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## THE TREND

**T**he production and consumption of Natural Rubber (NR) in the country for 2012-13 were projected at 942,000 tonnes and 1006,000 tonnes respectively. The projected import and export of NR for 2012-13 were 150,000 tonnes and 50,000 tonnes respectively.

Natural Rubber (NR) production in the country during 2011-12 was 903,700 tonnes compared to 861,950 tonnes during 2010-11 and recorded a growth of 4.8% compared to 3.7% attained during the previous year. The productivity in the country increased to 1841 kg/ha in 2011-12 from 1806 kg/ha during 2010-11.

Consumption of NR during 2011-12 was 964,415 tonnes with a growth of 1.8% as against 947,715 tonnes during 2010-11. The auto tyre sector recorded a growth of 5.7% during 2011-12 as

against 3.7% achieved during 2010-11 and the general rubber goods sector registered a negative growth of 4.9% during 2011-12 compared to a negative growth of 1.2% during the previous year.

As per the statistics published by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGCI&S), the country imported 213,785 tonnes of NR during 2011-12. The total import of NR was 190,692 tonnes during 2010-11 as per the revised statistics published by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGCI&S).

Production of Natural Rubber (NR) in the country during April 2012 was 52,700 tonnes compared to 56,800 tonnes during April 2011 registering a negative growth of 7.2%. The provisional estimate of NR production for May 2012 is 58,000 tonnes.

Consumption of NR by the rubber goods manufacturing industry in the country during April'12 was 81,750 tonnes compared to 81,375 tonnes during April'11. The auto tyre manufacturing sector alone consumed 53,579 tonnes of NR during April 2012 as against 53,631 tonnes during March 2012. The consumption provisionally estimated for May 2012 is 83,000 tonnes.

Import of NR during April 2012 was 17,509 tonnes compared to 5,599 tonnes during April 2011. The country exported 787 tonnes of NR during April 2012 as against 2,214 tonnes during April 2011.

Synthetic Rubber (SR) production during April 2012 was 8,285 tonnes compared to 8,135 tonnes during March 2012. Consumption of SR was 35,150 tonnes during April 2012 as against 36,280 tonnes during March 2012.

### PRICE OF NATURAL RUBBER (Rupees per 100 Kg)

Month / year		RSS 5	RSS 4	RSS 3	Latex(60% drc)		ISNR 20	SMR 20
		Domestic		International	Domestic	International	Domestic	International
June	2011	21950	22185	22577	23163	23089	21623	20314
July	"	20994	21242	21266	22877	21895	21002	20157
August	"	19917	20462	21356	21861	21912	20086	20705
September	"	20744	21459	21843	22253	22254	20879	21310
October	"	20931	21185	20252	21592	21348	20153	20051
November	"	19206	19502	17525	19236	18718	17740	16988
December	"	19683	20030	17938	18345	18733	18805	17430
January	2012	18556	19094	18639	18153	18700	18640	17663
February	"	18435	18764	20046	20920	21314	18666	18284
March	"	19141	19344	20101	21367	21805	19125	18721
April	"	19546	19680	20052	21087	21417	19523	18811
May	"	19300	19433	20375	20991	21238	19364	18260
June	"	18408	18807	18996	21928	19729	18386	16031

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

(Metric Tonnes)					
Type-wise Production & Consumption of NR & SR	April 2012 (1)	April 2011 (2)	April 2011 to March 2012 (p) (3)	April 2010 to March 2011 (4)	Percentage increase (+)/ decrease(-) of (3) & (4) (5)
<b>PRODUCTION</b>					
<b>Natural Rubber (NR)</b>					
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	38570	41752	658200	618960	
Solid Block Rubber	6985	7515	119815	117830	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	4085	4413	76490	76065	
Others	3060	3120	49195	49095	
<b>Total</b>	<b>52700</b>	<b>56800</b>	<b>903700</b>	<b>861950</b>	<b>4.8</b>
<b>Synthetic Rubber (SR)<sup>p</sup></b>					
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	1196	1515	18791	19994	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	6300	6610	78745	75905	
Others	789	1137	13063	14441	
<b>Total</b>	<b>8285</b>	<b>9262</b>	<b>110599</b>	<b>110340</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Total NR &amp; SR</b>	<b>60985</b>	<b>66062</b>	<b>1014299</b>	<b>972290</b>	<b>4.3</b>
<b>CONSUMPTION *</b>					
<b>Natural Rubber (NR)</b>					
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	53465	59820	616215	607455	
Solid Block Rubber	20455	13205	248285	235130	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	5440	6030	73190	77380	
Others	2390	2320	26725	27750	
<b>Total</b>	<b>81750</b>	<b>81375</b>	<b>964415</b>	<b>947715</b>	<b>1.8</b>
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	53579	53969	631410	597623	<b>5.7</b>
<b>Synthetic Rubber (SR)<sup>p</sup></b>					
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	15785	15545	185265	174855	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	11600	11360	134630	125305	
Others	7765	9985	103455	111670	
<b>Total</b>	<b>35150</b>	<b>36890</b>	<b>423350</b>	<b>411830</b>	<b>2.8</b>
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	25834	28062	307365	298414	<b>3.0</b>
<b>Total NR &amp; SR</b>	<b>116900</b>	<b>118265</b>	<b>1387765</b>	<b>1359545</b>	<b>2.1</b>
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	79413	82031	938775	896037	<b>4.8</b>

\*: indigenous and imported

<b>(Metric Tonnes)</b>				
<b>Production Consumption and stock of RR</b>	<b>April 2012 (1)</b>	<b>April 2011 (2)</b>	<b>April 2011 to March 12 (p) (3)</b>	<b>April 2010 to March 2011 (4)</b>
<b>Reclaimed Rubber (RR)</b>				
Production @	8635	8290	103565	99960
Consumption	8610	8140	102435	100290
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	3682	3466	43178	40511
Stock with Manufacturers (end of month/year)	6105	5100		

@: indigenous purchase by manufacturers

### IMPORT/EXPORT & STOCK OF NR & SR

<b>Import (p)</b>				
Natural Rubber	17509	5599	213785 <sup>R</sup>	190692 <sup>R</sup>
Synthetic Rubber	26420	27868	327625	302030
<b>Total NR &amp; SR</b>	<b>43929</b>	<b>33467</b>	<b>541410</b>	<b>492722</b>
<b>Export (p)</b>				
Natural Rubber	787	2214	27145	29851

### STOCK AT THE END OF APRIL 2012

<b>(Metric tonnes)</b>			
<b>Natural Rubber</b>			
With Growers	59200	Ribbed Smoked Sheet	161875
With Dealers & Processors	96880	Solid Block Rubber	24590
With Auto Tyre units©	49060	Latex(drc)	17285
With other manufacturing units	20860	Others	22250
<b>Total</b>	<b>226000</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>226000</b>

©: including transit

<b>Synthetic Rubber</b>			
With Producers	5968		
With Auto Tyre units	37662	SBR	23562
With other manufacturing units	6250	Others	26318
<b>Total</b>	<b>49880</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>49880</b>

p:provisional

R : Revised

**TYPE-WISE PRODUCTION OF NATURAL RUBBER**

(Tonnes)

TYPE	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12p
RSS Grades	583875	617125	578650	618960	658200
Solid Block Rubber	100705	110275	120780	117830	119815
Latex Concentrates(drc)	88305	88070	85760	76065	76490
Others	52460	49030	46210	49095	49195
<b>Total</b>	<b>825345</b>	<b>864500</b>	<b>831400</b>	<b>861950</b>	<b>903700</b>

p:provisional

**TYPE-WISE CONSUMPTION OF NATURAL RUBBER**

(Tonnes)

TYPE	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12p
RSS Grades	577635	597440	621435	607455	616215
Solid Block Rubber	155670	146060	190545	235130	248285
Latex Concentrates(drc)	77715	80520	82515	77380	73190
Others	50435	47700	36070	27750	26725
<b>Total</b>	<b>861455</b>	<b>871720</b>	<b>930565</b>	<b>947715</b>	<b>964415</b>

p:provisional