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THE TREND

India produced 41,000 tonnes of Natural rubber (NR) during May 2024 compared to 43,000 tonnes produced during May 2023. The cumulative production of NR during the first two months of 2024-25 was 81,000 tonnes, compared to 82,000 tonnes produced during the same period last year. The hot situation during April 2024 and heavy rain during May 2024 in major producing areas of Kerala caused a marginal fall of 1.2% in total production. Preliminary estimate for June 2024 is 60,000 tonnes.

Rubber Goods Manufacturing Industry in the country consumed 122,000 tonnes of NR during May 2024 compared to 115,500 tonnes of NR consumed during April 2024, an increase of 5.6%. The auto-tyre sector showed an increase of 7.9% during May 2024 when compared with previous month whereas general rubber goods sector showed only 0.9% increase. The consumption of NR during the first two months of the financial year 2024-'25 showed a narrow decrease of 1.5% in comparison with the same period during last financial year. According to preliminary estimates the country has consumed 118,500 tonnes of NR during June 2024.

India imported 45,620 tonnes of NR during May 2024 making

the total volume imported during the first two months of the current fiscal at 85,786 tonnes increased by 7.7% from the same period a year ago.

India exported 252 tonnes of NR during May 2024 compared to 338 tonnes during May 2023. The total volume exported during April and May 2024 was 489 tonnes compared to 707 tonnes exported in the corresponding period of the previous year.

With the above trends in production, consumption, import and export, the closing stock for May 2024 is estimated at 298,000 tonnes.

The domestic Synthetic Rubber (SR) production was 45,310 tonnes during May 2024 compared to 49,270 tonnes during May 2023 and the total quantity of SR produced during April and May 2024 was 94,494 tonnes decreased by 0.7% from that produced during the same period a year ago. The Indian rubber goods manufacturing Industry consumed 72,750 tonnes of SR during May 2024 compared to 66,500 tonnes consumed during April 2024. The cumulative SR consumption during April and May 2024 was 139,250 tonnes increased by 7.7% from that consumed during the corresponding period of the previous year.

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
July	2023	15078	15394	13356	21842	14827	13213	10790
August	"	14308	14724	12839	20048	14347	12633	10780
September	"	14292	14667	13163	18305	14453	12876	11844
October	"	14667	14992	13893	19170	15800	13430	12089
November	"	15125	15352	14193	18600	16530	13698	12363
December	"	14900	15198	14431	17973	16277	13348	12186
January	2024	15538	15913	16247	19185	17610	13868	12817
February	"	16126	16518	18285	20173	20137	14448	12997
March	"	17288	17734	21239	21285	22057	15353	13713
April	"	17929	18229	19826	21645	21722	15878	13594
May	"	18011	18311	19370	22117	22222	15546	14180
June	"	19721	20067	19388	23642	23260	17158	14691
July	"	20746	21065	17353	27055	19562	19250	14097

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

PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF NR & SR

(Tonnes)

Type-wise Production & Consumption of NR & SR	May 2024	May 2023	April 2024 to May 2024	April 2023 to May 2023	April 2023 to March 2024	Percentage increase (+)/ decrease (-) of (3) & (4)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
PRODUCTION						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	19425	23200	38900	45100	542175	
Solid Block Rubber	13250	11950	25750	22000	190920	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	7250	6750	14300	12750	101895	
Others	1075	1100	2050	2150	22010	
Total	41000	43000	81000	82000	857000	-1.2
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^P						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	25678	27720	51602	52948	298729	
Poly Butadiene (BR)	8500	11500	19950	22700	134375	
Others	11132	10050	22942	19500	113461	
Total	45310	49270	94494	95148	546565	-0.7
Total NR & SR	86310	92270	175494	177148	1403565	-0.9
CONSUMPTION *						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	51150	46415	102950	94690	589345	
Solid Block Rubber	59850	63000	113350	124300	684010	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	8100	8685	15700	16910	108405	
Others	2900	2900	5500	5100	34240	
Total	122000	121000	237500	241000	1416000	-1.5
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	84534	82308	162895	164613	952495	-1.0
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^P						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	35250	31530	68350	63280	390330	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	22500	19900	43000	39540	245370	
Others	15000	13420	27900	26530	148365	
Total	72750	64850	139250	129350	784065	7.7
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	50116	43647	94876	87473	532805	8.5
Total NR & SR	194750	185850	376750	370350	2200065	1.7
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	134650	125955	257771	252086	1485300	2.3

*: indigenous and imported

PRODUCTION CONSUMPTION AND STOCK OF RECLAIMED RUBBER (RR)

(Tonnes)

Production Consumption and stock of RR	May 2024 (1)	May 2023 (2)	April 2024 to May 2024 (3)	April 2023 to May 2023 (4)	April 2023 to March 2024 (5)
Reclaimed Rubber (RR)					
Production @	13050	11850	25550	23340	154940
Consumption	13450	12200	25710	23775	154300
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	5340	4619	10184	9016	56261
Stock with Manufacturers (end of month/year)	18025	16930			

@: indigenous purchase by manufacturers

IMPORT/EXPORT OF NR & SR**Import (p)**

Natural Rubber	45620	43871	85786	79667	492682
Synthetic Rubber	36962	33670	70482	64530	353845
Total NR & SR	82582	77541	156268	144197	846527

Export (p)

Natural Rubber	252	338	489	707	4199
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IMPORT OF DIFFERENT FORMS OF NR DURING MAY 2024p

(Tonnes)

Type	Quantity	% share
RSS Grades	2965	6.5
Solid Block Rubber	41850	91.7
Latex Concentrates (drc)	380	0.8
Others	425	1.0
Total	45620	100

EXPORT OF DIFFERENT FORMS OF NR DURING MAY 2024p

(Tonnes)

Type	Quantity	% share
RSS Grades	12	4.8
Solid Block Rubber	147	58.3
Latex Concentrates (drc)	84	33.3
Others	9	3.6
Total	252	100

p: provisional

STOCK OF NATURAL RUBBER AT THE END OF MAY 2024

(Tonnes)

Natural Rubber	Tradable	Non- tradable	Total Stock
With Growers	67000	13500	80500
With Dealers & Processors	74000	18500	92500
With Auto Tyre units©		92000	92000
With other manufacturing units		33000	33000
Total	141000	157000	298000

©: including stock in transit

TYPE-WISE STOCK OF NATURAL RUBBER AT THE END OF MAY 2024

(Tonnes)

Ribbed Smoked Sheet	177200
Solid Block Rubber	70000
Latex (drc)	24800
Others	26000
Total	298000

STOCK OF SYNTHETIC RUBBER AT THE END OF MAY 2024

(Tonnes)

Synthetic Rubber**			
With Producers ^(d)	50035		
With Auto Tyre units	45500	SBR	88500
With other manufacturing units	39845	Others	46880
Total	135380	Total	135380

^(d): including their accredited stockists

**: including export