The national CPO extraction rates (OER) in April 2008, recorded a significant increase of 0.61% to 20.21% compared to 19.60% in the previous month. However, it was lower by 0.02% than April last year. The encouraging OER was related to a good weather in the second half period of the month experiencing by all producing states.

All producing states registered increases in OER except Pulau Pinang. The increase in OER ranged from 0.01% to 0.96%. Kelantan recorded the highest increase in OER by 0.96% to 20.29%, followed by Sabah 0.86% to 21.30% and Sarawak 0.75% to 21.39%. However, Pulau Pinang noted a decrease in OER by 0.28% to 16.99%. (Refer Table 1)

On the whole, there were 327 mills (80.5%) recorded increases in OER compared to 72 mills (17.7%) recorded decreases in OER. Another two mills (1.3%) remained unchanged over the previous month.

During the month, there were 4 mills (1.0%) achieved OER of above 23.00% compared to 19 mills (4.8%) in the same month last year. Another 116 mills (28.9%) registered OER between 21.00% to 22.99%. Besides that, 99 mills (24.6%) registered between 20.00% to 20.99%, 83 mills (20.6%) between 19.00% to 19.99% and 86 mills (21.4%) between 18.00% to 18.99%. The balance of 14 mills (3.4%) recorded OER below 18.00%. (Refer Chart 1)
The highest OER was 24.13%, registered by a mill in Sabah. In Peninsula Malaysia, the highest and lowest OER was 22.16% and 15.79% registered by a mill in Johor and Pulau Pinang respectively. While the highest gain and loss in OER were 2.69% and 1.28% recorded by a mill in Sabah and Perak respectively.