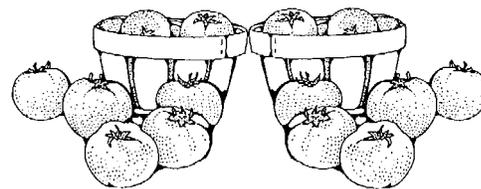


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TOMATO PROCESSORS EXPECT TO CONTRACT 10.9 MILLION TONS IN 2003

As of January 15, 2003, California's tomato processors indicated they intend to contract approximately 1 percent more processing tomatoes than in 2002 or 10,900,000 tons.

Processors estimate the contracted production for 2003 will come from 291,000 acres producing an average of 37.46 tons per acre. The acreage forecast is 1,000 acres more than the 2002 planted acreage. The anticipated yield for 2003 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 4.

Intended and Final Harvested Contracted Production

Year	January 31	Final	Difference
	Thousand Tons		
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	8,564	-336
2002	10,500	10,806	+306
2003	10,900	---	---

ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION (CONTRACT AND TOTAL) - CALIFORNIA

Year	Total Crop			Contract Only		
	Planted	Harvested	Production	Planted	Harvested	Production
	Acres		Tons	Acres		Tons
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	258,000	254,000	8,640,140	255,000	251,000	8,563,570
2002	296,000	291,000	11,056,000	290,000	285,000	10,806,400
2003	---	---	---	291,000	---	10,900,000

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