



## THE TREND

Low prices and severe drought have affected the production of natural rubber (NR) in India during April 2014. The production fell during the month by 3.8 per cent to 51,000 tonnes from 53,000 tonnes produced during the same month a year ago. Preliminary observations reveal that the production continued its downtrend through May 2014. From the quantity of 59,000 tonnes produced during May 2013, the production is estimated to have fallen by 10.2 per cent to 53,000 tonnes during May 2014.

Consumption of NR fell in the country during April 2014 on continuing economic slowdown and sluggish performance of the automobile sector which is the dominant end-use segment for the commodity. The consumption fell during the month by 6.8 per cent to 81,500 tonnes from 87,400 tonnes consumed during March 2014. The quantity preliminarily estimated to have consumed during May 2014 is 83,500 tonnes, marginally up from April 2014.

The country's volume of imports of NR abnormally rose during April 2014. A quantity of 29,140 tonnes was imported during April 2014 as against 14,396 tonnes imported during the same month a year ago. According to preliminary estimate, the volume imported during May 2014 was 34,702 tonnes as compared to 20,948 tonnes imported during May 2013. As regards export, the volume fell during April 2014 driven by unattractive prices prevailed in overseas markets as compared to the domestic market. Only a marginal quantity of 28 tonnes was exported during April 2014 as against 1,538 tonnes exported during April 2013.

Coming to synthetic rubber (SR), production rose during April 2014 to 13,690 tonnes from 10,252 tonnes produced during March 2014. The consumption, however, fell to 40,705 tonnes during April 2014 from 43,180 tonnes consumed in March 2014.

### 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
June	2013	16916	17424	16444	19429	17212	16068	13429
July	"	18515	19177	15477	24992	16576	17452	13244
August	"	18646	18994	16171	26663	17102	17252	14856
September	"	17879	18313	16976	22765	18523	16928	15547
October	"	15700	16331	15704	20594	17353	15484	14459
November	"	14766	15600	15612	17892	16952	14825	14369
December	"	14630	15500	15929	18615	17260	14810	14356
January	2014	14639	15269	14563	21158	15397	14950	13383
February	"	14502	14702	13420	19928	14885	14433	11891
March	"	14510	14802	13928	18808	15427	14290	11765
April	"	13967	14380	13256	19137	14843	13389	10855
May	"	14052	14341	12345	19327	14218	13500	10142
June	"	14130	14546	12460	20310	14472	13260	10226

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

## PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF NR & SR

(Metric Tonnes)

Type wise Production & Consumption of NR & SR	April 2014	April 2013	April 2013 to March 2014	April 2012 to March 2013	Percentage increase (+)/ decrease(-) of (3) & (4) (5)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
<b>PRODUCTION</b>					
<b>Natural Rubber (NR)</b>					
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	38405	36900	622540	667225	
Solid Block Rubber	6410	9265	106815	122125	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	3715	4045	68075	73150	
Others	2470	2790	46570	51200	
<b>Total</b>	<b>51000</b>	<b>53000</b>	<b>844000</b>	<b>913700</b>	<b>-7.6</b>
<b>Synthetic Rubber (SR)<sup>P</sup></b>					
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	5038	1383	22105	19296	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	7660	6380	80685	77038	
Others	992	700	10096	12358	
<b>Total</b>	<b>13690</b>	<b>8463</b>	<b>112886</b>	<b>108692</b>	<b>3.9</b>
<b>Total NR &amp; SR</b>	<b>64690</b>	<b>61463</b>	<b>956886</b>	<b>1022392</b>	<b>-6.4</b>
<b>CONSUMPTION*</b>					
<b>Natural Rubber (NR)</b>					
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	46815	54830	560230	578050	
Solid Block Rubber	26850	20165	322250	292210	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	6155	6105	77515	76705	
Others	1680	1880	21525	25740	
<b>Total</b>	<b>81500</b>	<b>82980</b>	<b>981520</b>	<b>972705</b>	<b>0.9</b>
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	54566	56192	652434	635539	2.7
<b>Synthetic Rubber (SR)<sup>P</sup></b>					
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	16675	18675	220950	196530	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	13205	12940	158260	145695	
Others	10825	8320	104365	101935	
<b>Total</b>	<b>40705</b>	<b>39935</b>	<b>483575</b>	<b>444160</b>	<b>8.9</b>
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	28666	28700	349001	323412	7.9
<b>Total NR &amp; SR</b>	<b>122205</b>	<b>122915</b>	<b>1465095</b>	<b>1416865</b>	<b>3.4</b>
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	83232	84892	1001435	958951	4.4

\*: indigenous and imported

### PRODUCTION CONSUMPTION AND STOCK OF RR (Metric Tonnes)

Production consumption and stock of Reclaimed Rubber (RR)	April 2014 (1)	April 2013 (2)	April 2013 to March 2014 (3)	April 2012 to March 2013 (4)
Production @	9990	9190	124325	115670
Consumption	10180	9540	123725	114595
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	4244	3969	49559	45879
Stock with Manufacturers (end of month/year)	7565	6805		

@: indigenous purchase by manufacturers

### IMPORT/ EXPORT & STOCK OF NR & SR (Metric Tonnes)

Import (p)				
Natural Rubber	29140	14396	325190	217364
Synthetic Rubber	30700	28797	371839	329585
<b>Total NR &amp; SR</b>	<b>59840</b>	<b>43193</b>	<b>697029</b>	<b>546949</b>
Export (p)				
Natural Rubber	28	1538	5398	30594

### STOCK AT THE END OF APRIL 2014 (Metric Tonnes)

Natural Rubber			
With Growers	62000	Ribbed Smoked Sheet	147890
With Dealers & Processors	86500	Solid Block Rubber	34140
With Auto Tyre units©	59950	Latex(drc)	23020
With other manufacturing units	21550	Others	24950
<b>Total</b>	<b>230000</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>230000</b>
©: including transit			
Synthetic Rubber			
With Producers	8865		
With Auto Tyre units	31205	SBR	29640
With other manufacturing units	9205	Others	19635
<b>Total</b>	<b>49275</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>49275</b>

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**TYPE-WISE PRODUCTION OF NATURAL RUBBER**

(Tonnes)

TYPE	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14p
RSS Grades	578650	618960	658200	667225	622540
Solid Block Rubber	120780	117830	119815	122125	106815
Latex Concentrates(drc)	85760	76065	76490	73150	68075
Others	46210	49095	49195	51200	46570
<b>Total</b>	<b>831400</b>	<b>861950</b>	<b>903700</b>	<b>913700</b>	<b>844000</b>

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**TYPE-WISE CONSUMPTION OF NATURAL RUBBER**

(Tonnes)

TYPE	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14p
RSS Grades	621435	607455	616215	578050	560230
Solid Block Rubber	190545	235130	248285	292210	322250
Latex Concentrates(drc)	82515	77380	73190	76705	77515
Others	36070	27750	26725	25740	21525
<b>Total</b>	<b>930565</b>	<b>947715</b>	<b>964415</b>	<b>972705</b>	<b>981520</b>

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