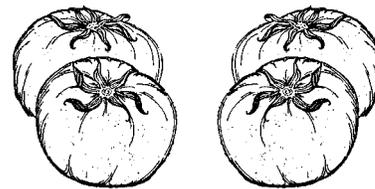


# California Processing Tomato Report



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## CALIFORNIA PROCESSING TOMATO CONTRACT TONNAGE

As of May 15, California's tomato processors reported they have or will have contracts for 10.4 million tons of processing tomatoes for 2005. This production is 5 percent less than the contracted production of last year.

The production for 2005 is expected to come from 265,000 acres. The estimated acreage is 9 percent less than last year's contracted planted acres. The June acreage is unchanged from the January intentions forecast of 265,000 acres.

Fresno County retains the top spot over all the counties in contracted planted acreage for 2005 with 104,100 acres. San Joaquin County grabbed the number two position with 35,500 contracted planted acres. Rounding out the top five counties for contracted planted acreage in 2005 were Yolo, Kings, and Colusa.

This year, unusual rains have caused a delay in planting tomatoes for processing Statewide so growers were expected to be planting up to the third week in May. Tomatoes that were planted early have done well and will mature on schedule in July. Despite the rains, the fields that were planted look to be in good condition although there was concern about soil compaction due to the damp soil conditions at planting time. Some regions report Round-Up drift as a potential problem, but other than those concerns, the tomato crop was reported to be in good condition.

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## 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	289,000	274,000	9,252,000	286,000	271,000	9,141,000
2004	301,000	281,000	11,672,000	293,000	273,000	11,000,000
2005	---	---	---	265,000	---	10,400,000

**CALIFORNIA PROCESSING TOMATOES, ACREAGE BY COUNTY**

County	2004 Total Crop		2005 Contracted Acreage
	Planted	Harvested	
	Acres		
Colusa	22,900	20,500	18,400
Fresno	106,200	103,300	104,100
Glenn	100	100	---
Kern	---	---	3,600
Kings	22,900	22,500	20,100
Madera	1,800	1,500	1,800
Merced	16,700	15,600	14,400
Sacramento	2,400	2,200	1,900
San Joaquin	38,500	35,000	35,500
Solano	---	---	10,000
Stanislaus	13,800	12,400	12,600
Sutter	6,300	6,200	5,600
Yolo	44,000	37,300	35,200
Other Counties <u>1/</u>	25,400	24,400	1,800
<b>State Total</b>	<b>301,000</b>	<b>281,000</b>	<b>265,000</b>

1/ Counties combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations include:  
 2004 - Contra Costa, Imperial, Kern, San Benito, Santa Clara, Solano, and Tulare  
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