTION *

NATURAL RUBBER					
Solid Block Rubber	7535	5875	98205	87305	
Latex Concentrates (DRC)	5755	5675	78660	77540	
Pale Latex Crepe	155	150	2515	2615	
RSS	42550	39465	501625	492980	
Others	3025	2965	38595	34985	
Total	59020	54130	719600	695425	(+)3.5
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	32152	27865	378185	353032	(+)7.1
SYNTHETIC RUBBER					
SBR	5975	5105	71030	65110	
BR	5180	4570	61120	55170	
Others	6395	5355	78040	74570	
Total	17550	15030	210190	194850	(+)7.9
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	10217	8089	119367	107483	(+)11.1
Total NR & SR	76570	69160	929790	890275	(+4.4)
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	42369	35954	497552	460515	(+)8.0

- Indigenous and imported

		(Metric Tonnes)			
		April 2004	April 2003	April 2003 to March 2004	April 2002 to March 2003
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
IMPORT (P)					
NATURAL RUBBER		6918	815	44199 ^R	26217 ^R
SYNTHETIC RUBBER					
SBR		4690	4605	64649	46728
BR		630	255	8677	9630
Others		7380	8557	100458	73544
	Total	12700	13417	173784^R	129902^R
Total NR & SR		19618	14232	217983	156119
EXPORT OF NR (P)		848	887	69055^R	55311

STOCK AT THE END OF APRIL 2004

NATURAL RUBBER		(Tonnes)		(Tonnes)	
With Growers	9295	Ribbed Smoked Sheets			37305
With Dealers & Processors	24000	Estate Brown crepes and remilled crepes			4585
		Latex (drc)			14175
With Auto tyre units (C)	39081	Pale latex crepes			280
With Other manufacturing units (C)	7414	Block Rubber			12870
		Scraps (drc)			10455
		Other grades			120
	Total	79790		Total	79790
(Rounded)					
(C: including transit)					
SYNTHETIC RUBBER					
Producers	8975 ^P	SBR			23580
Auto Tyre units	12050	Others			74230
Other manufacturing units	76785				
	Total	97810		Total	97180

RECLAIMED RUBBER		April 2004	April 2003	April 2003 to March 2004	April 2002 to March 2003
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Production @		6150	5305	70990	67385
Consumption		6095	5265	70460	67320
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers		1485	1184	18244	16138
Stock with Manufacturers		3635	3090	3580	3050
	(end of month / year)				

@ Indigenous purchase by manufacturers
P – Provisional R – Revised

**GRADEWISE EXPORT OF NATURAL RUBBER
2003-2004**

Grade	Tonnes
RSS	38951
ISNR	19807
LATEX (60% drc)	10275
OTHERS	22
TOTAL	69055

**COUNTRYWISE EXPORT OF NATURAL RUBBER
2003-2004**

Country	Quantity (Tonnes)
China	31202
Sri Lanka	8248
Malaysia	7669
Turkey	3504
Spain	2212
Singapore	1936
Nepal	1743
Pakistan	1533
Germany	1513
Indonesia	1444
Belgium	990
Iran	837
U K	787
Ukraine	648
Australia	557
Syria	544
U A E	530
Brazil	455
Russia	400
Egypt	385
Kenya	309
New Zealand	219
Korea	218
Bangladesh	179
Netherlands	142
France	136
Others	715
TOTAL	69055