



California Processing Tomato Report

Cooperating with the California Department of Food and Agriculture

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Tomato Processors Expect to Contract 11.8 Million Tons in 2008

As of mid-January, California's tomato processors indicated they intend to contract 11.8 million tons, 2 percent less processing tomatoes than the 2007 contracted production reported in August 2007.

Processors estimate the contracted production for 2008 will come from 288,000 acres producing an average of 40.97 tons per acre. The contracted acreage forecast is 10,000 acres less than was reported to be planted under contract in the August 2007 report.

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 3.

Intended and Final Harvested Contracted Production

| Year | January 1 | Final 1/ | Difference 1/ |
|------|---------------|----------|---------------|
| | Thousand Tons | | |
| 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 | 9,141 | -1,759 |
| 2004 | 11,000 | 11,350 | +350 |
| 2005 | 10,300 | 9,440 | -860 |
| 2006 | 11,600 | 10,024 | -1,576 |
| 2007 | 12,000 | --- | --- |
| 2008 | 11,800 | --- | --- |

1/ Revised 2007 data will be released in the "Vegetables 2007 Summary" at www.nass.usda.gov on January 25, 2008.

California Tomato Acreage and Production 1/

| Year | Total Crop | | | Contract Only | | | |
|------|------------|-----------|------------|---------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| | Planted | Harvested | Production | Planted | Harvested | Production | |
| | Acres | | Tons | Acres | | Tons | Metric Tons |
| 1990 | 320,000 | 310,000 | 9,306,200 | 315,000 | 305,000 | 9,170,000 | 8,319,000 |
| 1991 | 322,000 | 312,000 | 9,893,520 | 320,000 | 310,000 | 9,820,000 | 8,909,000 |
| 1992 | 242,000 | 240,000 | 7,932,000 | 238,600 | 236,600 | 7,830,140 | 7,103,000 |
| 1993 | 282,000 | 274,000 | 8,951,707 | 280,000 | 272,000 | 8,890,240 | 8,065,000 |
| 1994 | 318,000 | 311,000 | 10,745,560 | 315,000 | 308,000 | 10,632,160 | 9,645,000 |
| 1995 | 331,000 | 317,000 | 10,605,787 | 329,000 | 315,000 | 10,472,980 | 9,501,000 |
| 1996 | 318,000 | 313,000 | 10,658,741 | 315,000 | 310,000 | 10,540,000 | 9,562,000 |
| 1997 | 270,000 | 260,000 | 9,342,309 | 267,000 | 257,000 | 9,241,720 | 8,384,000 |
| 1998 | 282,000 | 280,000 | 8,892,800 | 280,000 | 278,000 | 8,845,960 | 8,025,000 |
| 1999 | 337,000 | 329,000 | 12,239,300 | 332,000 | 324,000 | 11,990,270 | 10,877,000 |
| 2000 | 289,000 | 271,000 | 10,286,500 | 285,000 | 267,000 | 10,131,000 | 9,191,000 |
| 2001 | 258,000 | 254,000 | 8,640,140 | 255,000 | 251,000 | 8,563,570 | 7,769,000 |
| 2002 | 296,000 | 291,000 | 11,056,000 | 290,000 | 285,000 | 10,806,400 | 9,803,000 |
| 2003 | 289,000 | 274,000 | 9,252,000 | 286,000 | 271,000 | 9,141,000 | 8,293,000 |
| 2004 | 301,000 | 281,000 | 11,672,000 | 293,000 | 273,000 | 11,350,000 | 10,297,000 |
| 2005 | 267,000 | 264,000 | 9,600,000 | 263,000 | 260,000 | 9,440,000 | 8,564,000 |
| 2006 | 283,000 | 282,000 | 10,104,000 | 288,000 | 279,000 | 10,024,000 | 9,094,000 |
| 2007 | --- | --- | --- | 298,000 | 293,000 | 12,000,000 | 10,886,000 |
| 2008 | --- | --- | --- | 288,000 | --- | 11,800,000 | 10,705,000 |

1/ Data for 2007 was carried forward from the August 31, 2007 "California Processing Tomato Report." Revised 2007 data will be released in the "Vegetables 2007 Summary" at www.nass.usda.gov on January 25, 2008.

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