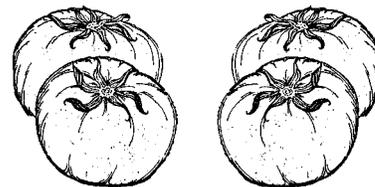


# California Processing Tomato Report



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## CALIFORNIA PROCESSING TOMATO CONTRACT TONNAGE

Contracted tonnage of California processing tomatoes is estimated to be 11.0 million tons, based on survey results from California tomato processors. This is 17 percent above the estimated contracted production for the previous year. Contracted acreage is up 19 percent from 1998 to 332 thousand acres.

Cool weather throughout spring, including frost in early April, has damaged or delayed growth of early season transplants. As a result, producers in the San Joaquin Valley are not expected to begin harvest until mid-July, while early harvest in the Sacramento Valley has most likely been delayed until late July.

Some early season acreage was replanted due to frost damage and is now set for late season harvest. Stand establishments from late season seeding have also suffered from the weather. These circumstances could result in delivery schedule problems through the 1999 season.

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

## 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	8,951,707	280,000	272,000	8,890,240
1994	318,000	311,000	10,745,560	315,000	308,000	10,632,160
1995	331,000	317,000	10,605,787	329,000	315,000	10,472,980
1996	318,000	313,000	10,658,741	315,000	310,000	10,540,000
1997	270,000	260,000	9,342,309	267,000	257,000	9,241,720
1998	282,000	280,000	8,892,800	280,000	278,000	8,845,960
1999	—	—	—	332,000	—	11,000,000

**CALIFORNIA PROCESSING TOMATOES, ACREAGE BY COUNTY**

County	1998 Total Crop		1999 Contracted Acreage
	Planted	Harvested	
Acres			
<b>SACRAMENTO VALLEY:</b>			
Colusa	23,200	23,000	29,000
Sacramento	6,000	6,000	7,000
Solano	11,800	11,700	13,200
Sutter	16,500	16,400	17,300
Yolo	57,000	56,600	62,000
<b>SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY:</b>			
Fresno	99,600	98,900	123,000
Kern	2,700	2,700	4,000
Merced	11,600	11,500	13,300
San Joaquin	27,300	27,100	30,500
Stanislaus	15,500	15,400	19,600
Other Counties <u>1/</u>	10,800	10,700	13,100
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>282,000</b>	<b>280,000</b>	<b>332,000</b>

1/ Counties that were combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations (less than three processors or one processor with 60 percent or more of the acreage) include:  
 1998 - Contra Costa, Glenn, Kings, Madera, Monterey, San Benito, Santa Clara, Tulare, and Ventura.  
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