



2007 California Processing Tomato Report

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As of August 15, 2007, California's contracted processing tomato production is forecast at 12.0 million tons, up 2 percent from the May forecast and 20 percent above the 2006 season. Processors expected this production to come from 293,000 acres producing an average 40.96 tons per acre.

It has been an outstanding year for processing tomato growers. In January, processors were fairly confident about the year. The weather patterns have been conducive for successful fruit setting and harvest has been extremely good throughout the season. Warm weather accelerated crop progress in the early spring, and harvesting began earlier than usual in many areas and on time in some growing areas. Crop conditions have generally been excellent, and problems with weeds and insect pests were reported to be at or below typical levels this season. Vigorous plant growth was noted during the first weeks of summer, and exceptionally high yields have been reported in most growing regions.

As of August 18, the total Statewide inspected tonnage of tomatoes delivered (5,567,988 tons) was 41 percent higher compared to the same time one year ago (3,938,841 tons).

This report is based on the results of a survey conducted in August. This particular survey asked processors for the amount of tomatoes they expect to process and the total harvested acreage required to achieve that amount.

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ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION (CONTRACT AND TOTAL) - CALIFORNIA

| Year | Total Crop | | | | Contract Only | | | | |
|------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| | Planted Acres | Harvested Acres | Yield Tons/Acre | Production Tons | Planted Acres | Harvested Acres | Yield Tons/Acre | Production Tons | Production Metric Tons |
| 1985 | 219,000 | 217,000 | 28.12 | 6,102,040 | 217,000 | 215,000 | 28.12 | 6,045,800 | 5,485,000 |
| 1986 | 216,600 | 210,400 | 30.80 | 6,480,320 | 215,300 | 209,100 | 30.80 | 6,440,280 | 5,843,000 |
| 1987 | 217,000 | 214,000 | 31.32 | 6,702,480 | 214,800 | 211,800 | 31.32 | 6,632,770 | 6,017,000 |
| 1988 | 228,300 | 226,100 | 28.96 | 6,547,860 | 225,200 | 223,000 | 28.96 | 6,458,620 | 5,859,000 |
| 1989 | 290,000 | 276,500 | 31.05 | 8,585,330 | 280,000 | 272,000 | 31.05 | 8,445,200 | 7,661,000 |
| 1990 | 320,000 | 310,000 | 30.02 | 9,306,200 | 315,000 | 305,000 | 30.07 | 9,170,000 | 8,319,000 |
| 1991 | 322,000 | 312,000 | 31.71 | 9,893,520 | 320,000 | 310,000 | 31.68 | 9,820,000 | 8,909,000 |
| 1992 | 242,000 | 240,000 | 33.05 | 7,932,000 | 238,600 | 236,600 | 33.09 | 7,830,140 | 7,103,000 |
| 1993 | 282,000 | 274,000 | 32.67 | 8,951,707 | 280,000 | 272,000 | 32.68 | 8,890,240 | 8,065,000 |
| 1994 | 318,000 | 311,000 | 34.55 | 10,745,560 | 315,000 | 308,000 | 34.52 | 10,632,160 | 9,645,000 |
| 1995 | 331,000 | 317,000 | 33.46 | 10,605,787 | 329,000 | 315,000 | 33.25 | 10,472,980 | 9,501,000 |
| 1996 | 318,000 | 313,000 | 34.05 | 10,658,741 | 315,000 | 310,000 | 34.00 | 10,540,000 | 9,562,000 |
| 1997 | 270,000 | 260,000 | 35.93 | 9,342,309 | 267,000 | 257,000 | 35.96 | 9,241,720 | 8,384,000 |
| 1998 | 282,000 | 280,000 | 31.76 | 8,892,800 | 280,000 | 278,000 | 31.82 | 8,845,960 | 8,025,000 |
| 1999 | 337,000 | 329,000 | 37.20 | 12,239,300 | 332,000 | 324,000 | 37.01 | 11,990,270 | 10,877,000 |
| 2000 | 289,000 | 271,000 | 37.96 | 10,286,500 | 285,000 | 267,000 | 37.94 | 10,131,000 | 9,191,000 |
| 2001 | 258,000 | 254,000 | 34.02 | 8,640,140 | 255,000 | 251,000 | 34.12 | 8,563,570 | 7,769,000 |
| 2002 | 296,000 | 291,000 | 37.99 | 11,056,000 | 290,000 | 285,000 | 37.54 | 10,806,400 | 9,803,000 |
| 2003 | 289,000 | 274,000 | 33.77 | 9,252,000 | 286,000 | 271,000 | 33.73 | 9,141,000 | 8,293,000 |
| 2004 | 301,000 | 281,000 | 41.54 | 11,672,000 | 293,000 | 273,000 | 41.58 | 11,350,000 | 10,297,000 |
| 2005 | 267,000 | 264,000 | 36.36 | 9,600,000 | 263,000 | 260,000 | 36.31 | 9,440,000 | 8,564,000 |
| 2006 | 283,000 | 282,000 | 35.83 | 10,104,000 | 280,000 | 279,000 | 35.93 | 10,024,000 | 9,094,000 |
| 2007 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 298,000 | 293,000 | 40.96 | 12,000,000 | 10,886,000 |

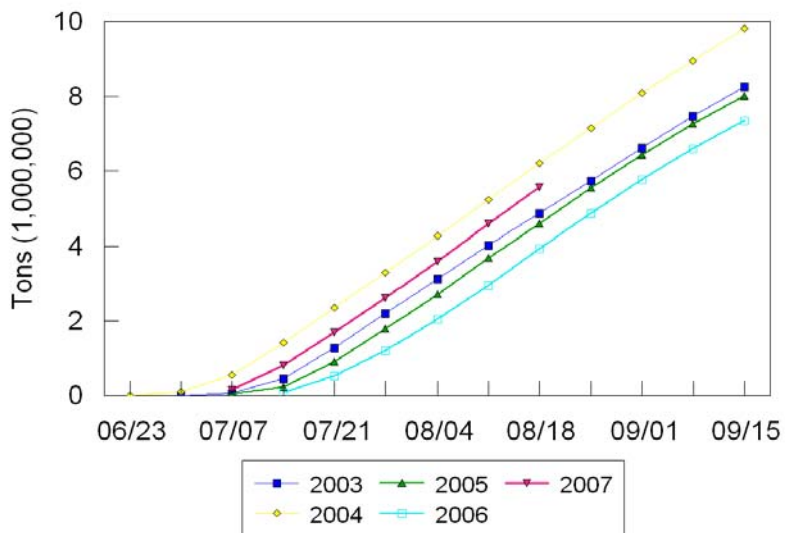
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California's Harvested Processing Tomatoes

Weekly Cumulative Totals for 2003 through 2007



Source: California Processing Tomato Advisory Board