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CONSUMPTION, PRODUCTION AND INVENTORIES OF RUBBER

MAY, 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 May, 1950 as compared with April, 1950 shows an increase in natural of 245,553 pounds, an increase in synthetic of 436,015 pounds, and an increase in reclaim of 167,089 pounds, the total increase being 848,657 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, increased by 568,643 pounds, consumption in rubber footwear increased by 70,283 pounds, in wire and cable increased by 120,737 pounds, and in other products increased by 88,994 pounds, making the total increase of 848,657 pounds mentioned above.

Prepared in General Manufactures Section.

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

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	6,002	4,448	2,019	3,371	360	3,464	1,713	1,141
1949	6,138	4,678	1,715	3,887	290	3,192	1,505	983
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
June	5,891	3,790	1,461	4,224	265	3,209	1,556	1,108
July	5,230	5,307	1,471	4,119	143	2,452	1,160	780
August	5,331	5,820	1,602	4,446	304	2,432	1,186	752
September	5,202	5,240	1,587	3,640	312	3,259	1,391	962
October	5,704	4,805	1,783	2,938	329	3,338	1,411	988
November	5,272	4,050	1,793	2,707	326	3,324	1,397	897
December	5,181	4,442	1,845	3,948	335	3,512	1,434	1,038
1950 - January	5,734	4,443	1,712	4,625	317	3,608	1,527	1,052
February	4,964	4,300	1,695	4,345	291	3,690	1,630	1,070
March	4,983	4,110	1,607	5,290	322	3,916	1,683	1,139
April	5,272	4,700	1,652	4,604	343	3,477	1,640	1,059
May	5,714	3,943	1,540	4,744	436	3,588	1,837	1,134

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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, 1950	Production	Inventory May 31, 1950
<u>Natural Rubber -</u>			
Crude Rubber	-	-	-
Natural Latex	28	-	43
Total Natural Rubber	28	-	43
<u>Synthetic Rubber -</u>			
Buna-S	1,662	3,506	1,237
Butyl	906	1,075	680
Neoprene	24	-	33
All other	399	163	298
Total Synthetic Rubber	2,991	4,744	2,448
Total Natural and Synthetic ..	3,019	4,744	2,491
<u>Reclaim Rubber -</u>			
Dispersions	25	38	44
Other than dispersions	118	398	109
Total Reclaim Rubber	143	436	153
GRAND TOTAL	3,162	5,180	2,644

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

Type of Rubber	Inventory May 1, 1950	Receipts (imports, etc.)	Con- sumption	Sales (exports etc.)	Inventory May 31 1950
<u>Natural Rubber -</u>					
Crude Rubber	5,053	3,997	3,421	123	5,506
Natural Latex	191	155	167	14	165
Total Natural Rubber	5,244	4,152	3,588	137	5,671
<u>Synthetic Rubber -</u>					
Buna-S, Solid	1,276	1,179	1,395	5	1,055
Buna-S, Latex	62	69	52	-	79
Buna-N	10	3	3	-	10
Butyl	157	271	255	9	164
Neoprene	161	112	119	1	153
All other	43	7	13	3	34
Total Synthetic	1,709	1,641	1,837	18	1,495
Total Natural and Synthetic.	6,953	5,793	5,425	155	7,166
<u>Reclaim Rubber -</u>					
Dispersions	60	51	38	-	73
Other than dispersions	1,449	961	1,096	-	1,314
Total Reclaim Rubber	1,509	1,012	1,134	-	1,387
GRAND TOTAL	8,462	6,805	6,559	155	8,553

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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, 1950

End Products	Natural	Synthetic	Reclaim	Total All Rubber
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
1. Tires, tubes and tire repair materials	5,244,559	2,418,513	1,150,725	8,813,797
2. Wire and cable	65,173	258,694	14,681	338,548
3. Footwear (including heels, soles, etc.)	944,084	312,292	184,388	1,440,764
4. Other products	1,536,206	688,553	1,024,335	3,249,094
TOTAL	7,790,022	3,678,052	2,374,129	13,842,203

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

End Products	Natural	Synthetic	Reclaim	Total All Rubber
	pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
1. Tires, tubes and tire repair materials	5,449,732	2,655,494	1,277,214	9,382,440
2. Wire and cable	79,732	359,435	20,118	459,285
3. Footwear, (including heels, soles, etc.)	967,081	352,519	191,447	1,511,047
4. Other products	1,539,030	746,619	1,052,439	3,338,088
TOTAL	8,035,575	4,114,067	2,541,218	14,690,860

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Section B, Natural Rubber

The April 1950 and May 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 May 1949 to May 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	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
1949	85,790,432	7,149,203	56.2

Table 5. - Consumption of Natural Rubber in Total, by End Products, and by Months, May 1949 to May 1950, 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
1949- May	7,154	54.1	4,964	91	941	1,158
June	7,190	54.6	5,067	31	796	1,296
July	5,494	55.8	3,980	26	597	891
August	5,448	55.7	3,332	97	980	1,039
September .	7,299	58.1	4,924	65	912	1,398
October ...	7,479	58.2	5,202	71	985	1,221
November ..	7,446	59.2	5,022	95	1,046	1,283
December ..	7,866	58.7	5,526	86	843	1,411
1950- January ...	8,083	58.3	5,561	90	819	1,613
February ..	8,265	57.7	5,658	76	933	1,598
March	8,772	58.1	5,849	95	1,091	1,737
April	7,790	56.3	5,245	65	944	1,536
May	8,036	54.7	5,450	80	967	1,539

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Section B. Natural Rubber - (Concluded)

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

End Products	Natural Rubber (excluding latex)	Latex	Total Natural
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
1. Tires, tubes and tire repair materials	5,212,220	32,339	5,244,559
2. Wire and cable	65,173	-	65,173
3. Footwear (including heels, soles, etc.)	942,018	2,066	944,084
4. Other products	1,159,979	376,227	1,536,206
TOTAL	7,379,390	410,632	7,790,022

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

End Products	Natural Rubber (excluding latex)	Latex	Total Natural
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
1. Tires, tubes and tire repair materials	5,412,806	36,926	5,449,732
2. Wire and cable	79,732	-	79,732
3. Footwear (including heels, soles, etc.)	964,544	2,537	967,081
4. Other Products	1,205,138	333,892	1,539,030
TOTAL	7,662,220	373,355	8,035,575

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Section C, Synthetic Rubber

The April 1950 and May 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	Monthly Average	Percentage
	pounds	Pounds	
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, May 1949 to May 1950.

	Buna-S	Butyl	Neoprene	Other	Total
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
1949- May	3,153,583	401,789	193,233	11,679	3,760,284
June	2,930,548	357,375	183,188	16,616	3,487,727
July	2,169,349	302,339	109,412	18,458	2,599,558
August	2,244,334	244,569	147,848	20,705	2,657,456
September	2,542,996	332,555	217,127	23,993	3,116,671
October	2,560,331	363,816	212,157	23,781	3,160,085
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

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Section C. Synthetic Rubber (Continued)

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

Year and Month	Synthetic Rubber		Used in the manufacture of -			
	Total	Percentage of All Rubber	Tires and Tubes ^x	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 - 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	256	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
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	483	707
April	3,678	26.6	2,418	259	312	689
May	4,114	28.0	2,655	359	353	747

x 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 1950.

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	1,874,513	50,233	-	488,982	4,785	-	2,418,513
2. Wire and cable	155,099	-	-	-	103,595	-	258,694
3. Footwear (including heels soles, etc) .	301,323	-	100	-	4,250	6,619	312,292
4. Other product	508,349	41,674	6,972	16,536	101,583	13,439	688,553
TOTAL	2,839,284	91,907	7,072	505,518	214,213	20,058	3,678,052

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

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	2,039,116	56,890	-	551,598	7,890	-	2,655,494
2. Wire and cable	213,955	-	-	717	144,763	-	359,435
3. Footwear (including heels, soles etc.)	340,779	-	-	-	4,523	7,217	352,519
4. Other products.	531,166	58,882	7,373	19,161	108,573	21,464	746,619
TOTAL	3,125,016	115,772	7,373	571,476	265,749	28,681	4,114,067

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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, May 1949 to May 1950. Of the 2,541,218 pounds consumed in May 1950, 85,994 pounds were consumed in the form of dispersions and 2,455,224 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 to All Rubber
	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, May 1949 to May 1950, showing also percentage of Reclaim to All Rubber Consumed.

Year and Month	Reclaim		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
1949- May	2,304	17.4	1,226	19	179	880
June	2,482	18.9	1,208	35	203	1,036
July	1,748	17.8	947	8	130	663
August ..	1,684	17.2	756	21	201	706
September	2,157	17.1	1,065	19	206	867
October .	2,213	17.2	935	16	241	1,021
November.	2,009	16.0	972	16	220	801
December.	2,326	17.3	1,090	19	202	1,015
1950- January .	2,357	17.0	1,204	23	189	941
February.	2,399	16.8	1,186	17	198	998
March ...	2,552	16.9	1,204	23	238	1,087
April ...	2,374	17.1	1,151	15	184	1,024
May	2,541	17.3	1,277	20	192	1,052