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# CONSUMPTION, PRODUCTION AND INVENTORIES OF RUBBRR 

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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 reclain rubber, and the inventories of fims 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 bold 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 Bxternal Trade Branch, D.B.S.) over a period of months.

Consumption of rubber in May, 1952, as compared with April, 1952, shows a decrease in natural of 598,896 pounds, a decrease in synthetic of 100,286 pounds, and a decrease in reclaim of 273,071 pounds, the total decrease being 972,253 pounds. Considering the situiation in terms of and products use, it may be noted that the consumption of all rubber in the production of tires and tubes, including tire repair materials, decreased by 1,089,794 pounds, consumption in rubber footwear increased by 4,412 pounds, in wire and cable increased by 122,446 pounds and in other products decreased by 9,317 pounds, making the total decrease of 972,253 pounds mentioned above.

Prepared in General Manufactures Section.

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## Section A. Summary Data

This section includes sumary data on natural, synthetic and reclajn 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. - Sumary Statement of all Rubber Stocks, Domestic Production, Domestic Consumption Showlng Monthly Averages, 1939-1951, and Actual Monthly Totals, May 1951 to May 1952.

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

| Period | Stocks | Fnd of | Period | Domestic Production |  | Consumption |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Natural | Synthetic | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Re } \\ & \text { claim } \end{aligned}$ | Synthetic | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Rè } \\ & \text { claim } \end{aligned}$ | Natural | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Syn- } \\ & \text { thetic } \end{aligned}$ | Reclaim |

Monthly Averages

| 1939 |  | noz. | no.a. | n.a. | - | - | 2,635 | - | 626 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1940 |  | n.a. | no.a. | n.a. | - | - | 3,083 | - | 703 |
| 1941 |  | n.a. | no.a. | noa. | - | - | 4,436 | - | 789 |
| 1942 |  | noa. | n.a. | 4,506 | - | - | 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 |
| 1950 |  | 4.423 | 3,511 | 1,635 | 4,870 | 371 | 3,843 | 18881 | 1,163 |
| 1951 |  | 5,016 | 3,671 | 2,219 | 5,191 | 423 | 3,698 | 2,203 | 1,319 |
| 1951 | May | 4.580 | 3,051 | $2{ }_{8} 177$ | 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 | 12944 | 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 | 1,264 |
|  | 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 | 28854 | 1,108 |
|  | March | 5,060 | 7,615 | 1,709 | 6,357 | 412 | 3,015 | 3.164 | 1,204 |
|  | April | 4,011 | 7,909 | 1,556 | 6,233 | 403 | 2,994 | 3.184 | 1,329 |
|  | May | 3,524 | 6,814 | 1,580 | 5,625 | 501 | 2,726 | 3,139 | 1,207 |

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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, 1952 | Production | Inventory May 31, 1952 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Natural Rubber |  |  |  |
| Crude Rubber | - | - | - |
| Natural Latex | 16 | - | 24 |
| Total Natural Rubber .... | 16 | - | 24 |
| Synthetic Rubber |  |  |  |
| Buna-S ........ | 2,087 |  |  |
| Butyl. | 1,481 | 1,153 | 948 |
| Neoprene | 15 | - | 23 |
| All Other | 1,408 | 531 | 1,468 |
| Total Synthetic Rubber .0 | 4,991 | 5,625 | 4,495 |
| Reclaim Rubber |  |  |  |
| Dispersions ............... | 25 | 69 | 33 |
| Other than Dispersions .... | 158 | 432 | 183 |
| Total Reclaim Rubber .... | 183 | 501 | 216 |
| GRaND TOTAL ................. | 5,190 | 6,126 | 4.735 |

Table 2(b) - CONSUMPIION $\begin{gathered}\text { Statement of Manufacturers Consuming Rubber } \\ \text { (Weight in Long Tons) }\end{gathered}$

| Type of Rubber | Inventory <br> May 1, 1952 | Receipts <br> (Imports, etc.) | Con <br> sump- <br> tion | Sales <br> (Exports, etc.) | Inventory <br> May 31, 1952 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Natural Rubber |  |  |  |  |  |
| Crude Rubber Natural Latex | 3,822 | $\begin{array}{r} 2,073 \\ 179 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,544 \\ 182 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 15 \\ 6 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3,336 \\ 164 \end{array}$ |
| Total Natural Rubber | 3,995 | 2,252 | 2.726 | 21 | 3,500 |
| Synthetic Rubber |  |  |  |  |  |
| Buna-S, Solid | 2,125 | 1,984 | 2,468 | - | 1,641 |
| Buna-S, Latex | 102 | 102 | 83 | 1 | 120 |
| Buna-N | 21 | 14 | 11 | - | 24 |
| Butyl | 402 | 303 | 380 | = | 325 |
| Neoprene | 231 | 122 | 173 | 4 | 176 |
| Al1 Other | 37 | 24 | 24 | 4 | 33 |
| Total Synthetic Rubber | 2,918 | 2,549 | 3,139 | 9 | 2,319 |
| Reclaim Rubber |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dispersions............... |  | 67 | 57 | - | 65 |
| Other than Dispersions | 1.318 | 1,131 | 1,150 | - | 1,299 |
| Total Reclaim Rubber | 1,373 | 1,198 | I,207 | - | 1,364 |
| GRaND TOTAL | 8,286 | 5,999 | 7,072 | 30 | 7,183 |

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Section A. - Summary Data (Concluded)
Table 3(a) - Consumption of all Rubber, by Types and by End Product Classification, April 1952


Table 3(b) = Consumption of all Rubber, by Types and by End Product Glassification, May 1952


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

| Year | Natural |  | Synthetie |  | Reclaim |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Percentage | Total | Percentage | Total | Percentage |
|  | pounds | \% | pounds | $\%$ | pounds | $\%$ |
| 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 | - | - | 21,208,320 | 15.1 |
| 1942 | 94,402,560 | 77.1 | 8,252.60 | - | 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 | $28,2777.760$ | 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 | 46,051,821 | 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 May 1952 consumption of Natural Rubber, showing crude rubber and natural latex separately and arranged according to end products classification, is shown in Table 5. Sumary data, by months, May 1951 to May 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, May 1952

| End Products | Natural Rubber (excluding Latex) | Latex | Total Natural |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | pounds | pounds | pounds |
| 1. Tires, tubes and tire repair materials ......... | 4,034,299 | 31,247 | 4,065,546 |
| 2. Wire and cable | 82,988 | - | 82,988 |
| 3. Footwear (including heels, soles, etc.) ............. | 680,249 | 7,130 | 687,379 |
| 4. Other products ............ | 901,975 | 369,192 | 1,271,167 |
| TOTAL | 5,699,511 | 407,569 | 6,107,080 |

Table 6 - Consumption of Natural Rubber in Total, by End Products, May 1951 to May 1952, Showing also Percentage of Natural to all Rubber Consumed.

|  |  | Natural |  | Used in the Manufacture of |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total | Percentage of all Rubber | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Tires } \\ & \text { and } \\ & \text { Tubes } \end{aligned}$ | Wire <br> and <br> Cable | Foot wear | Other Products |
|  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 000 \text { !s } \\ \text { pounds } \end{array}$ | Per Cent | $\begin{aligned} & 000 \text { 's. } \\ & \text { pounds } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 000^{\prime s} \\ & \text { pounds } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 000!s \\ & \text { pounds } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 000^{\prime s} \\ & \text { pound } \end{aligned}$ |
| 1951 | May | 10,165 | 54.6 | 7,497 | 63 | 955 | 1,650 |
|  | June | 7,467 | 52.1 | 5,261 | 78 | 815 | 1,313 |
|  | July ...... | 7,355 | 52.1 | 5,470 | 37 | 534 | 1,314 |
|  | August .... | 6,344 | 48.3 | 4,108 | 69 | 952 | 1,215 |
|  | September . | 7,122 | 48.5 | 5,021 | 87 | 729 | 1,285 |
|  | October ... | 7,311 | 47.3 | 5,223 | 74 | 823 | 1,191 |
|  | November . . | 6,605 | 46.0 | 4,836 | 64 | T40 | 1,065 |
|  | December .. | 6,584 | 45.5 | 5,026 | 61 | 385 | 1,112 |
| 1952 | January ... | 6,579 | 44.6 | 4,809 | 67 | 610 |  |
|  | February .. | 6,523 | 42.4 | 4,622 | 60 | 649 | 1,192 |
|  | March ..... | 6,752 | 40.8 | 4,735 | 71 | 689 | 1,257 |
|  | April ..... | 6,706 | 39.9 | 4,604 | 96 | 673 | 1,333 |
|  | May ........ | 6,107 | 38.5 | 4.066 | 83 | 687 | 1,271 |

Section C. Synthetic Rubber
The May 1952 consumption of Synthetic Rubber is shown by types and by end products classification in Table 7. Sumnary 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, May 1952


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

|  | Synthetic Rubber |  | Used in the Manufacture of |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year and Month | Total | Percentage of all Rubber | Pires and Tubes | WIre and Cable | Footwear | Other Products |
|  | 000's pounds | per cent | $000 \text { 's }$ pounds | 000 's pounds | $\begin{aligned} & 000 \text { 's } \\ & \text { pounds } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 000 \text { 's } \\ \text { pounds } \end{gathered}$ |
| 1951 May ....... | 4,795 | 25.7 | 2,613 | 356 | 797 | 1,029 |
| June | 4,096 | 28.6 | 2,108 | 354 | 634 | 1,000 |
| July ...... | 4.171 | 29.6 | 2,692 | 181 | 480 | 818 |
| August .... | 4.354 | 33.1 | 2,292 | 387 | 753 | 922 |
| September | 5.109 | 34.7 | 3,194 | 352 | 635 | 928 |
| October | 5,309 | 34.2 | 3,537 | 362 | 581 | 829 |
| November . | 5.347 | 37.2 | 3,757 | 416 | 393 | 781 |
| December.. | 5,575 | 38.6 | 49050 | 313 | 418 | 794 |
| 1952 January . | 5,662 | 38.3 | 3,855 | 398 | 564 | 845 |
| February .. | 6,394 | 41.5 | 4,358 | 376 | 699 | 961 |
| March ..... | 7,086 | 42.9 | 4,768 | 357 | 727 | 1,234 |
| April | 7,134 | 42.4 | 4.816 | 361 | 796 | 1,161 |
| May ....... | 7,033 | 44.4 | 4,601 | 470 | 794 | 1,168 |

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

| Year | and Month | Bunams | Butyl | Neoprene | Other | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Pounds | Pounds | Pounds | Pounds | Pounds |
| 1951 | 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 |
|  | May ........ | 5,715,375 | 850,562 | 387,516 | 80,024 | 7,033,477 |

## Section D. Reclaim Rubber

Table 10 gives the consumption of Reclaim in total only, by end product classification, May 1951 to May 1952. Of the $2,705,467$ pounds consumed in May 1952, 128,560 pounds were consumed in the form of dispersions and $2,576,907$ pounds as other than dispersions. For sumary data on Reclaim and other rubber stocks, domestic production and domestic consumption, expressed in long tons, see Table 1.

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

|  |  | Reclaim |  | Used in the Manufacture of |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total | Percentage of all Rubber | Ifres and Tubes | Wive and Cable | Footwear | 0ther Pro ducts |
|  |  | 000 's pounds | per cent | 000 's pounds | 000 's pounds | 000 's pounds | 000 's pounds |
| 1951 | 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 |
|  | May ........ | 2,705 | 17.1 | 1,401 | 39 | 203 | 1,062 |



