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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 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 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, 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.

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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, May 1951 to May 1952.

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

Period	Stocks,	End of	Period	Domes Produc		Co	nsumptic	n
reriod	Natural	Syn- thetic	Re- claim	Syn- thetic	Re-	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.	4,506	_	-	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	1,881	1,163
1951	5,016	3,671	2,219	5,191	423	3,698	2,203	1,319
1951 May	4,580	3,051	2,177	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	1,264
November	3,688	4,404	2,261	5,874	339	2,948	2,388	1,07
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	1,204
April	4,011	7,909	1,556	6,233	403	2,994	3,184	1,329
	3,524	6,814	1,580	5,625	501	2,726	3,139	1,207
May	28784	0,014	1,000	7,027	JUI	29120	79177	1,20

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	16	do:	24
Total Natural Rubber	16	-	24
Synthetic Rubber	THE PROPERTY OF	Carleson Cole	
Buna-S	2,087	3,941	2,056
Butyl	1,481	1,153	948
Neoprene	15	ete	23
All Other	1,408	531	1,468
Total Synthetic Rubber	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) - CONSUMPTION. Statement of Manufacturers Consuming Rubber (Weight in Long Tons)

Type of Rubber	Inventory May 1, 1952	Receipts (Imports, etc.)	Con- sump- tion	Sales (Exports, etc.)	May 31, 1952
Natural Rubber					
Crude Rubber	3,822	2,073	2,544	15	3,336
Natural Latex	173	179	182	6	164
Total Natural Rubber	3,995	2,252	2,726	21	3,500
Synthetic Rubber					
Buna-S, Solid	2,125	1,984	2,468	30	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
All Other	37	24	24	4	33
Total Synthetic Rubber .	2,918	2,549	3;139	9	2,319
Reclaim Rubber					
. Dispersions	55	67	57	_	65
Other than Dispersions	1,318	1,131	1,150	200	1,299
Total Reclaim Rubber	1,373	1,198	1,207		1,364
GRAND TOTAL	8,286	5,999	7,072	30	7,183

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
-		pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
1.	Tires, tubes and tire repair materials	4,604,095	4,816,098	1,737,188	11,157,381
2.	Wire and cable	95,548	360,495	14,378	470,421
3.	Footwear (including heels, soles, etc.)	673,355	796,098	210,402	1,679,855
40	Other products	1,332,978	1,161,072	1,016,570	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, May 1952

End	Products	Natural	Synthetic	Reclaim	All Rubber
1.	Tires, tubes and tire	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
	repair materials	4,065,546	4,600,650	1,401,391	10,067,587
2.	Wire and cable	82,988	470,538	39,341	592,867
3.	Footwear (including heels, soles, etc.)	687,379	794,229	202,659	1,684,267
4.	Other products	1,271,167	1,168,060	1,062,076	3,501,303
	TOTAL	6,107,080	7;033,477	2,705,467	15,846,024

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

Year	Natu	Natural		hetic	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	-	30	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	46,051,821	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		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. Summary 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
	Miles and a second seco	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.

	Nat	tural	Used	in the M	lanufacture	of
	Total	Percentage of all Rubber	Tires and Tubes	wire and Cable	Foot- wear	Other Pro- ducts
D3 - D1 - D4 2 - D	000's	Per Cent	000's	000 s	000!s pounds	000's pounds
June July August September . October November December	10,165 7,467 7,355 6,344 7,122 7,311 6,605 6,584	54.6 52.1 52.1 48.3 48.5 47.3 46.0 45.5	7,497 5,261 5,470 4,108 5,021 5,223 4,836 5,026	63 78 37 69 87 74 64 61	955 815 534 952 729 823 640 385	1,650 1,313 1,314 1,215 1,285 1,191 1,065 1,112
1952 January February March April May	6,579 6,523 6,752 6,706 6,107	44.6 42.4 40.8 39.9 38.5	4,809 4,622 4,735 4,604 4,066	67 60 71 96 83	610 649 689 673 687	1,093 1,192 1,257 1,333 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. 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, May 1952

		Buna-S	3					Total
		Solid	Latex	Buna-N	Butyl	71 Neoprene Ot		Synthetic
		pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
1.	Tires, tubes and tire repair							
	materials	3,734,685	101,209			7,967		4,600,650
2.	Wire and cable	250,704	-	ette	8,584	211,250	-	470,538
3.	Footwear (in- cluding heels,							
	soles, etc.)	735,893						794,229
4.	Other Products	807,255	85,629	25,631	85,189	151,402	12,954	1,168,060
	TOTAL	5,528,537	186,838	25,631	850,562	387,516	54,393	7;033,477

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

	Synthe	tic Rubber	Use	Used in the Manufacture of				
Year and Month	Total	Percentage of all Rubber	Tires and Tubes	wire and Cable	Foot- wear	Other Pro- ducts		
	000 s	per cent	000 s	pounds	pounds	000 s		
June July August September October November December	4,795 4,096 4,171 4,354 5,109 5,309 5,347 5,575	25.7 28.6 29.6 33.1 34.7 34.2 37.2 38.6	2,613 2,108 2,692 2,292 3,194 3,537 3,757 4,050	356 354 181 387 352 362 416 313	797 634 480 753 635 581 393 418	1,029 1,000 818 922 928 829 781 794		
1952 January February March April	5,662 6,394 7,086 7,134 7,033	38.3 41.5 42.9 42.4 44.4	3,855 4,358 4,768 4,816 4,601	398 376 357 361 470	564 699 727 796 794	84 <u>9</u> 961 1,234 1,163		

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

Year and Month	Buna-S	Butyl	Neoprene	Other	Total
See Describer	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 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, May 1951 to May 1952, Showing also Percentages of Reclaim to all Rubber Consumed.

	Recl	alm	Used	in the M	lanufacture	OI
	Total	Percentage of all Rubber	Tires and Tubes	wire and Cable	Foot- wear	Pro- ducts
	000 s	per cent	000 s	000's pounds	pounds	000 s
June July August September October November December	3,667 2,776 2,587 2,448 2,476 2,832 2,413 2,294	19.7 19.3 18.3 18.6 16.8 18.3 16.8	1,970 1,438 1,474 1,292 1,444 1,613 1,437 1,408	14 13 6 9 15 13 15	306 230 160 236 155 228 168 129	1,377 1,094 947 911 862 978 793 744
1952 January February March April May	2,522 2,483 2,698 2,978 2,705	17.1 16.1 16.3 17.7 17.1	1,455 1,405 1,516 1,737 1,401	13 18 9 14 39	192 183 225 210 203	862 877 948 1,017 1,062

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