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CONSUMPTION, PRODUCTION AND INVENTORIES OF RUBBER

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The statistics made available monthly in this report are considered 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 April, 1952 as compared with March, 1952 shows a decrease in natural of 46,515 pounds, an increase in synthetic of 47,649 pounds, and an increase in reclaim of 280,851 pounds, the total increase being 281,985 pounds. Considering the situation in terms of end products use, it may be noted that the consumption of all rubber in the production of tires and tubes, including tire repair materials, increased by 137,941 pounds, consumption in rubber footwear increased by 38,645 pounds, in wire and cable increased by 33,396 pounds and in other products increased by 72,003 pounds, making the total increase of 281,-985 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 classification, 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, 1939-1951, and Actual Monthly totals, April 1951 to April 1952.

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

| Period | Stocks, | End of I | Period | | stic | Co | onsumptio | n |
|------------------|---------|----------------|--------------|----------------|------|---------|----------------|--------------|
| | Natural | Syn- thetic | Re- claim | Syn- thetic | | 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 | 970 | 789 |
| 1942 | n.a. | n.a. | 4,506 | - | - | 3,512 | 40 | 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 |
| L950 | 4,423 | 3,511 | 1,635 | 4,870 | 371 | 3,843 | 1,881 | 1,163 |
| 1951 | 5,016 | 3,671 | 2,219 | 5,191 | 423 | 3,698 | 2,203 | 1,319 |
| 1951- April | 4,890 | 3,069 | 2,002 | 4,632 | 486 | 4,769 | 2,417 | 1,669 |
| Мау | 4,580 | 3,051 | 2,177 | 3,779 | 525 | 4,538 | 2,140 | 1,638 |
| June | 5,471 | 3,285 | 2,444 | 4,504 | 515 | 3,334 | 1,828 | 1,239 |
| July | 5,379 | 3,673 | 2,345 | 5,434 | 202 | 3,284 | 1,862 | 1,155 |
| August | 6,499 | 3,637 | 2,360 | 5,036 | 477 | 2,832 | 1,944 | 1,093 |
| September. | 6,485 | 4,412 | 2,548 | 5,568 | 401 | 3,180 | 2,280 | 1,105 |
| October | 5,518 | 4,587 | 2,353 | 6,036 | 369 | 3,264 | 2,369 | 1,261 |
| November . | 3,688 | 4,404 | 2,261 | 5,874 | 339 | 2,948 | 2,388 | 1,077 |
| December . | 4,421 | 5,085 | 2,304 | 6,140 | 338 | 2,940 | 2,488 | 1,024 |
| 1952- January | 4,929 | 5,542 | 2,020 | 6,810 | 319 | 2,937 | 2,526 | 1,126 |
| February . | 5,218 | 6,598 | 1,860 | 6,678 | 356 | 2,912 | 2,854 | 1,108 |
| March | 5,060 | 7,615 | 1,709 | 6,357 | 412 | 3,015 | 3,164 | 1,201 |
| April | 4,011 | 7,909 | 1,556 | 6,233 | 403 | 2,994 | 3,184 | 1,329 |
| | | | | | | | | |

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

| Type of Rubber | Inventory April 1, 1952 | Production | Inventory April 30, 1952 |
|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Natural Rubber - | | | |
| Crude Rubber | - | _ | des . |
| Natural Latex | 18 | _ | 16 |
| Total Natural Rubber | 18 | - | 16 |
| Synthetic Rubber - Buna-S Butyl Neoprene All other | 1,837 1,439 14 1,424 | 4,358 1,503 - 372 | 2,087 1,481 15 1,408 |
| Total Synthetic Rubber | 4,714 | 6,233 | 4,991 |
| Reclaim Rubber - Dispersions Other than dispersions | 31 160 | 66 337 | 25 158 |
| Total Reclaim Rubber | 191 | 403 | 183 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 4,923 | 6,636 | 5,190 |

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

| | Inventory April 1, 1952 | Receipts (Imports, etc.) | Con- sump- tion | Sales (Exports, etc.) | Inventory April 30, 1952 |
|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Natural Rubber - | | | | | |
| Crude Rubber | 4,836 | 1,842 | 2,813 | 43 | 3,822 |
| Natural Latex | 206 | 155 | 181 | 7 | 173 |
| Total Natural Rubber | 5,042 | 1,997 | 2,994 | 50 | 3,995 |
| Synthetic Rubber - | | | | | |
| Buna-S, Solid | 2,322 | 2,313 | 2,509 | 1 | 2,125 |
| Buna-S, Latex | 101 | 108 | 107 | - | 102 |
| Buna-N | 24 | 5 | 8 | _ | 21 |
| Butyl | 220 | 579 | 397 | - | 402 |
| Neoprene | 209 | 163 | 139 | 2 | 231 |
| All other | 25 | 39 | 24 | 3 | 37 |
| Total Synthetic Rubber | 2,901 | 3,207 | 3,184 | 6 | 2,918 |
| Reclaim Rubber - | - | | | | |
| Dispersions | 70 | 50 | 65 | - | 55 |
| Other than dispersions | 1,448 | 1,152 | 1,264 | 18 | 1,318 |
| Total Reclaim Rubber | 1,518 | 1,202 | 1,329 | 18 | 1.373 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 9,461 | 6,406 | 7,507 | 74 | 8,286 |

Section A. - Summary Data (Concluded)

Table 3 (a) - Consumption of all Rubber, by Types and by End Product Classification, April 1952

| End | Products | Natural | Synthetic | Reclaim | Total All Rubber |
|-----|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. | Tires, tubes and tire | pounds | pounds | pounds | pounds |
| 2. | repair materials Wire and cable Footwear (including heels. | 4,604,095 | 4,816,098 360,495 | 1,737,188 | 11,157,381 470,421 |
| 4. | soles, etc.) | 673,355 1.332.978 | 796,098 1,161,072 | 210,402 1,016,570 | 1,679,855 3,510,620 |
| | TOTAL | 6,705,976 | 7,133,763 | 2,978,538 | 16,818,277 |

Table 3 (b) - Consumption of all Rubber, by Types and by End Product Classification, March 1952

| End | Products | Natural | Synthetic | Reclaim | Total All Rubber |
|-----|--|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| 1. | Tires, tubes and tire | pounds | pounds | pounds | pounds |
| 2. | repair materials Wire and cable Footwear (including heels. | 4,735,421 70,732 | 4,767,986 357,326 | 1,516,033 8,967 | 11,019,440 437,025 |
| 4. | other products | 689,103 1,257,235 | 727,292 | 224,815 947.872 | 1,641,210 3,438,617 |
| | TOTAL | 6,752,491 | 7,086,114 | 2,697,687 | 16,536,292 |

Table 4. - Consumption of all Rubber in Total, by Types, Showing Percentages of Each Type to all Rubber Consumed, 1939 to 1951

| Year | | Natu | ral | Synt | chetic | Reclaim | | |
|------|---|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--|
| | | Total | Percentage | Total | Percentage | Total | Percentage | |
| | | pounds | % | pounds | % | pounds | Z | |
| 1939 | , | 70,828,800 | 80.8 | | - | 16,826,880 | 19.2 | |
| 1940 | | 82,871,040 | 81.4 | | _ | 18,896,640 | 18.6 | |
| 1941 | | 119,239,680 | 84.9 | la e | | 21,208,320 | 15.1 | |
| 1942 | | 94,402,560 | 77.1 | | | 28,008,960 | 22.9 | |
| 1943 | | 65,425,920 | 62.3 | 8,252,160 | 7.9 | 31,342,080 | 29.8 | |
| 1944 | | 21,477,120 | 20.4 | 55,399,680 | 52.7 | 28,277,760 | 26.9 | |
| 1945 | | 13,198,080 | 10.3 | 80,505,600 | 62.9 | 34,298,880 | 26.8 | |
| 1946 | | 21,459,268 | 17.8 | 66,357,973 | 55.6 | 31,673,600 | 26.6 | |
| 1947 | | 72,294,000 | 41.5 | 65,367,660 | 37.5 | 36,566,628 | 21.0 | |
| 1948 | | 93,113,676 | 54.8 | 46,051,82] | 27.1 | 30,661,557 | 18.1 | |
| 1949 | | 85,790,432 | 56.2 | 40,474,347 | 26.5 | 26,417,995 | 17.3 | |
| 1950 | | 103,305,446 | 55.8 | 50,596,632 | 27.3 | 31,267,567 | 16.9 | |
| 1951 | | 99.404.429 | 51.2 | 59,217,110 | 30.5 | 35,447,251 | 18.3 | |

Section B. Natural Rubber

The April 1952 consumption of Natural Rubber, showing crude rubber and natural latex separately and arranged according to end products classification, is shown in Table 5. Summary data, by months, April 1951 to April 1952 are shown in Table 6. For summary data on Natural and other rubber stocks, domestic production and domestic consumption, expressed in long tons, see Table 1.

Table 5. - Consumption of Natural Rubber, by Types and by End Product Classification, April 1952

| End | Products | Natural Rubber (excluding Latex) | Latex | Total Natural |
|-----|---|----------------------------------|---------|------------------|
| | | pounds | pounds | pounds |
| 1. | Tires, tubes and tire repair materials | 4,573,453 | 30,642 | 4,604,095 |
| 2. | Wire and cable | 95,548 | - | 95,548 |
| 3. | Footwear (including heels, soles, etc.) | 672,360 | 995 | 673,355 |
| 4. | Other products | 960.145 | 372,833 | 1.332.978 |
| | TOTAL | 6,301,506 | 404,470 | 6,705,976 |

Table 6. - Consumption of Natural Rubber in Total, by End Products, April 1951 to April 1952, showing also percentage of Natural to all Rubber Consumed.

| | 1 | Natural | | Used in the | he Manufa | cture of |
|--|--------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| | Total | Percentage of all Rubber | Tires and Tubes | Wire and Cable | Foot- wear | Other Pro- ducts. |
| | 000's | Per Cent | 000's pounds | 000's | 000's | 000's |
| 1951- April | 10,683 | 53.9 | 7,697 | 58 | 1,060 | 1,868 |
| | 10,165 | 54.6 | 7,497 | 63 | 955 | 1,650 |
| | 7,467 | 52.1 | 5,261 | 78 | 815 | 1,313 |
| | 7,355 | 52.1 | 5,470 | 37 | 534 | 1,314 |
| August September October November December | 6,344 | 48.3 | 4,108 | 69 | 952 | 1,215 |
| | 7,122 | 48.5 | 5,021 | 87 | 729 | 1,285 |
| | 7,311 | 47.3 | 5,223 | 74 | 823 | 1,191 |
| | 6,605 | 46.0 | 4,836 | 64 | 640 | 1,065 |
| | 6,584 | 45.5 | 5,026 | 61 | 385 | 1,112 |
| 1952- January February March | 6,579 | 44.6 | 4,809 | 67 | 610 | 1,093 |
| | 6,523 | 42.4 | 4,622 | 60 | 649 | 1,192 |
| | 6,752 | 40.8 | 4,735 | 71 | 689 | 1,257 |
| | 6,706 | 39.9 | 4,604 | 96 | 673 | 1,333 |

Section C. Synthetic Rubber

The April 1952 consumption of Synthetic Rubber is shown by types and by end products classification in Table 7. Summary data, by months, are shown in Tables 8 and 9. 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, by Types and by End Product Classification, April 1952.

| | | Buna | a-S | | | | | Total |
|-----|--|---------|----------------|--------|---------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| | | Solid | Latex | Buna-N | Butyl | Neoprene | Other | Synthetic |
| | | Pounds | Pounds | Pounds | Pounds | Pounds | Pounds | Pounds |
| l. | Tires, tubes & tire repair | | | | | | | |
| 2. | materials3, Wire and cable . Footwear (in- | | 113,116 | | 787,804 | | | 4,816,098 360,495 |
| l o | cluding heels, soles, etc.) Other Products | 737,027 | 372 125,369 | 18,573 | 93.080 | 15,470 138,733 | 43,229 11,459 | 796,098 1,161,072 |
| | TOTAL5, | 620,122 | 238,857 | 19,008 | 888,670 | 312,418 | 54,688 | 7,133,763 |

Table 8. - Consumption of Synthetic Rubber, in Total, by End Products, April 1951 to April 1952, showing also Percentage of Synthetic to all Rubber Consumed.

| | Synth | etic Rubber | U | sed in the | Manufactur | e 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 | 0009s |
| May June July September October November December | 5,415 4,795 4,096 4,171 4,354 5,109 5,309 5,347 5,575 | 27.3 25.7 28.6 29.6 33.1 34.7 34.2 37.2 38.6 | 2,974 2,613 2,108 2,692 2,292 3,194 3,537 3,757 | 350 356 354 181 387 352 362 416 313 | 867 797 634 480 753 635 581 393 418 | 1,224 1,029 1,000 818 922 928 829 781 |
| 1952- January February March April | 5,662 6,394 7,086 7,134 | 38.3 41.5 42.9 42.4 | 3,855 4,358 4,768 4,816 | 398 376 357 361 | 564 699 727 796 | 845 961 1,234 1,161 |

Table 9. - Consumption of Synthetic Rubber, by Types, April 1951 to April 1952.

| Year and Month | Buna-S | Butyl | Neoprene | Other | Total |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|----------|---------|-----------|
| | Pounds | Pounds | Pounds | Pounds | Pounds |
| 1951- April | 4,009,232 | 1,020,335 | 287,359 | 98,657 | 5,415,583 |
| May | 3,571,331 | 873,327 | 246,971 | 103,618 | 4,795,247 |
| June | 3,038,744 | 674,548 | 292,715 | 89,927 | 4,095.934 |
| July | 3,141,642 | 812,429 | 156,591 | 60,228 | 4,170,890 |
| August | 3,336,624 | 661,984 | 298,568 | 56.870 | 4,354,046 |
| September | 4,032,990 | 727,844 | 295,604 | 52,943 | 5,109,381 |
| October | 4,206,488 | 738,013 | 278,092 | 86,536 | 5,309,129 |
| November | 4,204,019 | 811,564 | 276,930 | 54,965 | 5,347,478 |
| December | 4,521,691 | 759,846 | 234,611 | 58,821 | 5,574,969 |
| 1952- January | 4,579,671 | 707,855 | 308,222 | 66,506 | 5,662,254 |
| February | 5,250,629 | 764,412 | 305,521 | 73,663 | 6,394,225 |
| March | 5,692,421 | 947,457 | 349,817 | 96,419 | 7,086,114 |
| April | 5,858,979 | 888,670 | 312,418 | 73,696 | 7,133,763 |

Section D. Reclaim Rubber

Table 10 gives the consumption of Reclaim in total only, by end product classification, April 1951 to April 1952. Of the 2,978,538 pounds consumed in April 1952, 146,399 pounds were consumed in the form of dispersions and 2,832,-139 pounds as other than dispersions. For summary data on Reclaim and other rubber stocks, domestic production and domestic consumption, expressed in long tons, see Table 1.

Table 10. - Consumption of Reclaim Rubber in Total by End Products, April 1951 to April 1952, showing also Percentages of Reclaim to all Rubber Consumed.

| | | Reclaim | U | sed in the | Manufactu | re of |
|--|-----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| | Total | Percentage of all Rubber | Tires and Tubes | Wire and Cable | Foot- | Other Pro- ducts |
| TO THE STATE OF TH | 000's pounds | Per Cent | 000°s pounds | 000°s pounds | 000°s pounds | 000's pounds |
| 1951- April | 3,739 | 18.8 | 2,010 | 16 | 343 | 1,370 |
| May | 3,667 | 19.7 | 1,970 | 14 | 306 | 1,377 |
| June | 2,776 | 19.3 | 1,438 | 13 | 230 | 1.094 |
| July | 2,587 | 18.3 | 1,474 | 6 | 160 | 947 |
| August | 2,448 | 18.6 | 1,292 | 9 | 236 | 911 |
| September | 2,476 | 16.8 | 1.444 | 15 | 155 | 862 |
| October | 2,832 | 18.3 | 1,613 | 13 | 228 | 978 |
| November | 2,413 | 16.8 | 1.437 | 15 | 168 | 793 |
| December | 2,294 | 15.9 | 1,408 | 13 | 129 | 744 |
| 1952- January | 2,522 | 17.1 | 1,455 | 13 | 192 | 862 |
| February | 2,483 | 16.1 | 1,405 | 18 | 183 | 877 |
| March | 2,698 | 16.3 | 1,516 | 9 | 225 | 948 |
| April | 2,978 | 17.7 | 1.737 | 14 | 210 | 1,017 |

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