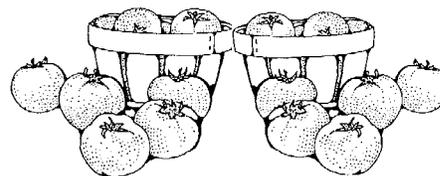


California Processing Tomato Report



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TOMATO PROCESSORS EXPECT TO CONTRACT 10.1 MILLION TONS IN 2000

As of January 15, 2000, California's tomato processors indicated they intend to contract 16 percent less than last year's final contracted production or 10,100,000 tons of processing tomatoes.

Processors estimate the contracted production for 2000 will come from 290,000 acres producing an average of 34.8 tons per acre. The estimated acreage and yield for 2000 are 10 percent and 6 percent less than last year's contracted-harvested acreage of 324,000 and contracted yield of 37.01, respectively.

The amount of contracted processing tomatoes was increased by 20 percent in 1994, following two years of declining tomato product stocks from relatively lower production in 1992 and 1993. The amount contracted in 1994 was relatively similar in 1995 and 1996 before finally decreasing by 12 percent in 1997. Similar to 1994, the contracted production in 1999 also was increased by 36 percent following two years of declining tomato product stocks.

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 7.

Intended and Final Harvested Contracted Production

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
1998	10,000	8,846	-1,154
1999	11,500	11,990	490
2000	10,100	---	---

ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION (CONTRACT AND TOTAL) - CALIFORNIA

Year	Total Crop			Contract Only		
	Planted	Harvested	Production	Planted	Harvested	Production
	Acres		Tons	Acres		Tons
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	337,000	329,000	12,239,300	332,000	324,000	11,990,270
2000	---	---	---	290,000	---	10,100,000

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