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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 March, 1953 as compared with February, 1953 shows a decrease in natural of 44,329 pounds, an increase in synthetic of 17,136 pounds, and an increase in reclaim of 74,690 pounds, the total increase being 47,497 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 3,201 pounds, consumption in rubber footwear decreased by 61,532 pounds, in wire and cable increased by 26,026 pounds and in other products increased by 86,204 pounds, making the total increase of 47,497 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 and Domestic Consumption Showing Monthly Averages, 1939-1952, and Actual Monthly Totals, January to March 1953.

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
<b>Monthly Averages</b>								
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

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

Type of Rubber	Inventory March 1, 1953	Production	Inventory March 31, 1953
<u>Natural Rubber</u>			
Crude Rubber .....	-	-	-
Natural Latex .....	34	-	25
Total Natural Rubber .....	34	-	25
<u>Synthetic Rubber</u>			
Buna-S .....	937	4,788	934
Butyl .....	1,580	1,476	1,500
Neoprene .....	38	-	31
All Other .....	183	1,012	394
Total Synthetic Rubber ...	2,738	7,276	2,859
<u>Reclaim Rubber</u>			
Dispersions .....	18	32	23
Other than Dispersions ....	86	375	144
Total Reclaim Rubber .....	104	407	167
GRAND TOTAL .....	2,876	7,683	3,051

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

Type of Rubber	Inventory Mar. 1, 1953	Receipts (Imports, etc.)	Con- sump- tion	Sales (Exports etc.)	Inventory Mar. 28, 1953
<u>Natural Rubber</u>					
Crude Rubber .....	4,354	2,286	2,912	3	3,725
Natural Latex .....	193	412	348	16	241
Total Natural Rubber ....	4,547	2,698	3,260	19	3,966
<u>Synthetic Rubber</u>					
Buna-S, Solid .....	1,357	2,636	2,586	17	1,390
Buna-S, Latex .....	70	112	104	-	78
Buna-N .....	28	10	12	-	26
Butyl .....	256	525	498	-	283
Neoprene .....	211	157	145	2	221
All Other .....	61	50	63	6	42
Total Synthetic Rubber ..	1,983	3,490	3,408	25	2,040
<u>Reclaim Rubber</u>					
Dispersions .....	70	24	37	-	57
Other than Dispersion ....	1,276	1,207	1,310	-	1,173
Total Reclaim Rubber ....	1,346	1,231	1,347	-	1,230
GRAND TOTAL .....	7,876	7,419	8,015	44	7,236



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Section A. - Summary Data (Concluded)

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

End Products	Natural	Synthetic	Reclaim	Total All Rubber
	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
1. Tires, tubes and tire repair materials .....	4,649,761	4,980,776	1,634,785	11,265,322
2. Wire and cable .....	77,504	390,840	5,823	474,167
3. Footwear (including heels, soles, etc.) .....	767,976	959,059	207,096	1,934,131
4. Other products .....	1,850,893	1,286,095	1,093,333	4,230,321
TOTAL .....	7,346,134	7,616,770	2,941,037	17,903,941

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

End Products	Natural	Synthetic	Reclaim	Total All Rubber
	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
1. Tires, tubes and tire repair materials .....	4,504,456	5,050,183	1,707,482	11,262,121
2. Wire and cable .....	94,684	391,388	14,121	500,193
3. Footwear (including heels, soles, etc.) .....	798,003	895,483	179,113	1,872,599
4. Other products .....	1,904,662	1,296,852	1,115,011	4,316,525
TOTAL .....	7,301,805	7,633,906	3,015,727	17,951,438

Table 4 - Consumption of all Rubber in Total, by Types, showing  
Percentages of Each Type to all Rubber Consumed, 1939 to 1952.

		Natural		Synthetic		Reclaim	
		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	-	-	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	

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Section B, Natural Rubber

The March 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, March 1952 to March 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, March 1953.

End Products	Natural Rubber (excluding Latex)	Latex	Total Natural
	pounds	pounds	pounds
1. Tires, tubes and tire repair materials .....	4,487,774	16,682	4,504,456
2. Wire and cable .....	94,684	-	94,684
3. Footwear (including heels, soles, etc.) .....	793,152	4,851	798,003
4. Other products .....	1,147,115	757,547	1,904,662
TOTAL .....	6,522,725	779,080	7,301,805

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

	Natural		Used in the Manufacture of			
	Total	Percentage of all Rubber	Tires and Tubes	Wire and Cable	Foot- wear	Other Pro- ducts
	000's pounds	Per Cent	000's pounds	000's pounds	000's pounds	000's pounds
1952 - 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
June .....	5,638	40.2	3,762	78	585	1,213
July .....	4,760	40.5	3,265	24	454	1,017
August .....	4,444	40.8	2,484	84	802	1,074
September .....	6,290	42.7	3,972	83	859	1,376
October .....	7,275	43.8	4,877	80	942	1,376
November .....	7,577	43.6	5,221	91	779	1,486
December .....	6,391	40.0	4,348	66	554	1,423
1953 - January .....	6,589	40.5	4,444	80	626	1,439
February .....	7,346	41.0	4,650	77	768	1,851
March .....	7,302	40.7	4,504	95	798	1,905

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Section C. Synthetic Rubber

The March 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, March 1953.

	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 ....	3,948,680	101,302	240	991,560	8,401	-	5,050,183
2. Wire and cable .....	210,196	-	-	12,732	168,460	-	391,388
3. Footwear (including heels, soles, etc.) .	775,336	-	90	50	9,217	110,790	895,483
4. Other Products	859,121	131,901	27,059	110,885	137,841	30,045	1,296,852
TOTAL .....	5,793,333	233,203	27,389	1,115,227	323,919	140,835	7,633,906

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

Year and Month	Synthetic Rubber		Used in the Manufacture of			
	Total	Percentage of all Rubber	Tires and Tubes	Wire and Cable	Footwear	Other Products
	000's pounds	Per Cent	000's pounds	000's pounds	000's pounds	000's pounds
1952 - 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
June .....	6,007	42.8	3,758	358	736	1,155
July .....	4,900	41.6	3,303	200	527	870
August ...	4,698	43.2	2,632	383	732	951
September..	5,873	39.9	3,691	346	727	1,109
October ..	6,517	39.2	4,127	354	875	1,161
November .	7,072	40.7	4,410	458	929	1,275
December .	6,882	43.0	4,541	357	835	1,149
1953 - January ..	6,968	42.8	4,673	385	797	1,113
February .	7,617	42.6	4,981	391	959	1,286
March ....	7,633	42.5	5,050	391	895	1,297



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

Year and Month	Buna-S	Butyl	Neoprene	Other	Total
	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
1952 - 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
June .....	4,857,597	746,490	297,110	106,216	6,007,413
July .....	3,934,576	675,167	202,857	87,735	4,900,335
August .....	3,775,083	494,292	311,248	117,466	4,698,089
September .....	4,660,454	760,456	312,072	140,425	5,873,407
October .....	5,233,065	826,599	314,452	142,852	6,516,968
November .....	5,632,928	890,568	392,313	156,652	7,072,461
December .....	5,538,899	851,779	312,717	178,677	6,882,072
1953 - January .....	5,537,097	950,077	311,717	169,346	6,968,237
February .....	6,147,469	983,260	315,225	170,816	7,616,770
March .....	6,026,536	1,115,227	323,919	168,224	7,633,906

Section D. Reclaim Rubber

Table 10 gives the consumption of Reclaim in total only, by end product classification March 1952 to March 1953. Of the 3,015,727 pounds consumed in March 1953, 82,121 pounds were consumed in the form of dispersions and 2,933,606 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, March 1952 to March 1953, Showing also Percentages of Reclaim to all Rubber Consumed.

	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
1952 - 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
June .....	2,393	17.0	1,306	16	194	877
July .....	2,095	17.9	1,254	9	127	705
August .....	1,741	16.0	914	8	187	632
September ..	2,572	17.4	1,339	12	215	1,006
October ....	2,825	17.0	1,499	9	288	1,029
November ...	2,731	15.7	1,471	9	219	1,032
December ...	2,723	17.0	1,502	10	203	1,008
1953 - January ....	2,726	16.7	1,632	6	195	893
February ...	2,941	16.4	1,635	6	207	1,093
March .....	3,015	16.8	1,707	14	179	1,115

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