



# 2018 California Processing Tomato Report

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## TOMATO PROCESSORS EXPECT TO CONTRACT 12.0 MILLION TONS IN 2018

The USDA-NASS Pacific Regional Office surveyed California's tomato processors for their intended contract acreage and tonnage for the upcoming 2018 season. The data reported by processors was either tonnage with derived acreage, or acreage with derived tonnage.

As of January, California's tomato processors reported they have, or will have, contracts for 12.0 million tons in 2018, which is an increase of 4.3 percent from what was reported under contract in the August 2017 California processing Tomato Report. Processors estimate that the contracted production for 2018 will come from 240,000 acres, producing an average yield of 50.0 tons per acre. The contracted planted acreage forecast is a 3.0 percent increase from the record-low acreage reported under contract in the August 2017 California Processing Tomato Report.

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### INTENDED AND FINAL HARVESTED CONTRACTED PRODUCTION

| Year               | January 1     | Final  | Difference |
|--------------------|---------------|--------|------------|
|                    | Thousand tons |        |            |
| 1998               | 10,000        | 8,846  | -1154      |
| 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  | -1759      |
| 2004               | 11,000        | 11,350 | +350       |
| 2005               | 10,300        | 9,440  | -860       |
| 2006               | 11,600        | 10,024 | -1576      |
| 2007               | 12,000        | 11,965 | -35        |
| 2008               | 11,800        | 11,691 | -109       |
| 2009               | 13,300        | 13,148 | -152       |
| 2010               | 12,600        | 12,212 | -388       |
| 2011               | 12,600        | 11,900 | -700       |
| 2012               | 12,700        | 12,540 | -160       |
| 2013               | 13,000        | 11,900 | -1,100     |
| 2014               | 13,500        | 13,965 | 465        |
| 2015               | 15,000        | 14,307 | -693       |
| 2016               | 13,200        | 12,527 | -673       |
| 2017 <sup>1/</sup> | 11,600        | (NA)   | (NA)       |
| 2018               | 12,000        | (NA)   | (NA)       |

<sup>1/</sup> Revised 2017 data will be released in the *Vegetables 2017 Summary* at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov) on February 13, 2018.

(NA) Not available.

**California Tomato Acreage and Production**

| Year               | Total crop |           |            | Contract only |           |            |             |
|--------------------|------------|-----------|------------|---------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
|                    | Planted    | Harvested | Production | Planted       | Harvested | Production |             |
|                    | Acres      |           | Tons       | Acres         |           | Tons       | Metric tons |
| 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 | 280,000       | 279,000   | 10,024,000 | 9,094,000   |
| 2007               | 301,000    | 296,000   | 12,082,000 | 298,000       | 293,000   | 11,965,000 | 10,854,000  |
| 2008               | 281,000    | 279,000   | 11,822,000 | 278,000       | 276,000   | 11,691,000 | 10,606,000  |
| 2009               | 312,000    | 308,000   | 13,314,000 | 308,000       | 304,000   | 13,148,000 | 11,928,000  |
| 2010               | 271,000    | 270,000   | 12,297,000 | 269,000       | 268,000   | 12,212,000 | 11,079,000  |
| 2011               | 255,000    | 250,000   | 11,941,000 | 254,000       | 249,000   | 11,900,000 | 10,796,000  |
| 2012               | 260,000    | 258,000   | 12,640,000 | 258,000       | 256,000   | 12,540,000 | 11,376,000  |
| 2013               | 263,000    | 260,000   | 12,100,000 | 259,000       | 256,000   | 11,900,000 | 10,796,000  |
| 2014               | 292,000    | 289,000   | 14,010,000 | 289,000       | 285,000   | 13,965,000 | 12,669,000  |
| 2015               | 299,000    | 296,000   | 14,361,000 | 297,000       | 295,000   | 14,307,000 | 12,979,000  |
| 2016               | 262,000    | 258,000   | 12,647,000 | 260,000       | 256,000   | 12,527,000 | 11,364,000  |
| 2017 <sup>1/</sup> | (NA)       | (NA)      | (NA)       | 233,000       | 230,000   | 11,500,000 | 10,433,000  |
| 2018               | (NA)       | (NA)      | (NA)       | 240,000       | (NA)      | 12,000,000 | 10,886,000  |

1/ Data for 2017 was carried forward from the August 29, 2017 *California Processing Tomato Report*.

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