



California Processing Tomato Report

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Tomato Processors Expect to Contract 12.0 Million Tons in 2007

As of mid-January, California's tomato processors indicated they intend to contract 12.0 million tons, 20 percent more processing tomatoes than the 2006 contracted production reported in September 2006.

Processors estimate the contracted production for 2007 will come from 305,000 acres producing an average of 39.34 tons per acre. The contracted acreage forecast is 17,000 acres more than was reported to be planted under contract in the September 2006 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	---	---
2007	12,000	---	---

1/ Data for 2006 will be released in the "Vegetables 2006 Summary" at www.nass.usda.gov on January 26, 2007.

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	8,318,886
1991	322,000	312,000	9,893,520	320,000	310,000	9,820,000	8,908,557
1992	242,000	240,000	7,932,000	238,600	236,600	7,830,140	7,103,386
1993	282,000	274,000	8,951,707	280,000	272,000	8,890,240	8,065,092
1994	318,000	311,000	10,745,560	315,000	308,000	10,632,160	9,645,336
1995	331,000	317,000	10,605,787	329,000	315,000	10,472,980	9,500,930
1996	318,000	313,000	10,658,741	315,000	310,000	10,540,000	9,561,730
1997	270,000	260,000	9,342,309	267,000	257,000	9,241,720	8,383,950
1998	282,000	280,000	8,892,800	280,000	278,000	8,845,960	8,024,922
1999	337,000	329,000	12,239,300	332,000	324,000	11,990,270	10,877,393
2000	289,000	271,000	10,286,500	285,000	267,000	10,131,000	9,190,691
2001	258,000	254,000	8,640,140	255,000	251,000	8,563,570	7,768,742
2002	296,000	291,000	11,056,000	290,000	285,000	10,806,400	9,803,404
2003	289,000	274,000	9,252,000	286,000	271,000	9,141,000	8,292,578
2004	301,000	281,000	11,672,000	293,000	273,000	11,350,000	10,296,550
2005	267,000	264,000	9,600,000	263,000	260,000	9,440,000	8,563,826
2006	---	---	---	288,000	279,000	10,000,000	9,071,850
2007	---	---	---	305,000	---	12,000,000	10,886,220

1/ Data for 2006 was carried forward from the September 1, 2006 "California Processing Tomato Report." All 2006 data will be released in the "Vegetables 2006 Summary" at www.nass.usda.gov on January 26, 2007.

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