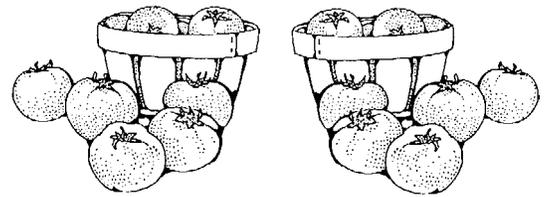


# California Processing Tomato Report



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## TOMATO PROCESSORS EXPECT TO CONTRACT 10 MILLION TONS IN 1998

As of January 15, 1998, California tomato processors reported intentions to contract 10.0 million tons of processing tomatoes from 288 thousand acres. This intended acreage is 8 percent above 1997, but 9 percent below 1996. During the past four years, intentions versus final delivered contracted production were as follows:

Ground preparation, fumigation, and weed control activities for the 1998 crop progressed much better than 1997.

This early processing tomato contract intentions estimate was funded by the California League of Food Processors in cooperation with the California Department of Food and Agriculture. The USDA processing intentions estimate for all states will be issued on April 9.

Year	January 31	Final	Difference
--- Thousands ---			
1994	10,100	10,632	+532
1995	11,200	10,473	-727
1996	11,400	10,540	-860
1997	9,600	9,242	-358

## ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION (CONTRACT AND TOTAL) - CALIFORNIA

Year	Total Crop			Contract Only		
	Planted	Harvested	Production	Planted	Harvested	Production
	-- Acres --		- Tons -	-- Acres --		- Tons -
1987	217,000	214,000	6,702,480	214,800	211,800	6,632,770
1988	228,300	226,100	6,547,860	225,200	223,000	6,458,620
1989	290,000	276,500	8,585,330	280,000	272,000	8,445,200
1990	320,000	310,000	9,306,200	315,000	305,000	9,170,000
1991	322,000	312,000	9,893,520	320,000	310,000	9,820,000
1992	242,000	240,000	7,932,000	238,600	236,600	7,830,140
1993	282,000	274,000	8,951,580	280,000	272,000	8,890,240
1994	318,000	311,000	10,748,160	315,000	308,000	10,632,160
1995	331,000	317,000	10,606,820	329,000	315,000	10,472,980
1996	318,000	313,000	10,660,780	315,000	310,000	10,540,000
1997	270,000	260,000	9,349,600	267,000	257,000	9,241,720
1998	---	---	---	288,000	---	10,000,000

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