



## DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS MALAYSIA

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### PRESS RELEASE

### ANNUAL RUBBER STATISTICS 2016

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#### PRODUCTION OF NATURAL RUBBER IN 2015 RECORDED AN ANNUAL GROWTH RATE OF -5.1 PER CENT AS COMPARED TO 2010

In 2015, the production of natural rubber was **722,122** tonnes as compared to **939,241** tonnes in 2010 with an annual growth rate of **-5.1** per cent. Smallholding sector was the main contributor to the production of natural rubber at **665,301** tonnes or **92.1** per cent of the total production while **7.9** per cent was from estate sector.

Planted area in 2015 was **995,733** hectares. A large portion of rubber planting was owned by smallholding sector of **919,901** hectares (**92.4%**) and **75,832** hectares (**7.6%**) was estate sector.

In 2015, exports of natural rubber was **706,501** tonnes as compared to **900,770** tonnes in 2010 with an annual growth rate of **-4.7** per cent. Almost half of the natural rubber exported to China at **49.3** per cent. This was followed by Germany (**12.8%**), Iran (**5.6%**), U.S.A. (**5.1%**), Brazil (**2.4%**) and other countries (**24.8%**).

Malaysia imported natural rubber of **957,300** tonnes in 2015, mainly from Thailand (**52.9%**) and Viet Nam (**19.7%**).

Domestic consumption of natural rubber in 2015 was **474,773** tonnes. Rubber glove industry was the largest industry using natural rubber of **349,031** tonnes (**73.5%**).

The number of persons engaged in the estate sector increased by **1,499** persons to **12,056** persons in 2015 as compared to 2010 with an annual growth rate of **+2.7** per cent. The total salaries & wages paid to workers in the estate sector amounted to **RM186.4** million in 2015.



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### Planted area

2015 : 995,733 hectares  
2010 : 1,015,152 hectares

92.4% Smallholdings 7.6% estates



### Production

2015 : 722,122 tonnes  
2010 : 939,241 tonnes  
Annual growth rate  
-5.1%

### Domestic consumption

2015 : 474,773 tonnes  
2010 : 457,854 tonnes  
Annual growth rate  
+0.7%

### Production in estates

2015 : 56,821 tonnes  
2010 : 56,337 tonnes  
Annual growth rate  
+0.2%

### Imports

2015 : 957,300 tonnes  
2010 : 706,250 tonnes  
Annual growth rate  
+6.3%

### Number of persons engaged in estates

2015 : 12,056 persons  
2010 : 10,557 persons  
Annual growth rate  
+2.7%

### Exports

2015 : 706,501 tonnes  
2010 : 900,770 tonnes  
Annual growth rate  
-4.7%

### Salaries & wages estates workers

2015 : RM186.4 million  
2010 : RM115.8 million  
Annual growth rate  
+10.0%

# Rubber facts 2015

**Kedah** recorded the **highest** planted area in 2015

**16,887** hectares



**Thailand** was the main supplier of natural rubber to Malaysia

**506.5** thousand tonnes

**Rubber gloves** industry was the largest industry using natural rubber

**349,031** tonnes



**73.5%**

**Malaysia** is in the **fourth** position of the world's natural rubber production



Malaysia exports natural rubber to **China** by 348,519 tonnes (49.3%)

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