

Market Report week 50/ 2013

Development of futures quotations at the main trading places for natural rubber in week 50/ 2013:

	QUALITY	PRICE	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
TOCOM	RSS 3	YEN/kg	281,10	279,80	279,70	284,10	283,70
SGX	RSS 3	USC/kg	258,00	256,20	257,40	261,00	261,20
SGX	TSR 20	USC/kg	233,30	232,00	231,80	234,00	234,00
MRE	SMR CV	USC/kg	269,35	270,35	270,60	269,75	268,65
MRE	SMR 20	USC/kg	237,70	237,25	235,00	236,40	235,95

Development of EUR/USD during week 50/ 2013:

USD Fix		1,3718	1,3740	1,3766	1,3786	1,3730
Oil/BRT	USD/Barrel	110,84	110,11	108,99	109,44	108,64

(TOCOM RSS 3: 6th month closing, SICOM RSS 3 & TSR 20: 1st pos. settlement, MRE SMR CV & SMR 20: closing quotation)

The next to last trading week closed with moderate gains at the future markets. While TOCOM rose abt. 2,9 % during the course of the week, SGX closed irregular. RSS 3 gained abt. 1,6 % higher and TSR 20 lost abt. 0,3 %.

The sentiment has developed more positively the last two weeks, especially because of better data coming from China and also signs of recovering markets in the US and Europe. This implies an increasing demand for NR and consequently better prices for producers. Production in Thailand /Indonesia and Malaysia is still not good and for this part of the year definitely too small.

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Abbreviations:

RSS3 = Ribbed Smoked Sheets 3
TSR 20 = Technically Specified Rubber 20
SMR = Standard Malaysian Rubber

TOCOM = Tokyo Commodity Exchange
SICOM = Singapore Commodity Exchange
MRE = Malaysian rubber Exchange
WTI = crude oil "Western Trade Intermediate"