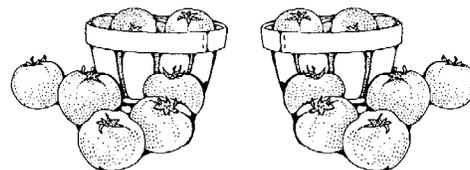


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TOMATO PROCESSORS EXPECT TO CONTRACT 8.90 MILLION TONS IN 2001

As of January 15, 2001, California's tomato processors indicated they intend to contract 12 percent less processing tomatoes than in 2000 or 8,900,000 tons.

Processors estimate the contracted production for 2001 will come from 244,000 acres producing an average of 36.48 tons per acre. The estimated acreage is 14 percent less compared to 2000, but the yield for 2001 would be the third highest on record.

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 6.

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	10,131	-31
2001	8,900	---	---

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	337,000	329,000	12,239,300	332,000	324,000	11,990,270
2000	289,000	271,000	10,286,500	285,000	267,000	10,131,000
2001	---	---	---	244,000	---	8,900,000