

The ANRPC: increase in natural rubber production will decline

The latest edition of “Natural Rubber Trends and Statistics” of the Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries (ANRPC) August 2012 the ANRPC member states natural rubber production increased by 4.1%; natural rubber production in September is expected to grow by 4% to \$ 986,000 tons; October natural rubber production will decline 8.3% to 915,000 tons. However, the yield of the year 2012 will still be an increase of 4.7% over 2011 to 1,083,300 t.

ANRPC cut plan announced on August 17 by the International Tripartite Rubber Council (ITRC) members (Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia) effective production and exports of natural rubber has fallen even more. The organizations agreed export tonnage Plan decided to cut 30 million tons of exports, and cut down mature *Hevea brasiliensis* 100,000 hectares of planted area, in order to boost the prices of natural rubber prices.