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2023 California Processing Tomato County Estimates

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The USDA-NASS Pacific Regional Office surveyed California’s tomato processors for their final acreage and tonnage for the 2023 season. The reported data is summarized by county and listed with final 2022 acres, yield and production for comparison.

In 2023, there were 269,000 acres of processing tomatoes planted in California, an increase of 38,000 acres compared to 2022. An estimated 255,000 acres were harvested in 2023, up 30,000 acres from the previous year. Total 2023 production was 12.8 million tons, 22% higher than the 2022 final production of 10.5 million tons.

Fresno County continued to be the top California county with 3.5 million tons produced. The remaining top five counties include Yolo, Merced, San Joaquin and Kern, accounting for 65% of the total 2023 processing tomato tonnage for California.

CALIFORNIA PROCESSING TOMATOES BY COUNTY

County	Contracted and Open Market							
	Planted acres		Harvested acres		Yield in tons per acre		Production in tons ¹	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Butte	860	1,220	860	1,220	54.4	51.2	46,800	62,500
Colusa	12,700	15,900	12,400	15,700	50.2	52.5	622,700	823,500
Contra Costa	3,000	3,400	3,000	3,400	57.6	59.0	172,800	200,600
Fresno	53,000	71,400	50,000	64,500	47.3	54.2	2,364,000	3,497,000
Glenn	800	1,550	800	1,520	41.1	49.7	32,900	75,500
Kern	10,300	16,600	10,200	16,000	54.9	54.2	559,600	866,800
Kings	28,800	16,600	28,200	15,800	54.2	54.0	1,529,000	853,000
Madera	4,500	5,900	4,400	5,600	43.3	53.8	190,600	301,300
Merced	24,700	28,100	24,600	27,700	44.2	46.5	1,086,000	1,289,000
Monterey	850	1,350	850	1,350	52.6	45.9	44,700	62,000
Sacramento	4,100	5,200	3,800	5,200	33.6	40.1	127,700	208,600
San Benito	940	650	740	500	35.0	41.4	25,900	20,687
San Joaquin	18,500	22,200	18,300	20,700	43.0	45.0	787,100	930,600
Santa Clara ²	--	1,020	--	1,020	--	53.6	--	54,700
Solano	11,800	17,300	11,600	17,000	37.8	43.0	439,000	731,600
Stanislaus	9,000	10,700	9,000	9,400	44.3	48.4	398,800	454,900
Sutter	9,800	12,200	9,600	12,100	39.0	43.1	374,800	521,000
Tehama	270	370	270	360	43.3	49.0	11,700	17,631
Tulare ²	--	2,100	--	2,100	--	71.6	--	150,400
Yolo	34,600	35,200	33,900	33,800	45.6	49.8	1,544,000	1,682,000
Yuba	0	40	0	30	0	46.8	0	1,405
Other Counties ²	2,480	0	2,480	0	55.6	0.0	137,780	0
Total	231,000	269,000	225,000	255,000	46.7	50.2	10,495,880	12,804,723

¹ On the basis of “paid for tonnage” purchased from growers as reported by processors, dockage not included.

² To avoid disclosure of individual operations, “Other Counties” includes Santa Clara and Tulare for 2022.

ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION (CONTRACT AND TOTAL) – CALIFORNIA

Year	Total crop				Contract only				
	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production	
	acres		tons/acre	tons	acres		tons/acre	tons	metric tons
2006	283,000	282,000	35.8	10,104,000	280,000	279,000	35.9	10,024,000	9,094,000
2007	301,000	296,000	40.8	12,082,000	298,000	293,000	40.8	11,965,000	10,854,000
2008	281,000	279,000	42.4	11,822,000	278,000	276,000	42.4	11,691,000	10,606,000
2009	312,000	308,000	43.2	13,314,000	308,000	304,000	43.3	13,148,000	11,928,000
2010	271,000	270,000	45.5	12,297,000	269,000	268,000	45.6	12,212,000	11,079,000
2011	255,000	250,000	47.8	11,941,000	254,000	249,000	47.8	11,900,000	10,796,000
2012	260,000	258,000	49.0	12,640,000	258,000	256,000	49.0	12,540,000	11,376,000
2013	263,000	260,000	46.5	12,100,000	259,000	256,000	46.5	11,900,000	10,796,000
2014	292,000	289,000	48.5	14,010,000	291,000	288,000	48.5	13,965,000	12,669,000
2015	299,000	296,000	48.5	14,361,000	297,000	295,000	48.5	14,307,000	12,979,000
2016	262,000	258,000	49.0	12,647,000	260,000	256,000	48.9	12,527,000	11,364,000
2017	230,000	222,000	47.1	10,464,000	229,000	221,000	47.1	10,407,000	9,441,000
2018	241,000	236,000	52.1	12,284,000	235,000	230,000	52.1	11,994,000	10,881,000
2019	235,000	228,000	49.1	11,186,000	234,000	227,000	49.0	11,130,000	10,097,000
2020	234,000	228,000	49.6	11,312,000	234,000	228,000	49.6	11,312,000	10,262,000
2021	230,000	228,000	47.2	10,765,000	229,000	227,000	47.3	10,730,000	9,734,000
2022	231,000	225,000	46.7	10,496,000	230,000	224,000	46.7	10,464,000	9,493,000
2023	269,000	255,000	50.2	12,805,000	268,000	254,000	50.2	12,752,000	11,568,000
2024	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	232,000	(NA)	(NA)	11,600,000	11,248,000

(NA) Not available

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