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PRODUCTION OF TURPENTINE AND ROSIN SHOWS INCREASE

April production of turpentine totaled 43,240 barrels, 3 percent above March and 26 percent more than April last year. Sulfate turpentine, accounting for 83 percent of the total, was off 1 percent from a month earlier. Steam distilled at 5,820 barrels showed an increase of 16 percent over March and was more than double the April output last year. Gum turpentine showed an increase of 48 percent from a year ago. Rosin production at 117,360 drums was nearly double last year's April output. Tall oil rosin, comprising 55 percent of the total rosin, was 56 percent above last year. Steam distilled rosin, accounting for 41 percent of the total, was more than double last April. Gum rosin, accounting for the remaining 4 percent of the total, increased 20 percent from a year earlier. Turpentine stocks at the end of April were 76 percent greater than the amount on hand for the same date last year. Rosin stocks increased 22 percent over last year.

PRODUCTION

PRODUCT	1975		1976	
	MAR	APR	MAR	APR
TURPENTINE	BARRELS OF 50 GALLONS			
GUM	720	980	910	1,450
STEAM DISTILLED	2,290	1,970	5,010	5,820
SULFATE 1/	30,650	31,340	36,150	35,970
TOTAL	33,660	34,290	42,070	43,240
ROSIN	DRUMS OF 520 POUNDS NET 2/			
GUM	2,150	3,590	3,370	4,310
STEAM DISTILLED	23,930	16,550	45,270	48,110
TALL OIL	35,840	41,680	63,760	64,940
TOTAL	61,920	61,820	112,400	117,360
OTHER PRODUCTS	BARRELS OF 50 GALLONS			
PINE OIL - ALL SOURCES	16,960	10,700	15,156	14,580
OTHER STEAM DISTILLED				
TERPENES	4,430	3,610	4,050	5,610

GUM NAVAL STORES PRICES

ITEM	UNIT	1975		1976	
		MAR	APR	MAR	APR
AVERAGE PRICE PROCESSING PLANTS ^{3/}				DOLLARS PER UNIT	
TURPENTINE - TANK CARS F.O.B.	GALLON	1.600	1.600	1.520	1.500
ROSIN, ALL GRADES, DRUMS F.O.B.	:100 POUNDS	37.66	32.13	24.05	22.56
CRUDE GUM DELIVERED - COMMERCIAL	:BARRELS ^{4/}	76.16	65.17	53.94	55.75
PARITY PRICES FOR CRUDE GUM	:BARRELS ^{4/}	82.60	83.80	91.00	91.10

STOCKS END OF MONTH

STOCKS AT PRODUCTION PLANTS, AND AT CONCENTRATION POINTS IN THE SOUTH, REGARDLESS OF OWNERSHIP;
NOT NECESSARILY STOCKS AVAILABLE FOR SALE.

PRODUCT	1975		1976	
	MAR	APR	MAR	APR
TURPENTINE			BARRELS OF 50 GALLONS	
GUM	1,360	1,310	5,360	5,280
STEAM DISTILLED	9,230	9,770	19,100	22,630
SULFATE ^{1/}	44,340	41,270	5/63,750	64,360
TOTAL	54,930	52,350	88,210	92,270
ROSIN			DRUMS OF 520 POUNDS NET ^{2/}	
GUM			6,390	6,390
CCC CONTROLLED			13,370	11,220
OTHER	9,750	10,790	19,760	17,610
TOTAL GUM	9,750	10,790	19,760	17,610
STEAM DISTILLED	75,900	72,190	39,890	46,090
TALL OIL	65,000	71,280	115,890	124,940
TOTAL	150,650	154,260	175,540	188,640
OTHER PRODUCTS			BARRELS OF 50 GALLONS	
PINE OIL - ALL SOURCES	22,510	24,810	25,370	25,650
OTHER STEAM DISTILLED				
TERPENES	102,720	55,200	30,200	3,490

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS

AS REPORTED BY THE BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

ITEM	1974-75			1975-76		
	FEB	MAR	APR-MAR	FEB	MAR	APR-MAR
TURPENTINE				BARRELS OF 50 GALLONS		
EXPORTS						
GUM	70	70	2,090	10	20	1,460
STEAM DISTILLED	150	800	6,320	70	100	870
SULFATE	0	170	7,900	170	20	1,860
TOTAL	220	1,040	16,310	250	140	4,190
IMPORTS ^{6/-} GUM	780	790	29,740	2,800	7,520	56,520
- OTHER	NA	NA	NA	2,120		2,120
ROSIN				DRUMS OF 520 POUNDS NET ^{2/}		
EXPORTS						
GUM	1,050	900	18,270	480	1,530	13,200
STEAM DISTILLED	3,470	2,540	131,630	4,970	7,260	67,330
TALL OIL	8,570	3,040	118,010	14,800	11,380	93,790
TOTAL	13,090	6,480	267,910	20,250	20,170	174,320
IMPORTS	7,450	4,210	162,230	0	110	20,930
PINE OIL				BARRELS OF 50 GALLONS		
EXPORTS	11,430	4,370	94,370	7,400	5,490	72,070

^{1/} CONVERSION FACTOR OF .80 USED TO CONVERT CRUDE TO REFINED EQUIVALENT.

^{2/} GUM ROSIN IN DRUMS OF 517 POUNDS.

^{3/} MARKET NEWS SERVICE, RALEIGH, N C.

^{4/} BARRELS OF 435 POUNDS NET.

^{5/} REVISED.

^{6/} THIS BREAKDOWN NOT AVAILABLE BEFORE JANUARY 1976.