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CONSUMPTION, PRODUCTION AND INVENTORIES OF RUBBER

November, 1950

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 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 November, 1950 as compared with October, 1950, shows a decrease in natural of 11,322 pounds, a decrease in synthetic of 325,254 pounds, and an increase in reclaim of 176,711 pounds, the total decrease being 159,865 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 528,238 pounds, consumption in rubber footwear increased by 213,519 pounds, in wire and cable increased by 74,580 pounds, and in other products increased by 80,274 pounds, making the total decrease of 159,865 pounds mentioned above.

Prepared in General Manufactures Section.

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 - 1949, and Actual Monthly totals, January 1949 - November 1950.

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

Period	Stocks,	End of	Period		stic	Co	nsumptio	n
Natural	Syn- thetic	Re- claim	Syn- thetic	Re- claim	Natural	Syn- thetic	Re-	
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		1,04
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	1,05
1945	3,703	4,107	2,219	3,810	276	491	2,995	1,27
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
L948	6,002	4,448	2,019	3,371	360	3,464	1,713	1,14
1949	6,138	4,678	1,715	3,887	290	3,192	1,505	98:
1949 - January .	6,412	5,106	1,870	4,762	329	3,487	1,644	1,08
February.	7,713	4,512	1,851	3,792	270	3,397	1,696	1,03
March	7,032	4,013	1,703	4,147	299	3,620	1,748	1,12
April	7,200	4,299	1,787	3,376	254	3,075	1,763	99
May	7,492	4,755	1,826	4,543	309	3,194	1,677	1,02
June	5,891	3,790	1,461	4,224	265	3,209	1,556	1,10
July	5,230	5,307	1,471	4,119	143	2,452	1,160	78
August	5,331	5,820	1,602	4,446	304	2,432	1,186	75
September	5,202	5,240	1,587	3,640	312	3,259	1,391	96
October .	5,704	4,805	1,783	2,938	329	3,338	1,411	98
November.	5,272	4,050	1,793	2,707	326	3,324	1,397	89
December.	5,181	4,442	1,845	3,948	335	3,512	1,434	1,03
1950 - January .	5,734	4,443	1,712	4,625	317	3,608	1,527	1,05
February.	4,964	4,300	1,695	4,345	291	3,690	1,630	1,07
March	4,983	4,110	1,607	5,290	322	3,916	1,683	1,13
April	5,272	4,700	1,652	4,604	343	3,477	1,640	1,05
May	5,714	3,743	1,540	4,744	436	3,588	1,837	1,13
June	4,416	3,278	1,599	4,489	401	4,041	1,817	1,23
July	3,561	3,297	1,532	4,777	193	3,626	1,682	1,06
August	3,521	3,109	1,564	4,977	385	3,079	1,947	97
September	4,063	3,250	1,716	4,984	376	3,788	2,271	1,16
October .	3,981	3,038	1,595	5,142	442	4,402	2,260	1,30
November.	3,446	2,850	1,648	5,220	501	4,397	2,114	1,379

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

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Type of Rubber	Inventory November 1, 1950	Production	Inventory November 30, 1950
Natural Rubber -			the second section of the
Crude Rubber	_	-	
Natural Latex	3 8		11
Total Natural Rubber	38	_	1.1
Synthetic Rubber -			
Buna-S	890	3,343	602
Butyl	340	1,267	323
Neoprene	42	_	24
All other	219	610	371
Total Synthetic Rubber .	1,491	5,220	1,320
Total Natural and Synthetic .	1,529	5,220	1,331
Reclaim Rubber -			
Dispersions	28	49	45
Other than dispersions	91	452	1.20
Total Reclaim Rubber	119	501	165
GRAND TOTAL	1,648	5,721	1,496

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

Type of Rubber	Inventory Nov. 1, 1950	Receipts (imports, etc.)	Con- sump- tion	Sales (Exports) etc.)	Nov. 30,
Natural Rubber -					
Crude Rubber	3,760	3,698	4,195	-	3,263
Natural Latex	183	204	202	13	172
Total Natural Rubber	3,943	3,902	4,397	13	3,435
Synthetic Rubber -					
Buna-S, Solid	398	1,591	1,517		1,072
buna-S, Latex	33	76	48	20	41.
Buna-N	11	10	5	-	16
Butyl	274	320	375	_	219
Neoprene	184	87	129	7	135
All other	47	44	40	4	47
Total Synthetic	1,547	2,128	2,114	31	1,530
Total Natural and Synthetic .	5,490	6,030	6,511	44	4,965
Reclaim Rubber -					
Dispersions	120	26	51.	_	95
Other than dispersions	1,356	1,366	1,328	6	1,388
Total Reclaim Rubber	1,476	1,392	1,379	6	1,483
GRAND TOTAL	6,966	7,422	7,890	50	6,448

Section A. Summary Data - Concluded

Table 3 (a). - Consumption of all Rubber, by Main Types and by End Product Classification, October, 1950

End Products	Natural	Synthetic	Reclaim	Total All Rubber
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
1. Tires, tubes and tire				
repair materials	7,059,739	3,183,676	1,490,032	11,733,447
2. Wire and cable	66,783	314,429	22,015	403,227
3. Footwear (including heels,				
soles, etc.)	1,033,309+	637,053+	276,595+	1,946,957
4. Other products	1,700,475+	930,040+	1,125,450+	3,755,965
TOTAL	9,860,306	5,065,198	2,914,092	17,839,596

⁺ Revised figures.

Table 3 (b). - Consumption of All Rubber, by Main Types and by End Product Classification, November, 1950.

End Products	Natural	Synthetic	Reclaim	Total All Rubber
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
1. Tires, tubes and tire				
repair materials	7,003,689	2,774,176	1,427,344	11,205,209
2. Wire and cable	68,049	388,946	20,812	477,807
3. Footwear (including heels,				
soles, etc.)	1,112,946	744,351	303,179	2,160,476
4. Other products	1,664,300	832,471	1,339,468	3,836,239
TOTAL	9,848,984	4,739,944	3,090,803	17,679,731

Section B, Natural Rubber

The October 1950 and November 1950 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 November 1949 to November 1950, are shown in Table 5, and 1939 - 1949 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 1939-1949 and percentages of Natural to All Rubber Consumed.

Year	Total	Monthly Average	Percentage to all Rubber
	Pounds	Pounds	%
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
1949	85,790,432	7,149,203	56.2

Table 5.- Consumption of Natural Rubber in Total, by End Products, and by Months, November 1949 to November 1950, showing also percentage of Natural to All Rubber Consumed.

	Nati	ural	Use	d in the Ma	anufacture	of -
Year and Month	Total	Percentage of All Rubber	Tires and Tubes	Wire and cable	Foot- wear	Other Pro- ducts
	000's pounds	Per cent	000's	000's pounds	000's pounds	000's
1949 - November . December .	7,446 7,866	59.2 58.7	5,022 5,526	95 86	1,046	1,283
1950 - January February . March	8,083 8,265 8,772	58.3 57.7 58.1	5,561 5,658 5,849	90 76 95	819 933 1,091	1,613 1,598 1,737
April May June	7,790 8,036 9,052	56.3 54.7 57.0	5,245 5,450 6,472	65 80 64	944 967 967	1,536
July August	8,122 6,898	56.9 51.3	6,005 4,414	48	640 908	1,549 1,429 1,498
September. October November .	8,484 9,860 9,849	52.4 55.3 55.7	5,815 7,060 7,004	56 67 68	1,061 1,033 1,113	1,552 1,700 1,664

Section B, Natural Rubber - (Concluded)

Table 6 (a). - Consumption of Natural Rubber by Types and by End Product Classification, October 1950.

End Products	Natural Rubber (excluding latex)	Latex	Total Natural
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
1. Tires, tubes and tire repair materials	7,019,557	40.182	7,059,739
		30,100	
2. Wire and cable	66,763	-	66,783
3. Footwear (including heels, soles, etc.)	1,030,777+	2,532	1,033,309+
4. Other products	1,292,161+	408,314	1,700,475+
TOTAL	9,409,278	451,028	9,860,306

⁺ Revised figures.

Table 6 (b). - Consumption of Natural Rubber, by Types and by End Product Classification, November, 1950.

End Products	Natural Rubber (excluding latex)	Latex	Total Natural
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
1. Tires, tubes and tire repair materials	6,951,331	52,358	7,003,689
2. Wire and cable	68,049	-	68,049
3. Footwear (including heels, soles, etc.)	1,110,700	2,246	1,112,946
4. Other Products	1,266,303	397,997	1,664,300
TOTAL	9,396,383	452,601	9,848,984

Section C. Synthetic Rubber

The October 1950 and November 1950 consumption of Synthetic Rubber is shown by types and by end products classification, in Table 10.

Summary data, by months, are shown in Tables 8 and 9, while 1943-1949 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, 1943-1949, and Percentages of Synthetic Rubber to All Rubber Consumed.

Year	Total		Percentage
	Pounds	Pounds	8
1943	8,252,160	687,680	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
1949	40,474,347	3,372,862	26.5

Table 8. - Consumption of Synthetic Rubber, by Types and by Months, November 1949 to November 1950.

Cear and Month	Buna-S	Butyl	Neoprene	Other	Total
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
1949 - November	2,492,100	433,005	184,654	21,463	3,131,222
December	2,506,609	468,677	209,291	29,340	3,213,917
1950 - January	2,701,828	461,824	229,930	27,915	3,421,497
February	2,884,387	511,313	228,794	29,449	3,653,943
March	2,974,268	494,534	272,921	30,651	3,772,374
April	2,931,191	505,518	214,213	27,130	3,678,052
May	3,240,788	571,476	265,749	36,054	4,114,067
June	3,247,191	518,822	272,301	31,101	4,069,415
July	3,027,299	569,205	148,396	25,495	3,770,395
August	3,551,453	479,769	293,427	37,297	4,361,946
September .	4,059,099	741,566	250,892	36,199	5,087,756
October	3,857,537	872,361	251,845	83,455	5,065,198
November	3,508,092	841,037	288,979	101.836	4,739,944

Section C. Synthetic Rubber (Continued)

Table 9. - Consumption of Synthetic Rubber, in Total, by End Products, and by Months, January 1948 to November 1950 showing also Percentage of Synthetic to All Rubber Consumed.

	Syntheti	c Rubber	Used in the manufacture of -			
Year and Month	Total	Percentage of All Rubber	Tires and Tubes ^X	Wire and Cable	Foot- wear	Other Pro- ducts
	000's pounds	Per cent	000's pounds	000's pounds	000's pounds	000's
1948 - January	4,665	30.2	3,495	203	365	60:
February .	4,223	28.7	3,076	183	364	600
March	4,026	25.5	2,830	256	338	60:
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	53'
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
June	3,488	26.5	2,418	161	381	528
July	2,599	26.4	1,838	69	329	363
August	2,657	27.1	1,650	182	395	430
September.	3,117	24.8	1,990	236	381	510
October	3,160	24.6	2,011	218	445	486
November .	3,131	24.8	2,046	258	289	538
December .	3,214	24.0	2,126	262	308	518
1950 - January	3,421	24.7	2,222	307	333	559
February .	3,654	25.5	2,380	295	364	615
March	3,772	25.0	2,251	331		
April	3,678				483	707
		26.6	2,418	259	312	689
May	4,114	28.0	2,655	359	353	74'
June	4,069	25.6	2,527	322	436	784
July	3,770	26-4	2,595	167	370	638
August	4,362	32.5	2,374	345	524	1,119
September.	5,088	31.4	3,215	339	645	889
October	5,065	28.4	3,184	314	637	930
November .	4,740	26.8	2,774	389	744	833

x Includes "tire repair materials".

Section C. - Synthetic Rubber (Concluded)

Table 10 (a). - Consumption of Synthetic Rubber, by Types and by End Product Classification, October 1950.

End Products	Buna-S		Buna-N	Butyl	Neoprene	Other	Total	
	Solid	Latex					Synthetic	
l. Tires, tubes, and tire repair	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	
materials	2,264,959	66,641	425	847,347	4,304	**	3,183,676	
2. Wire and cable	191,095	_	etics	1,229	122,105	-	314,429	
 Footwear (in- cluding heels, soles, etc.) 	577,663 ⁺		268	1	4,421	54,700+	637,053	
4. Other products	713,824+	43,355	10,117	23,784	121,015	17,945+	930,040	
TOTAL	3,747,541	109,996	10,810	872,361	251,845	72,645	5,065,198	

⁺ Revised figures.

Table 10 (b). - Consumption of Synthetic Rubber, by Types and by End Product Classification, November 1950.

End Products	Buna-S		Buna-N	Butyl	Neoprene	Other	Total	
	Solid	Latex	27 0413 06 11	24072	copt circ	0 0.101	Synthetic	
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	
l. Tires, tubes, and tire repair								
materials	1,892,179	65,561	75	813,489	2,872	-	2,774,176	
2. Wire and cable	237,863	-	-	747	150,336	100	388,946	
3. Footwear (in- cluding heels,								
soles, etc.) .	665,929	1,950	260	5	2,705	73,502	744,351	
4. Other products	603,877	40,733	12,330	26,796	133,066	15,669	832,471	
TOTAL	3,399,848	108,244	12,665	841,037	288,979	89,171	4,739,944	

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Section D, Reclaim Rubber

Table 11 gives the consumption of Reclaim in total for the years 1939-1949 with monthly averages for each year and showing percentage of reclaim to all rubber consumed. Consumption of Reclaim, in total only, by end product classification is given in Table 12 by months, November 1949 to November 1950. Of the 3,090,803 pounds consumed in November 1950, 115,345 pounds were consumed in the form of dispersions and 2,375,458 pounds as other than dispersions. 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, 1939-1949, showing also percentages of Reclaim to All Rubber Consumed.

Year	Total	Monthly Average	Percentage t	
	Pounds	Pounds	%	
1939	16,826,880	1,402,240	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	
1949	26,417,995	2,201,500	17.3	

Table 12. - Consumption of Reclaim Rubber in Total, by End Products, and by Months, November 1949 to November 1950, showing also percentage of Reclaim to All Rubber Consumed.

Year and Month	Recla	aim	Used in the Manufacture of -			
	Total	Percentage of All Rubber	Tires and Tubes	Wire and Cable	Foot- wear	Other Pro- ducts
	0001s	Per cent	000's pounds	000's pounds	000's	000's
1949 - November December	2,009 2,326	16.0 17.3	972 1,090	16 19	220 202	801 1,015
1950 - January February March April May June July August September .	2,357 2,399 2,552 2,374 2,541 2,765 2,380 2,185 2,615	17.0 16.8 16.9 17.1 17.3 17.4 16.7 16.2	1,204 1,186 1,204 1,151 1,277 1,310 1,218 963 1,197	23 17 23 15 20 23 8 16 16	189 198 238 184 192 238 221 216 267	941 998 1,087 1,024 1,052 1,194 933 990 1,135
October November	2,914 3,090	16.3 17.5	1,490 1,427	22	277 303	1,125