



The Trend

India's Natural Rubber (NR) production during July 2005 slightly increased to 53,455 tonnes compared to 53,110 tonnes in July 2004. The cumulative production during the first four months of the current year was 204,580 tonnes higher by 3.8 percent over the production during the corresponding period of the previous year. The production provisionally estimated for August'05 is 65,000 tonnes.

The rubber goods manufacturing industry in the country consumed 68,490 tonnes of NR during July'05 from 64,745 tonnes during June'05. The total consumption for the first four months of the current financial year was 260,745 tonnes as against 246,620 tonnes recording a growth of 5.7 percent during the same period last year. The growth in consumption in the auto tyre manufacturing sector during the first four months of the current year was 8.8 percent as against 10.0 percent during the same period of the previous year. The consumption provisionally estimated for August'05 is 70,000 tonnes.

Import of NR in the country was 6,313 tonnes during July'05 as compared to 7,245 tonnes during July'04. The total import during the first four months of the current

year was 28,132 tonnes as against 26,435 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year. The export of NR during July'05 was 3,590 tonnes compared to 897 tonnes during July'04. The total export of NR for the first four months of the current year was 5,100 tonnes as against 5,912 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. Stock of NR at the end of July'05 was 74,180 tonnes.

Production of Synthetic Rubber (SR) during July'05 decreased to 7,205 tonnes from 7,942 tonnes during June'05. The total production of SR during the first four months of the current year slightly decreased to 30,317 tonnes as against 31,364 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. Consumption of SR increased to 20,385 tonnes during July'05 from 19,115 tonnes during June'05. The total consumption of SR during the first four months of the current year showed an increase of 5.4 percent to 78,145 tonnes as against 74,175 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 September '04 to September'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
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
August	2005	6433	6333	6233	6084	5731	7079	5496
September	2005	6364	6242	6142	6034	5734	6958	5702

(Metric Tonnes)						Percentage increase (+)/ decrease (-) during Apr.2005 to July 2005 compared to Apr. 2004 to July 2004 (6)
July.2005	July. 2004	April 2005 to July 2005	April 2004 to July 2004	April 2004 to Mar. 2005		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	
PRODUCTION						
NATURAL RUBBER						
Solid Block Rubber	6130	6825	21835	23110	84275	
Latex Concentrates (DRC)	5970	6320	21320	17895	78795	
Pale Latex Crepes	225	125	715	575	2070	
RSS	37380	36280	145655	141180	532155	
Others	3750	3560	15055	14405	52370	
Total	53455	53110	204580	197165	749665	(+) 3.8
SYNTHETIC RUBBER (P)						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	1415	1555	5882	6355	18893	
Poly butadiene (BR)	4780	5500	20080	20717	63762	
Others	1010	980	4355	4292	11554	
Total	7205	8035	30317	31364	94209	(-) 3.3
Total NR & SR	60660	61145	234897	228529	843874	(+) 2.8
CONSUMPTION *						
NATURAL RUBBER						
Solid Block Rubber	12110	11740	42440	39120	117130	
Latex Concentrates (DRC)	6035	5990	22830	22530	71880	
Pale Latex Crepes	185	200	700	725	2210	
RSS	46105	42500	180820	171030	519855	
Others	4055	3835	13955	13215	44330	
Total	68490	64265	260745	246620	755405	(+) 5.7
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	38634	34958	146757	134940	406226	(+) 8.8
SYNTHETIC RUBBER						
SBR	7075	6460	26395	25170	75610	
BR	6035	5765	22890	22050	64620	
Others	7275	6465	28860	26955	84420	
Total	20385	18690	78145	74175	224650	(+) 5.4
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufactures	12368	11270	47082	43758	131267	(+) 7.6
Total NR & SR	88875	82955	338890	320795	980055	(+) 5.6
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufactures	51002	46228	193839	178698	537493	(+) 8.5

* Indigenous and imported

		(Metric Tonnes)				
		July. 2005	July. 2004	April 2005 to July. 2005	April 2004 to July. 2004	April 2004 to March 2005
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
IMPORT (P)						
NATURAL RUBBER		6313	7245	28132	26435	68718
SYNTHETIC RUBBER						
SBR		5055	4483	17625	16349	52449
BR		740	1072	2715	2954	7475
Others		4315	4259	16980	16363	53171
Total		10110	9814	37320	35666	113095
Total NR & SR		16423	17059	65452	62101	181813
EXPORT OF NR (P)		3590	897	5100	5912	46169

STOCK AT THE END OF JULY 2005

NATURAL RUBBER		(Tonnes)			(Tonnes)
With Growers	11000		Ribbed Smoked Sheets		15895
With Dealers & Processors	21120		Estate Brown crepes and remilled crepes		10205
			Latex (drc)		7710
With Auto tyre units (C)	33204		Pale latex crepes		310
With Other manufacturing units (C)8856			Block Rubber		19200
			Scraps (drc)		20655
			Other grades		205
Total	74180		Total		74180
	(Rounded)				
	(C: including transit)				

SYNTHETIC RUBBER

Producers	5505 ^P	SBR	8075
Auto Tyre units	12004	Others	14375
Other manufacturing units	4941		
Total	22450	Total	22450

RECLAIMED RUBBER

	July 2005	July 2004	April 2005 to July 2005	April 2004 to July 2004	April 2004 to Mar. 2005
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Production @	6220	5980	25465	24150	73060
Consumption	6305	5955	25370	23970	72905
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	1892	1639	7277	6380	19908
Stock with Manufacturers (end of month/year)	3715	3640			3555

@ Indigenous purchase by manufactures

P - Provisional

ESTIMATED PERCAPITA CONSUMPTION OF NATURAL AND SYNTHETIC RUBBER (Kilograms)

Country	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2001	2002	2003p	2004p
U.S.A.	11.26	11.43	10.52	12.07	11.84	9.88	10.46	10.22	10.37
Canada	11.65	10.65	10.12	10.77	12.46	11.52	12.24	11.61	11.65
Germany	9.77	10.05	9.07	7.69	10.84	10.61	10.42	10.56	10.29
France	9.84	8.48	9.34	10.32	13.42	12.61	11.76	13.22	10.84
U.K.	6.77	5.77	6.24	6.06	5.45	4.59	4.75	5.00	4.97
Japan	11.23	12.31	14.65	14.19	14.89	14.27	14.48	14.80	15.32
Australia	6.87	5.19	5.39	6.37	4.91	3.75	3.50	3.68	3.68
Italy	7.44	7.05	7.63	6.93	7.39	7.11	6.80	6.82	6.96
Brazil	2.68	2.52	2.76	2.98	3.34	3.13	3.32	3.40	3.76
China	0.50	0.62	0.83	1.25	1.99	2.17	2.39	2.79	3.12
India	0.32	0.40	0.55	0.70	0.81	0.79	0.83	0.86	0.91
World	2.82	2.77	2.82	2.61	2.99	2.84	2.95	3.07	3.18

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