



California Processing Tomato Report

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Tomato Processors Expect to Contract 13.3 Million Tons in 2009

As of mid-January, California's tomato processors indicated they intend to contract 13.3 million tons, 15 percent more processing tomatoes than the 2008 contracted production reported in August 2008.

Processors estimate the contracted production for 2009 will come from 308,000 acres producing an average of 43.18 tons per acre. The contracted acreage forecast is 31,000 acres more than was reported to be planted under contract in the August 2008 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		
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	11,965	-35
2008	11,800	---	---
2009	13,300	---	---

1/ Revised 2008 data will be released in the "Vegetables 2008 Summary" at www.nass.usda.gov on January 28, 2009.

California Tomato Acreage and Production 1/

Year	Total Crop			Contract Only			
	Planted	Harvested	Production	Planted	Harvested	Production	
	Acres		Tons			Acres	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	288,000	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	---	---	---	277,000	276,000	11,600,000	10,523,000
2009	---	---	---	308,000	---	13,300,000	12,066,000

1/ Data for 2008 were carried forward from the August 31, 2008 "California Processing Tomato Report." Revised 2008 data will be released in the vegetables 2008 Summary" at www.nass.usda.gov on January 28, 2009.

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