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The statistics made available monthly in this report are considered only to represent clearly and accurately (a) the new domestic production of synthetic and reclaim rubber, and the inventories of firms reporting this production, and (b) the total consumption of all types of rubber, natural, synthetic and reclaim, whether foreign or domestic, by broad end product use groupings, together with inventories, receipts and sales of rubber by consuming manufacturers in all industries. The addition of the two inventories gives the total stocks held by industry.

It is regretted that comparable export-import data cannot be secured each month, and that, therefore, the total available supply is not accurately known. However, the data given in (b) do ultimately account for the total consumption of rubber in Canada, and should be capable of being correlated with new production and export-import data (as compiled by the External Trade Branch, D.B.S.) over a period of months.

Consumption of rubber in May, 1949 as compared with April, 1949 shows an increase in natural of 265,929 pounds, a decrease in synthetic of 187,231 pounds, and an increase in reclaim of 85,561 pounds, the total increase being 164,259 pounds. Considering the situation in terms of end product use, it may be noted that the consumption of all rubber in the production of tires and tubes, including tire repair materials, decreased by 36,146 pounds, consumption in rubber footwear increased by 259,761 pounds, in wire and cable increased by 1,146 pounds, and in other products decreased by 60,502 pounds, making the total increase of 164,259 pounds mentioned above.

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Section A. Summary Data.

This section includes summary data on natural, synthetic and reclaim rubber, showing stocks, domestic production and domestic consumption. For more detailed data of consumption by specific types and by end products classifications, wherever possible, see Section B, Natural Rubber, Section C, Synthetic Rubber; and Section D, Reclaim Rubber.

Table 1. - Summary Statement of all Rubber Stocks, Domestic Production, Domestic Consumption showing Monthly Averages, 1939 - 1947, and Actual Monthly Totals, January 1948 - May 1949.

Weights are given in Long Tons (2,240 pounds)

Period	Stocks, End of Period			Domestic Production		Consumption		
	Natural	Syn- thetic	Re- claim	Syn- thetic	Re- claim	Natural	Syn- thetic	Re- claim
Monthly Averages								
1939 .....	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-	-	2,635	-	626
1940 .....	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-	-	3,083	-	703
1941 .....	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-	-	4,436	-	789
1942 .....	n.a.	n.a.	4,560	-	-	3,512	-	1,042
1943 .....	8,165	2,292	4,822	210	392	2,434	307	1,166
1944 .....	5,399	3,641	3,516	2,902	263	799	2,061	1,052
1945 .....	3,703	4,107	2,219	3,810	276	491	2,995	1,276
1946 .....	3,662	5,592	2,786	4,248	331	792	2,468	1,178
1947 .....	6,992	4,333	2,672	3,533	344	2,690	2,432	1,360
1948 - January .....	5,739	3,921	2,246	3,648	371	3,458	2,081	1,339
February .....	5,704	4,062	2,162	3,388	388	3,474	1,886	1,216
March .....	5,585	3,862	2,041	3,560	427	3,882	1,797	1,359
April .....	5,833	4,074	2,181	2,787	391	3,694	1,865	1,172
May .....	5,400	5,337	2,338	3,647	382	3,328	1,588	1,020
June .....	5,177	5,252	2,185	2,841	368	3,762	1,771	1,203
July .....	5,478	5,323	1,916	2,750	210	2,909	1,402	951
August .....	6,821	4,972	2,070	2,720	359	2,571	1,301	752
September .....	6,634	4,869	1,820	4,146	344	3,363	1,611	1,116
October .....	7,710	3,802	1,751	2,959	351	3,522	1,651	1,175
November .....	6,118	3,570	1,689	3,990	375	3,880	1,806	1,203
December .....	5,827	4,336	1,829	4,019	357	3,724	1,795	1,180
1949 - January .....	6,412	5,106	1,870	4,762	329	3,487	1,644	1,084
February .....	7,713	4,512	1,851	3,792	270	3,397	1,696	1,035
March .....	7,032	4,013	1,703	4,147	299	3,620	1,748	1,128
April .....	7,200	4,299	1,787	3,376	254	3,075	1,763	991
May .....	7,492	4,755	1,826	4,543	309	3,194	1,677	1,028



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Table 2 (a). - NEW SUPPLY. Statement of Manufacturers producing Synthetic and Reclaim (Weight in Long Tons)

Type of Rubber	Inventory May 1, 1949	Production	Inventory May 31, 1949
<u>Natural Rubber -</u>			
Crude Rubber .....	-	-	-
Natural Latex .....	59	-	37
Total Natural Rubber .....	59	-	37
<u>Synthetic Rubber -</u>			
Buna-S, Solid .....	1,728	3,030	1,590
Buna-S, Latex .....	115	235	91
Buna-N, Solid .....	49	230	129
Butyl, Solid .....	1,064	995	1,536
Neoprene .....	16	-	18
All other .....	-	53	2
Total Synthetic Rubber .....	2,972	4,543	3,366
Total Natural and Synthetic ...	3,031	4,543	3,403
<u>Reclaim Rubber -</u>			
Dispersions .....	8	35	26
Other than dispersions .....	225	274	239
Total Reclaim Rubber .....	233	309	265
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b> .....	<b>3,264</b>	<b>4,852</b>	<b>3,668</b>

Table 2 (b). - CONSUMPTION. Statement of Manufacturers Consuming Rubber (Weight in Long Tons)

Type of Rubber	Inventory May 1, 1949	Receipts (imports, etc.)	Con- sumption	Sales (exports etc.)	Inventory April 30, 1949
<u>Natural Rubber -</u>					
Crude Rubber .....	6,994	3,536	3,087	176	7,267
Natural Latex .....	147	148	107	-	188
Total Natural Rubber .....	7,141	3,684	3,194	176	7,455
<u>Synthetic Rubber -</u>					
Buna-S, Solid .....	1,029	1,409	1,379	2	1,057
Buna-S, Latex .....	40	47	28	20	39
Buna-N, Solid .....	3	2	1	-	4
Butyl, Solid .....	138	214	179	-	173
Neoprene .....	87	86	86	-	87
All other .....	30	8	4	5	29
Total Synthetic Rubber ....	1,327	1,766	1,677	27	1,389
Total Natural and Synthetic	8,468	5,450	4,871	203	8,844
<u>Reclaim Rubber -</u>					
Dispersions .....	87	29	39	-	77
Other than dispersions .....	1,467	1,013	989	7	1,484
Total Reclaim Rubber .....	1,554	1,042	1,028	7	1,561
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b> .....	<b>10,022</b>	<b>6,492</b>	<b>5,899</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>10,405</b>

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Section A, Summary Data - concluded

Table 3 (a). - Consumption of all Rubber, by Main Types and by End Product Classification, April, 1949.

End Products	Natural	Synthetic	Reclaim	Total All Rubber
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
1. Tires, tubes and tire repair materials .....	4,805,765	2,867,051	1,240,524	8,913,340
2. Wire and cable .....	78,275	215,782	19,068	313,125
3. Footwear (including heels, soles, etc.) .....	754,799	326,575	157,432	1,238,806
4. Other products .....	1,248,958	538,107	801,371	2,588,436
TOTAL .....	6,887,797	3,947,515	2,218,395	13,053,707

Table 3 (b). - Consumption of All Rubber, by Main Types and by End Product Classification, May 1949.

End Products	Natural	Synthetic	Reclaim	Total All Rubber
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
1. Tires, tubes and tire repair materials .....	4,963,835	2,687,061	1,226,298	8,877,194
2. Wire and cable .....	91,471	203,949	18,851	314,271
3. Footwear (including heels, soles, etc.) .....	940,524	378,948	179,095	1,498,567
4. Other products .....	1,157,896	490,326	879,712	2,527,934
TOTAL .....	7,153,726	3,760,284	2,303,956	13,217,966

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Section B. Natural Rubber

The April 1949 and May 1949 consumption of Natural Rubber, showing crude rubber and natural latex separately, and arranged according to end products classifications, is shown in Tables 6 (a) and 6 (b).

Summary Data, by months, May 1948 to May 1949, are shown in Table 5, and 1939 - 1948 yearly totals, monthly averages and percentages of natural rubber to all rubber consumed, are given in Table 4. Crude rubber and natural latex do not appear separately in summary tables, but are combined under the heading "Natural". For summary data on Synthetic, Natural and other rubber stocks, domestic production and domestic consumption, expressed in long tons, see Table 1.

Table 4. - Consumption of Natural Rubber in Total, showing Monthly Averages 1939-1948 and percentages of Natural to All Rubber Consumed.

	Total	Monthly Average	Percentage to all Rubber
	Pounds	Pounds	Per cent
1939 .....	70,828,800	5,902,400	80.8
1940 .....	82,871,040	6,905,920	81.4
1941 .....	119,239,680	9,936,640	84.9
1942 .....	94,402,560	7,866,880	77.1
1943 .....	65,425,920	5,452,160	62.3
1944 .....	21,477,120	1,789,760	20.4
1945 .....	13,198,080	1,099,840	10.3
1946 .....	21,459,268	1,788,273	17.8
1947 .....	72,294,000	6,024,500	41.5
1948 .....	93,113,676	7,759,473	54.8

Table 5. - Consumption of Natural Rubber in Total, by End Products, and by Months, May 1948 to May 1949, showing also percentage of Natural to All Rubber Consumed.

Year and Month	Natural		Used in the Manufacture of -			
	Total	Percentage of All Rubber	Tires and Tubes	Wire and Cable	Foot-wear	Other Products
	000's pounds	per cent	000's pounds	000's pounds	000's pounds	000's pounds
1948 - May .....	7,457	56.1	5,264	80	1,047	1,066
June .....	8,426	55.8	6,189	91	1,057	1,089
July .....	6,515	55.3	5,126	46	615	728
August ...	5,759	55.6	4,144	68	667	880
September.	7,534	55.2	5,474	89	757	1,214
October ..	7,889	55.5	5,717	92	914	1,166
November ..	8,691	56.3	6,479	134	901	1,177
December ..	8,343	55.6	6,116	120	819	1,288
1949 - January ..	7,810	56.1	5,646	89	988	1,087
February ..	7,608	55.4	5,463	109	972	1,064
March .....	8,109	55.7	5,766	90	959	1,294
April .....	6,888	52.8	4,806	78	755	1,249
May .....	7,154	54.1	4,964	91	941	1,158



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Section B, Natural Rubber - (Concluded).

Table 6 (a). - Consumption of Natural Rubber, by Types and by End Product Classification, April 1949.

End Products	Natural Rubber (excluding latex)	Latex	Total Natural
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
1. Tires, tubes and tire repair materials .....	4,785,633	20,132	4,805,765
2. Wire and cable .....	78,275	-	78,275
3. Footwear (including heels, soles, etc.) .....	753,670	1,129	754,799
4. Other products .....	1,021,276	227,682	1,248,958
TOTAL .....	6,638,854	248,943	6,887,797

Table 6 (b). - Consumption of Natural Rubber, by Types and by End Product Classification, May 1949.

End Products	Natural Rubber (excluding latex)	Latex	Total Natural
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
1. Tires, tubes and tire repair materials .....	4,939,832	24,003	4,963,835
2. Wire and cable .....	91,471	-	91,471
3. Footwear (including heels, soles, etc.) .....	939,355	1,169	940,524
4. Other products .....	943,447	214,449	1,157,896
TOTAL .....	6,914,105	239,621	7,153,726



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Section C. Synthetic Rubber

The April 1949 and May 1949 consumption of Synthetic Rubber is shown by type, and by end products classification, in Table 10.

Summary data, by months, are shown in Tables 8 and 9, while 1943 - 1948 yearly totals and monthly averages are given in Table 7. For summary data on Synthetic and other rubber stocks, domestic production and domestic consumption, expressed in long tons, see Table 1.

Table 7. - Consumption of Synthetic Rubber in Total, showing Monthly Averages, 1943-1948, and Percentages of Synthetic Rubber to All Rubber Consumed.

Year	Total	Monthly Average	Percentage
1943 .....	8,252,160 pounds	687,680 pounds	7.9
1944 .....	55,399,680 "	4,616,640 "	52.7
1945 .....	80,505,600 "	6,708,800 "	62.9
1946 .....	66,357,973 "	5,529,831 "	55.6
1947 .....	65,367,660 "	5,447,305 "	37.5
1948 .....	46,051,821 "	3,837,652 "	27.1

Table 8. - Consumption of Synthetic Rubber, by Types and by Months, January 1948 to May 1949.

Year	Buna-S	Butyl	Neoprene	Other	Total
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
1948 - January .....	3,593,044	923,787	130,949	16,929	4,664,709
February .....	3,320,024	733,907	146,740	22,880	4,223,551
March .....	3,373,629	460,765	165,141	26,268	4,025,803
April .....	3,508,423	446,890	204,995	20,493	4,180,801
May .....	2,969,325	385,312	184,528	20,383	3,559,548
June .....	3,223,223	524,704	191,943	26,019	3,965,889
July .....	2,614,210	386,787	125,003	13,543	3,139,543
August .....	2,380,019	306,453	204,508	24,055	2,915,035
September .....	3,007,785	407,223	172,401	19,539	3,606,948
October .....	3,093,226	410,371	182,211	16,049	3,701,857
November .....	3,396,730	465,021	166,917	18,598	4,047,266
December .....	3,381,339	450,228	171,767	17,537	4,020,871
1949 - January .....	3,128,991	407,957	131,575	17,771	3,686,294
February .....	3,171,352	439,123	169,109	18,093	3,797,677
March .....	3,220,560	463,700	203,482	28,199	3,915,941
April .....	3,295,160	437,469	182,656	32,230	3,947,515
May .....	3,153,583	401,789	193,233	11,679	3,760,284

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Section C, Synthetic Rubber (Continued)

Table 9. - Consumption of Synthetic Rubber, in Total, by End Products, and by Months, January 1947 to May 1949 showing also Percentage of Synthetic to All Rubber Consumed.

Year and Month	Synthetic Rubber		Used in the manufacture of -			
	Total	Percentage of	Tires and	Wire and	Footwear	Other
	000's pounds	All Rubber Per cent	Tubes * 000's pounds	Cable 000's pounds	000's pounds	Products 000's pounds
1947 - January .....	7,158	46.4	5,289	183	377	1,308
February .....	6,325	43.3	4,919	164	375	869
March .....	6,443	41.8	4,780	168	519	976
April .....	6,591	43.2	4,843	165	575	1,008
May .....	6,470	41.5	4,928	231	401	911
June .....	5,690	39.3	4,377	164	210	940
July .....	4,611	36.7	3,569	114	307	621
August .....	3,853	35.1	2,909	155	314	474
September ...	4,734	31.4	3,407	208	378	741
October .....	4,660	30.6	3,412	190	365	693
November .....	4,397	29.7	3,203	253	323	618
December .....	4,436	30.0	3,442	157	314	523
1948 - January .....	4,665	30.2	3,495	203	365	602
February .....	4,223	28.7	3,076	183	364	600
March .....	4,026	25.5	2,830	265	338	602
April .....	4,181	27.7	2,981	254	310	636
May .....	3,560	26.7	2,504	205	319	532
June .....	3,966	26.3	2,750	228	339	649
July .....	3,139	26.6	2,299	137	217	486
August .....	2,915	28.1	1,960	159	273	523
September ...	3,607	26.5	2,602	204	283	518
October .....	3,702	26.0	2,667	164	301	570
November .....	4,047	26.2	2,832	259	338	618
December .....	4,021	26.8	2,883	213	287	638
1949 - January .....	3,686	26.5	2,696	211	256	523
February .....	3,798	27.7	2,646	249	366	537
March .....	3,916	26.9	2,726	272	336	582
April .....	3,948	30.2	2,867	216	327	538
May .....	3,760	28.5	2,687	204	379	490

\* Includes "tire repair materials".

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Section C. - Synthetic Rubber (Concluded)

Table 10 (a). - Consumption of Synthetic Rubber, by Types and by End Product Classification, April 1949.

End Products	Buna-S		Buna-N	Butyl	Neoprene	Other	Total Synthetic
	Solid	Latex					
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
1. Tires, tubes, and tire repair materials .....	2,372,605	52,709	-	429,455	6,403	5,879	2,867,051
2. Wire and cable .....	159,884	-	-	1,108	54,790	-	215,782
3. Footwear (including heels, soles, etc.) .....	306,625	9,200	-	-	2,650	8,100	326,575
4. Other products .....	387,433	6,704	5,308	6,906	118,813	12,943	538,107
TOTAL .....	3,226,547	68,613	5,308	437,469	182,656	26,922	3,947,515

Table 10 (b). - Consumption of Synthetic Rubber, by Types and by End Product Classification, May 1949.

End Products	Buna-S		Buna-N	Butyl	Neoprene	Other	Total Synthetic
	Solid	Latex					
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
1. Tires, tubes, and tire repair materials .....	2,228,936	58,505	100	393,373	6,147	-	2,687,061
2. Wire and cable .....	151,659	-	-	-	52,290	-	203,949
3. Footwear (including heels, soles, etc.) .....	373,946	16	-	-	2,477	2,509	378,948
4. Other products .....	335,780	4,741	2,775	8,416	132,319	6,295	490,326
TOTAL .....	3,090,321	63,262	2,875	401,789	193,233	8,804	3,760,284



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Section D. Reclaim Rubber

Tables 11 and 12 give the consumption of Reclaim in total for the years 1939-1948 with monthly averages for each year and broken down into Dispersions and Other than Dispersions, by actual months, January 1948 to May 1949. Consumption of Reclaim, in total only, by end product classification is given in Tables 3 (a) and 3 (b) for April 1949 and May 1949. For summary data on Reclaim, Synthetic, and other rubber stocks, domestic production and domestic consumption, expressed in long tons, see Table 1.

Table 11. - Consumption of Reclaim Rubber in Total, and by Monthly Averages, 1939 - 1948, showing also percentages of Reclaim to All Rubber Consumed.

Year	Total	Monthly Average	Percentage To All Rubber
1939 .....	16,826,880 pounds	1,402,240 pounds	19.2
1940 .....	18,896,640 "	1,574,720 "	18.6
1941 .....	21,208,320 "	1,767,360 "	15.1
1942 .....	28,008,960 "	2,334,080 "	22.9
1943 .....	31,342,080 "	2,611,840 "	29.8
1944 .....	28,277,760 "	2,356,480 "	26.9
1945 .....	34,298,880 "	2,858,240 "	26.8
1946 .....	31,673,600 "	2,639,467 "	26.6
1947 .....	36,566,628 "	3,047,219 "	21.0
1948 .....	30,661,557 "	2,555,130 "	18.1

Table 12. - Consumption of Reclaim Rubber, by Types and by Months, January 1948 to May 1949, showing percentages of Reclaim to All Rubber Consumed.

Month	Dispersions	Other than Dispersions	Total	Percentage to All Rubber
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Per cent
1948 - January .....	113,948	2,886,095	3,000,043	19.5
February .....	115,805	2,608,102	2,723,907	18.5
March .....	149,175	2,893,982	3,043,157	19.3
April .....	135,727	2,491,562	2,627,289	17.4
May .....	102,679	2,182,470	2,285,149	17.2
June .....	135,761	2,561,918	2,697,679	17.9
July .....	108,040	2,022,148	2,130,188	18.1
August .....	108,022	1,577,000	1,685,022	16.3
September .....	121,052	2,379,392	2,500,444	18.3
October .....	110,063	2,521,523	2,631,586	18.5
November .....	104,549	2,589,231	2,693,780	17.5
December .....	88,865	2,554,448	2,643,313	17.6
1949 - January .....	78,752	2,349,279	2,428,031	17.4
February .....	91,674	2,227,480	2,319,154	16.9
March .....	92,559	2,436,481	2,529,040	17.4
April .....	95,277	2,123,118	2,218,395	17.0
May .....	89,358	2,214,598	2,303,956	17.4





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