ABSTRACT

ANALYSIS OF SMALLHOLDER RUBBERS PLANTATION’S QUALITY
IN RELATION TO THE RUBBER FARMER’S WELFARE AT
BELAMBANGAN UMPU DISTRICT
WAY KANAN REGENCY

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This study is aimed to analyze: (1) quality of the rubber at Belambangan Umpu District Way Kanan Regency, (2) the welfare level of small holder rubber plantation at Belambangan Umpu District Way Kanan Regency, and (3) relationship between quality of the rubber with the welfare of farmers at Belambangan Umpu District Way Kanan Regency. This study held at Belambangan Umpu District Way Kanan Regency. The location was determined by deliberate (purposive), respondents total as much as 85 respondents. This study was using qualitative descriptive method and qualitative analysis method. This study shows: (1) based on the results of rubber’s quality was obtained 29 farmers (34.11%) of good quality, and 21 farmers (24.70%) of poor quality, (2) based on BPS’s criteria (2007) farmers at Negeri Baru Village and Negeri Batin Village, 69 farmers were categorized prosperous and 16 farmers were categorized yet prosperous, (3) lump’s quality significantly of the farmers’s welfare 85 % confidence level.

Key words: lump’s quality, smallholder rubber plantation, farmers welfare