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CONSUMPTION, PRODUCTION AND INVENTORIES OF RUBBER

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 July 1955 as compared with June 1955 shows a decrease in natural of 2,419,726 pounds, a decrease in synthetic of 2,453,188 pounds and a decrease in reclaim of 991,530 pounds, the total being a decrease of 5,864,444 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 2,867,824 pounds, consumption in rubber footwear decreased by 883,915 pounds, in wire and cable decreased by 313,290 pounds and in other products decreased by 1,799,415 pounds, making the total decrease of 5,864,444 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, 1939-1954 and Actual Monthly Totals, January to July 1955.

Weights are given in long tons (2,240 pounds)

	Stocks,	End of P	eriod	Domest Product		Co	nsumptio	n
	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.	_	100	4,436	-	789
1942	n.a.	n.a.	4,506		-	3,512	eth.	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	4,583	4,741	1,538	6,744	385	3,124	2,993	1,216
1954	4,710	5,863	1,477	7,215	331	3,465	2,506	1,064
1955 - January .	3,444	5,267	1,583	8,124	309	3,511	2,615	1,062
February	3,898	4,887	1,550	7,646	419	3,804	3,132	1,350
March	3,749	4,985	1,677	8,673	384	4,140	3,366	1,390
April	3,805	5,076	1,642	7,631	345	3,822	3,006	1,227
May	4,909	5,517	1,681	8,867	438	3,762	3,344	1,101
June	5,448	5,388	1,613	8,587	371	3,836	3,783	1,488
July	4,754	5,697	1,641	8,183	154	2,755	2,688	1,046

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

Type of Rubber	Inventory July 1, 1955	Production	Inventory July 31, 1955
Natural Rubber			
Crude Rubber	58	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	90
Total Natural Rubber	58		90
Synthetic Rubber			
Buna-S Butyl Neoprene All Other	2,035 489 23 327	5,351 1,417 - 1,415	1,896 448 23 497
Total Synthetic Rubber	2,874	8,183	2,864
Reclaim Rubber			
Dispersions Other than Dispersions	31 162	11 143	18 112
Total Reclaim Rubber	193	154	130
GRAND TOTAL	3,125	8,337	3,084

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

Type of Rubber	Inventory July 1, 1955	Receipts (Imports, etc.)	Con- sump- tion	Sales (Exports, etc.)	Inventory July 31, 1955
Natural Rubber					
Crude Rubber Natural Latex	5,013 377	1,854 225	2,555 200	31 19	4,281 383
Total Natural Rubber	5,390	2,079	2,755	50	4,664
Synthetic Rubber Buna-S, Solid Buna-S, Latex Buna-N Butyl Neoprene All Other	1,681 142 28 237 337 89	2,565 85 10 217 112 80	2,214 96 8 209* 105 56	54 1 - - 7	1,978 130 30 245 344 106
Total Synthetic Rubber.	2,514	3,069	2,688	62	2,833
Reclaim Rubber Dispersions Other than Dispersions Total Reclaim	43 1,377 1,420	9 1,128 1,137	7 1,039 1,046		45 1,466 1,511
GRAND TOTAL	9,324	6,285	6,489	112	9,008

Section A. Summary Data (Concluded)

Table 3(a) - Consumption of all Rubber, by Types and by End Products
Classification, July, 1955

		Natural	Synthetic	Reclaim	Total All Rubber
		pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
1.	Tires, tubes and tire	-			
	repair materials	4,511,667	4,439,527	1,640,472	10,591,666
2.	Wire and cable	39,681	159,887	3,226	202,794
3.	Footwear (including heels,	,	•		
	soles, etc.)	361,604	407,856	142,381	911,841
4.	Other products	1,259,145	1,015,911	555,960	2,831,016
	TOTAL	6,172,097	6,023,181	2,342,039	14,537,317

Table 3(b) - Consumption of all Rubber by Types and by End Products
Classification, June 1955

End	Products	Natural	Synthetic	Reclaim	Total All Rubber
		pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
1.	Tires, tubes and tire				
	repair materials	5,495,448	5,724,405	2,239,637	13,459,490
2.	Wire and cable	61,275	447,204	7,605	516,084
3.	Footwear (including heels,	,	-		
	soles, etc.)	848,368	752,844	194,544	1,795,756
4.	Other Products	2,186,732	1,551,916	891,783	4,630,431
	TOTAL	8,591,823	8,476,369	3,333,569	20,401,761

Table 4 - Consumption of all Rubber in Total, by Types showing percentages of Each Type to all Rubber Consumed, 1939 to 1954

	Natural		Synthetic		Reclaim	
	pounds	%	pounds	%	pounds	%
1931	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
944	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
949	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
952	75,042,843	41.5	75,260,578	41.6	30,468,040	16.9
953	83,955,609	42.6	80,447,628	40.8	32,701,851	16.0
954	93, 129, 151	49.3	67,379,304	35.6	28,603,823	15.

Section B. Natural Rubber

The July 1955 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 July 1954 to July 1955 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 Products Classification, July 1955.

Products	Natural Rubber (excluding Latex)	Latex	Total Natural
	pounds	pounds	pounds
Tires, tubes and tire		-	
repair materials	4,495,356	16,311	4,511,667
		-	39,681
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	360.124	1.480	361,604
	827,755	431,390	1,259,145
	5,722,916	449.181	6,172,097
	Products Tires, tubes and tire repair materials Wire and cable Footwear (including heels, soles, etc.) Other products TOTAL	roducts (excluding Latex) pounds Tires, tubes and tire repair materials	repair materials

Table 6 - Consumption of Natural Rubber in Total by End Products, July 1954 to July 1955, showing also percentage of Natural to all Rubber Consumed.

	Nat	ural	Used	in the Ma	nufacture	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
1954 - July	6,301	50.0	4,696	36	402	1,167
August	6,271	51.8	4,181	38	899	1,153
September	8,584	52.9	5,938	65	814	1,767
October .	8,103	54.2	5,559	64	851	1,629
November.	8,848	52.8	6,034	67	871	1,876
December.	8,621	53.4	5,899	61	695	1,966
1955 - January .	7,865	48.8	5,421	50	721	1,673
February.	8,521	45.9	5,685	40	744	2,052
March	9,275	46.5	6,196	74	798	2,207
April	8,561	47.5	5,824	65	781	1,891
May	8,426	45.8	5,614	111	848	1,853
June	8,592	42.1	5,496	61	848	2,187
July	6,172	42.5	4,512	40	361	1,259

Section C. Synthetic Rubber

The July 1955 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 Products Classification, July 1955.

		Buna	a-S	Buna-N	Butv1	Neoprene	Other	Total	
		Solid Latex						Synthetic	
		pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	
1.	Tires, tubes & tire repair								
	materials	3,922,663	89,124	450	405,555	21,735	-	4,439,527	
2.	Wire & cable Footwear (in- cluding heels,	86,566	-	**	3,205	70,116	-	159,887	
	soles, etc.)	327,754	_	259	3,050	10,933	65,860	407,856	
4.	Other products .					131,707	4	1,015,911	
	TOTAL	4,959,922	216,506	17,693	468, 172	234,491	126,397	6,023,181	

Table 8 - Consumption of Synthetic Rubber, in Total, by End Products
July 1954 to July 1955, showing also percentages of
Synthetic to all Rubber Consumed.

	Syn	thetic	Used	in the Ma	mufacture	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
1954 - July	4,357	34.5	3,091	145	432	689
August	4,421	36.6	2,572	383	617	849
September .	5,459	33.6	3,441	353	660	1,005
October	4,786	32.0	2,866	386	599	935
November	5,720	34.1	3,456	442	688	1,134
December	5,349	33.1	3,138	358	713	1,140
1955 - January	5,861	36.4	3,568	355	731	1,207
February	7,018	37.8	4,586	376	827	1,229
March	7,544	37.9	4,796	443	839	1,466
April	6,735	37.3	4,347	411	594	1,383
May	7,494	40.8	4,950	443	697	1,404
June	8,476	41.6	5,724	447	753	1,552
July	6,023	41.4	4,439	160	408	1,016

Table 9 - Consumption of Synthetic Rubber, by Types, July 1954 to July 1955

	Buna-S	Butyl	Neoprene	Other	Total
	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
1954 - July	3,453,247	563,062	222,504	118,062	4,356,875
August	3,493,064	465,466	352,857	109,406	4,420,793
September	4,370,322	574,109	381,614	133,365	5,459,410
October	3,856,414	468, 294	339,760	121,658	4,786,126
November	4,657,800	502,454	431,558	127,803	5,719,615
December	4,327,112	439,009	430,152	152,557	5,348,830
1955 - January	4,829,792	514,297	366,435	150,515	5,861,039
February	5,852,577	610,502	388,316	166,321	7,017,716
March	6,064,508	809,558	452,005	218,379	7,544,450
April	5,510,556	642,993	436, 143	145,688	6,735,380
May	6, 186, 793	727,054	440,158	139,894	7,493,899
June	7,133,999	696,116	503,596	142,658	8,476,369
July	5,176,428	468,172	234,491	144,090	6,023,181

Section D. Reclaim Rubber

Table 10 gives the consumption of Reclaim Rubber in total only, by end products classification July 1954 to July 1955. Of the 2,342,039 pounds consumed in July 1955, 15,403 pounds were consumed in the form of dispersions and 2,326,636 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 July 1954 to July 1955, showing also Percentage of Reclaim to all Rubber Consumed.

	Re	eclaim	Use	d in the l	Manufactu	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 pounds	000's pounds	000's pounds	000's
1954 - July	1,951	15.5	1,395	2	103	451
August	1,404	11.6	791	2	209	402
September	2,199	13.5	1,399	5	189	606
October	2,066	13.8	1,306	7	181	572
November	2,204	13.1	1,236	5	236	727
December	2,171	13.5	1,193	6	225	747
1955 - January	2,378	14.8	1,502	8	186	682
February	3,025	16.3	1,984	6	182	853
March	3,114	15.6	1,929	9	230	946
April	2,749	15.2	1,741	4	207	797
May	2,468	13.4	1,476	5	204	783
June	3,334	16.3	2,240	8	194	892
July	2,342	16.1	1,641	3	142	556

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