



Statistics & Planning Department
Rubber Board, Kottayam-686 002
Kerala, India

Email: stat@rubberboard.org.in
Phone: 0481-2574903

VOL.68 • No.9 • February 2010

THE TREND

Production of Natural Rubber (NR) in the country during December 2009 slightly increased to 100,850 tonnes as against the production of 100,225 tonnes during December 2008. The cumulative production during the first nine months of the current fiscal year was 631,750 tonnes compared to 676,005 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year registering a negative growth of 6.5%. The provisional estimate of NR production for January'10 is 97,500 tonnes.

Consumption of NR by the rubber goods manufacturing industry in the country during December'09 was 80,250 tonnes compared to 80,500 tonnes during November'09. The total consumption during the first three quarters of the current financial year was 695,065 tonnes as against 661,955 tonnes during the same period

last year, registering a growth of 5.0%. The rate of growth in consumption in the auto tyre manufacturing sector during the first nine months of the current financial year was 9.2% as against 7% attained during the same period of the previous year, where as the growth in the non-tyre sector was -1.1% compared to -2.3% in the same period of the previous year. The consumption provisionally estimated for January'10 is 80,500 tonnes.

Import of NR during December'09 was 6,504 tonnes compared to 3,426 tonnes during December'08. The cumulative import of NR during the first nine months of the year 2009-10 was 140,100 tonnes as against 63,452 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year. The country exported 2,506 tonnes of NR during December'09 as against 3,131 tonnes during December'08. The total export of NR

during April'09 to December'09 decreased to 10,479 tonnes as against 41,232 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. Stock of NR at the end of December '09 was 264,340 tonnes.

Synthetic Rubber (SR) production during December'09 slightly decreased to 8,912 tonnes from 8,958 tonnes during November'09. The aggregate production of SR during the first nine months of the year 2009-10 increased to 79,263 tonnes compared to 72,133 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. Consumption of SR increased to 31,725 tonnes during December'09 as against 30,430 tonnes during November'09. The consumption of SR during the first three quarters of the current financial year increased to 248,520 tonnes compared to 220,000 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year.

PRICE OF NATURAL RUBBER (Rupees per quintal)

Month / year		RSS 5	RSS 4	RSS 3	Latex(60% drc)		ISNR 20	SMR 20
		Domestic		International	Domestic	International	Domestic	International
February	2009	6788	6903	7331	9543	9257	6633	6757
March	"	7448	7583	7388	9540	10277	7250	7096
April	"	9309	9488	8189	11528	9948	9066	7740
May	"	9546	9805	8300	11877	9640	9218	7855
June	"	9676	9913	8109	13744	8856	9076	7683
July	"	9619	9819	8505	13763	8999	8824	8046
August	"	10049	10250	9925	13004	10660	9425	9168
September	"	10266	10651	10569	11632	11021	9651	9953
October	"	10389	10898	11103	11759	11197	9749	10506
November	"	10816	11302	11893	11642	11961	10557	11353
December	"	12900	13430	13048	13383	13515	12712	12793
January	2010	13217	13772	14163	14803	15066	13213	13677
February	"	13404	13700	14465	14864	16038	13285	13840

Note: Domestic price refers to Kottayam market, international price for RSS 3 refers to SICOM price from 23-1-2009 and that of latex and SMR 20 to Kuala Lumpur market.

(Metric Tonnes)						
Type-wise Production & Consumption of NR & SR	December 2009	December 2008	April 2009 to Dec. 2009	April 2008 to Dec. 2008	April 2008 to March 2009	Percentage increase (+)/ decrease(-) of (3) & (4) (6)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
PRODUCTION						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	72590	77260	448070	488830	617125	
Solid Block Rubber	12825	8030	87765	83710	110275	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	9110	8875	60845	65885	88070	
Others	6325	6060	35070	37580	49030	
Total	100850	100225	631750	676005	864500	-6.5
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^p						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	1392	479	12475	8258	12523	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	6780	6010	54319	55098	71758	
Others	740	570	12469	8777	12458	
Total	8912	7059	79263	72133	96739	9.9
Total NR & SR	109762	107284	711013	748138	961239	-5.0
CONSUMPTION *						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	55295	46570	453145	454970	597440	
Solid Block Rubber	14795	10115	152535	112825	146060	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	7370	7355	60635	58560	80520	
Others	2790	4250	28750	35600	47700	
Total	80250	68290	695065	661955	871720	5.0
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	49873	37776	427703	391746	508121	9.2
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^p						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	12895	7820	98795	83860	111745	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	9380	5695	75285	62865	82740	
Others	9450	9135	74440	73275	98465	
Total	31725	22650	248520	220000	292950	13.0
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	22349	12806	170372	142637	185094	19.4
Total NR & SR	111975	90940	943585	881955	1164670	7.0
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	72222	50582	598075	534383	693215	11.9

*: indigenous and imported

(Metric Tonnes)					
Production Consumption and stock of RR	December 2009	December 2008	April 2009 to Dec. 2009	April 2008 to Dec. 2008	April 2008 to March 2009
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Reclaimed Rubber (RR)					
Production @	8240	7030	69815	65615	86390
Consumption	7925	7120	68660	65260	86030
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	2997	2305	24750	22217	29191
Stock with Manufacturers (end of month/year)	5150	3990			

@: indigenous purchase by manufacturers

IMPORT/EXPORT & STOCK OF NR & SR					
Import (p)					
Natural Rubber	6504	3426	140100	63452	77762*
Synthetic Rubber	24063	17895	181005	154340	190630
Total NR & SR	30567	21321	321105	217792	268392
Export (p)					
Natural Rubber	2506	3131	10479	41232	46926

STOCK AT THE END OF DECEMBER 2009			
(Metric tonnes)			
Natural Rubber			
With Growers	110460	Ribbed Smoked Sheet	197140
With Dealers & Processors	98215	Solid Block Rubber	24510
With Auto Tyre units©	39740	Latex(drc)	9985
With other manufacturing units	15925	Others	32705
Total	264340	Total	264340

©: including transit

Synthetic Rubber			
With Producers	5855 ^P		
With Auto Tyre units	27845	SBR	19145
With other manufacturing units	3715	Others	18270
	37415	Total	37415

p:provisional

*Revised as per DGCIS

WORLD POSITION OF NATURAL RUBBER

COUNTRY-WISE PRODUCTION OF NATURAL RUBBER ('000 Tonnes)

Country	2008	2009	% Growth
Thailand	3090	3086	-0.1
Indonesia	2751	2535	-7.9
Malaysia	1072	856	-20.1
India	881	817	-7.3
Vietnam	660	724	9.7
China	560	630	12.5
Others	1017	954	-6.2
World Total	10031	9602	-4.3

COUNTRY-WISE CONSUMPTION OF NATURAL RUBBER ('000 Tonnes)

Country	2008	2009	% Growth
China	2924	3669	25.5
India	881	904	2.6
U.S.A	1041	687	-34.0
Japan	878	637	-27.4
Malaysia	469	470	0.2
Indonesia	414	404	-2.4
Thailand	398	360	-9.5
Rep.of Korea	358	330	-7.8
Brazil	357	254	-28.9
Germany	247	170	-31.2
Others	2187	1662	-24.0
World Total	10154	9547	-6.0

Source: "Rubber Statistical Bulletin" - Vol. 64 (January - March 2010) of the International Study Group