



THE TREND

India is estimated to have produced 32,000 tonnes of Natural Rubber(NR) during April 2019, as severe drought continued throughout the month, down by 20% from the same month a year ago. Preliminary estimate for May 2019 is 41,000 tonnes compared to 42,000 tonnes produced during the same month in the previous year.

As the FY 2019 starts, the manufacturing industry consumed 96500 tonnes of NR compared to 100,000 tonnes during March 2019, down by 3.5%. As per the preliminary estimate consumption of NR during May 2019 is 98,500 tonnes, up 2% from April 2019.

The country imported 34,420 tonnes of NR during April 2019 as against 38,055 tonnes imported during the same month

a year ago. According to preliminary estimate, the volume of NR imported during May 2019 was 30,830 tonnes compared to 47,393 tonnes during May 2018. The country exported 685 tonnes of NR during April 2019 as against 329 tonnes exported during April 2018.

The above trends in production, consumption, imports and exports suggest that a total quantity of 2,78,000 tonnes of NR was held as stock at the end of April 2019.

Coming to synthetic rubber (SR), the domestic production during April 2019 was 33,302 tonnes as compared to 34,450 tonnes produced during March 2019. The consumption of SR also decreased to 55,850 tonnes during April 2019 from 56,500 tonnes consumed during March 2019.

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
May	2018	12194	12419	11808	14640	14053	11959	9715
June	"	12263	12646	10920	14550	12615	12112	9382
July	"	12687	12919	10308	14077	11927	12782	9093
August	"	13074	13267	10320	16308	11682	13055	9343
September	"	12683	13048	10451	17073	12077	12361	9638
October	"	12314	12780	10556	16273	12015	11536	9748
November	"	11676	12156	9772	13922	11092	11020	8902
December	"	11831	12196	10116	14558	10810	11263	8914
January	2019	12018	12466	11202	14622	11435	11657	9568
February	"	11820	12433	11554	13880	12140	11600	9903
March	"	12433	12802	12248	13747	13695	12329	10273
April	"	12561	12828	12229	14513	14157	12313	10522
May	"	13341	13604	12563	15432	13710	12572	10626

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	April 2019	April 2018	April 2018 to March 2019	April 2017 to March 2018	Percentage increase (+)/ decrease (-) of (3) & (4)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
PRODUCTION					
Natural Rubber (NR)					
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	18735	24630	430570	478445	
Solid Block Rubber	8060	9570	119085	114875	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	4525	4500	78970	75070	
Others	680	1300	22375	25610	
Total	32000	40000	651000	694000	-6.2
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^P					
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	22731	21418	253859	209938	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	10121	10662	122081	113666	
Others	450	500	4832	7617	
Total	33302	32580	380772	331221	15.0
Total NR & SR	65302	72580	1031772	1025221	0.6
CONSUMPTION *					
Natural Rubber (NR)					
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	44050	41925	521495	513710	
Solid Block Rubber	44240	47100	575115	493410	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	6070	7315	88330	79765	
Others	2140	2160	27000	25325	
Total	96500	98500	1211940	1112210	9.0
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	69498	69640	864022	772162	11.9
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^P					
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	30865	28860	357180	311555	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	15635	15700	195835	184130	
Others	9350	11615	133310	138290	
Total	55850	56175	686325	633975	8.3
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	37698	38498	468086	437754	6.9
Total NR & SR	152350	154675	1898265	1746185	8.7
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	107196	108138	1332108	1209916	10.1

*: indigenous and imported

PRODUCTION CONSUMPTION AND STOCK OF RR

(Tonnes)

Production Consumption and stock of RR	April 2019	April 2018	April 2018 to March 2019	April 2017 to March 2018
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Reclaimed Rubber (RR)				
Production @	11105	11480	142605	131575
Consumption	11435	11140	141165	130510
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	4122	4259	52376	50866
Stock with Manufacturers (end of month/year)	12975	12205		

@: indigenous purchase by manufacturers

IMPORT/EXPORT & STOCK OF NR & SR

Import (p)				
Natural Rubber	34420	38055	582351	469760
Synthetic Rubber	26248	25905	330148	338189
Total NR & SR	60668	63960	912499	807949
Export (p)				
Natural Rubber	685	329	4551	5072

R: Revised

STOCK AT THE END OF APRIL 2019

(Metric tonnes)

Natural Rubber			
With Growers	54000	Ribbed Smoked Sheet	166700
With Dealers & Processors	92000	Solid Block Rubber	69000
With Auto Tyre units©	108000	Latex (drc)	17220
With other manufacturing units	24000	Others	25080
Total	278000		278000
©: including transit			
Synthetic Rubber**			
With Producers ^(d)	30395		
With Auto Tyre units	40085	SBR	87970
With other manufacturing units	28570	Others	11080
Total	99050	Total	99050

(d):including accredited stock

**:including export

IMPORT OF DIFFERENT FORMS OF NR DURING APRIL 2019^p (Tonnes)		
TYPE	Quantity	% Share
RSS Grades	4613	13.4
Solid Block Rubber	29430	85.5
Latex Concentrates (drc)	205	0.6
Others	172	0.5
Total	34420	100

p:provisional

TYPE-WISE EXPORT OF NR DURING APRIL 2019^p (Tonnes)		
Type	Quantity	% share
RSS Grades	0	0.0
Solid Block Rubber	685	100.0
Latex Concentrates (drc)	0	0.0
Others	0	0.0
Total	685	100

p:provisional