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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 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 December 1953 as compared with November 1953 shows a decrease in natural of 50,124 pounds, a decrease in synthetic of 196,103 pounds and an increase in reclaim of 328,331 pounds, the total increase being 82,104 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 58,049 pounds, consumption in rubber footwear decreased by 273,651 pounds, in wire and cable decreased by 56,916 pounds and in other products increased by 354,622 pounds, making the total increase of 82,104 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, whereever 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 and Domestic Consumption Showing Monthly Averages, 1939-1952, and Actual Monthly Totals, January to December 1953.

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

	Stocks,	End of P	eriod	riod Domestic Production		Cor	nsumption	1
	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.	4,506	_	-	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
1952	4,255	6,925	1,567	6,189	382	2,792	2,799	1,133
1953 - January .	3,887	4,636	1,488	6,779	378	2,942	3,111	1,217
February.	4,581	4,721	1,450	6,398	406	3,279	3,400	1,313
March	3,991	4,899	1,397	7,276	407	3,260	3,408	1,347
April	3,504	3,537	1,639	5,894	381	3,090	3,400	1,276
May	4,270	4,589	1,592	7,597	389	3,101	3,180	1,225
June	3,892	4,297	1,588	6,693	370	3,216	3,443	1,318
July	4,685	3,497	1,403	4,403	329	2,710	2,795	1,062
August	4,109	4,112	1,523	6,436	356	2,450	2,243	896
September	5,594	4,975	1,506	7,248	391	3,236	2,667	1,245
October .	5,292	5,902	1,539	7,374	435	3,382	2,714	1,197
November.	5,588	5,520	1,642	7,031	382	3,419	2,818	1,177
December.	5,600	6,209	1,690	7,266	398	3,397	2,731	1,323

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

Type of Rubber	Inventory December 1, 1953	Production	Inventory December 31, 1953
Natural Rubber		STATE OF SALES	
Crude Rubber	03	-	100
Natural Latex	91	-	120
Total Natural Rubber	91	-	120
Synthetic Rubber			
Buna-S	1,529	4,585	1,936
Butyl	1,359	1,533	1,380
Neopreme	35		28
All Other	476	1,148	680
Total Synthetic Rubber	3,399	7,266	4,024
Reclaim Rubber			
Dispersions	35	21	31
Other than Dispersions	138	377	.205
Total Reclaim Rubber .	173	398	236
GRAND TOTAL	3,663	7,664	4,380

Type of Rubber	Inventory December 1, 1953	Receipts (Imports, etc.)	Con- sump- tion	Sales (Exports, etc.)	Inventory December 31, 1953
Natural Rubber	5 27 0	2 002	2 020	1	5,182
Crude Rubber	5,218 279	3,003 393	3,038	15	298
Total Natural Rubber .	5,497	3,396	3,397	16	5,480
Synthetic Rubber					
Buna-S, Solid	1,484	2,065	2,007	7	1,535
Buna-S, Latex	122	96	98	-	. 120
Buna-N	26	6	13	****	19
Butyl	201	405	376		230
Neoprene	234	164	179	4	215
All Other	54	79	58	9	66
Total Synthetic Rubber	2,121	2,815	2,731	20	2,185
Reclaim Rubber					
Dispersions	58	24	21	_	61
Other than Dispersions	1,411	1,285	1,302	1	1,393
Total Reclaim Rubber	1,469	1,309	1,323	1	1,454
GRAND TOTAL	9,087	7,520	7,451	37	9,119

Section A. - Summary Data (Concluded)

Table 3(a) - Consumption of all Rubber, by Types and by End Product Classification, December 1953

End	Products	Natural	Synthetic	Reclaim	Total All Rubber
1.	Tires, tubes and tire	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
	repair materials	5,408,783	3,968,151	1,776,284	11,153,218
2.	Wire and cable	61,296	434,343	9,449	505,088
	soles, etc.)	359,551	600,638	135,607	1,095,796
40		1,778,375	1,112,210	1,043,019	3,933,604
	TOTAL	7,608,005	6,115,342	2,964,359	16,687,706

Table 3(b) - Consumption of all Rubber, by Types and by End Product Classification, November, 1953.

End	Products	Natural	Synthetic	Reclaim	Total All Rubber
1.	Tires, tubes and tire	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
2.	repair materials	5,248,787 72,466	4,168,779	1,677,603 7,358	11,095,169 562,004
	Footwear (including heels, soles, etc.) Other products	648,662	584,522 1,075,964	136,263	1,369,447
	TOTAL	7,658,129	6,311,445	2,636,028	16,605,602

Table 4 - Consumption of all Rubber in Total, by Types, showing Percentages of Each Type to all Rubber Consumed, 1939 to 1953

	Natu	ral	Synthe	tic	Recla	im.
	pounds	%	pounds	%	pounds	%
1939	 70,828,800	80.4	-	-	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	_	-	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	30.5	35,447,251	18.3
1952	 75,042,843	41.5	75,260,578	41.6	30,468,040	16.9
1953	 83,955,609	42.6	80,447,628	40.8	32,701,851	16.6

Section B. Natural Rubber

The December 1953 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, December 1952 to December 1953 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, December 1953.

End	Products	Natural Rubber (excluding Latex)	Latex	Total Natural
1.	Tires, tubes and tire	pounds	pounds	pounds
- Miles	repair materials	5,391,049 61,296	17,734	5,408,783 61,296
4.	other products	358,893 993,059	658 785,316	359,551
	TOTAL	6,804,297	803,708	7,608,005

Table 6 - Consumption of Natural Rubber in Total, by End Products, December 1952 to December 1953, showing also Percentage of Natural to all Rubber Consumed.

	Natural		Used in the Manufactur		nufacture	re of	
	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	000°s pounds	000's	
1952 - December	6,391	40.0	4,348	66	554	1,423	
February February March April May June July August September October November December	6,589 7,346 7,302 6,921 6,945 7,204 6,070 5,489 7,249 7,574 7,658 7,608	40.5 41.0 40.7 39.8 41.3 40.3 41.3 43.9 45.3 46.4 46.0 45.6	4,444 4,650 4,504 4,417 4,463 4,694 4,236 3,327 4,592 5,186 5,249 5,409	80 77 95 81 68 74 41 58 86 86 72 61	626 768 798 745 727 716 537 822 843 877 649 360	1,439 1,851 1,905 1,678 1,687 1,720 1,256 1,282 1,728 1,425	

Section C. Synthetic Rubber

The December 1953 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, December 1953.

Buna- Solid	S Latex	Buna-N	Butyl	Neoprene	Other	Total Synthetic
pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
1. Tires, tubes & tire repair						
materials 3,126,969	88,945	80	740,559	11,598	-	3,968,151
2. Wire & cable . 200,013 3. Footwear (in-	-	-	5,130	229,200	-	434,343
cluding heels,				/ 500	303 /8/	(00 (00
soles, etc.) . 492,232	-		-	6,730	101,676	600,638
4. Other Products. 676,505	130,247	28,803	95,887	152,976	27,792	1,112,210
TOTAL4,495,719	219,192	28,883	841,576	400,504	129,468	6,115,342

Table 8 - Consumption of Synthetic Rubber, in Total, by End Products,
December 1952 to December 1953, showing also Percentages of
Synthetic to all Rubber Consumed.

	Synthet	ic Rubber	Used	in the Ma	nufacture	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	000's pounds	000's pounds	000's
1952 - December	6,882	43.0	4,541	357	835	1,149
1953 - January February March	6,968 7,617 7,633 7,614	42.8 42.6 42.5 43.8	4,673 4,981 5,050 5,055	385 391 391 447	797 959 895 862	1,113 1,286 1,297 1,250
April May June July	7,124 7,716 6,264	42.4 43.2 42.5	4,918 5,247 4,481	356 425 166	669 792 670	1,181 1,252 947
August September October	5,026 5,976 6,082	40.1 37.3 37.2	2,888 3,888 3,966	491 423 383	647 629 651	1,000 1,036 1,082
November	6,311 6,115	38.0 36.6	4,169 3,968	482 434	584	1,076

Table 9 - Consumption of Synthetic Rubber, by Types, December 1952 to December 1953.

Year and Month	Buna-S	Butyl	Neoprene	Other	Total
	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
1952 - December	5,538,899	851,779	312,717	178,677	6,882,072
February March April May June July August October November December	5,537,097 6,147,469 6,026,536 6,116,766 5,670,984 6,228,278 5,165,202 3,923,915 4,793,468 4,886,123 5,033,705 4,714,911	950,077 983,260 1,115,227 954,018 949,100 957,342 755,811 558,862 685,966 671,616 751,808 841,576	311,717 315,225 323,919 374,056 359,394 365,846 202,335 424,353 380,789 393,033 394,419 400,504	169,346 170,816 168,224 169,544 144,432 165,183 140,188 118,340 116,233 130,751 131,513 158,351	6,968,237 7,616,770 7,633,906 7,614,384 7,123,910 7,716,649 6,263,536 5,025,470 5,976,456 6,081,523 6,311,445 6,115,342

Section D. Reclaim Rubber

Table 10 gives the consumption of Reclaim in total only, by end product classification December 1952 to December 1953. Of the 2,964,359 pounds consumed in December 1953, 47,547 pounds were consumed in the form of dispersions and 2,916,812 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 December 1952 to December 1953, showing also Percentages of Reclaim to all Rubber Consumed.

	Re	claim	Used	in the Ma	nufacture	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	000°s	000's pounds	000's
1952 - December	2,723	17.0	1,502	10	203	1,008
1953 - January February March April May June July August September October November	2,726 2,941 3,015 2,860 2,745 2,953 2,380 2,007 2,790 2,683 2,636	16.7 16.4 16.8 16.4 16.3 16.5 16.2 16.0 17.4 16.4	1,632 1,635 1,707 1,531 1,561 1,722 1,523 1,005 1,586 1,614 1,678	6 14 16 8 12 - 9 7	195 207 179 173 149 176 108 187 161 206 136	893 1,093 1,115 1,140 1,027 1,043 749 806 1,036 853 815

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