



California Processing Tomato Report

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2009 PROCESSING TOMATO PRODUCTION

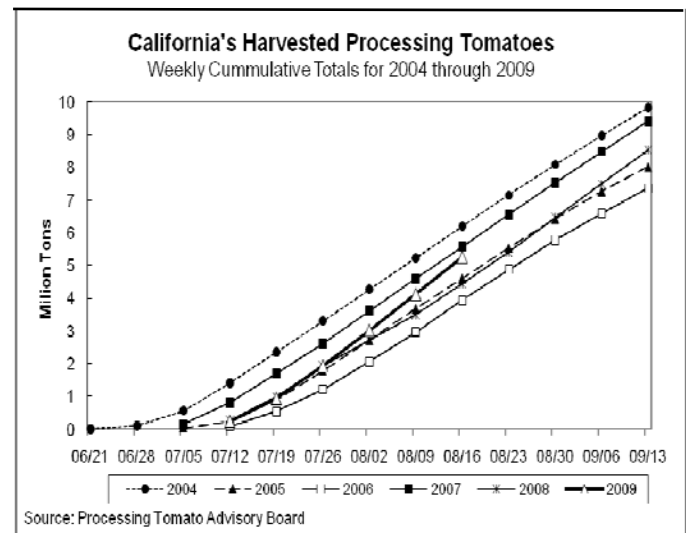
The 2009 contracted production for California processing tomatoes is shaping up to be a record year with a forecast of 13.5 million tons and average yield of 43.97 tons per acre. The forecasted contracted production for 2009 is 13 percent above the previous record in 1999. Planted and harvested acres are forecast at 308,000 and 307,000, respectively.

Processing tomato acres were moved to where there was adequate water. In areas receiving low water allotments, tomato acres were cut considerably. Processing tomato acreage is up significantly in Kern County and San Joaquin County.

The season got off to a good start when producers were able to get their crop in on time due to dry weather during spring. Also, prices for fuel, fertilizer, and other inputs have been lower for the 2009 growing season than the high levels experienced last year.

Harvest started a week later than expected. Warm weather in July helped the crop to progress and ripen.

The extended periods of temperatures over 100 degrees caused damage to some fields. However, yields have remained above expectations.



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	Metric Tons
1992	242,000	240,000	33.05	7,932,000	238,600	236,600	33.09	7,830,140	7,103,386
1993	282,000	274,000	32.67	8,951,707	280,000	272,000	32.68	8,890,240	8,065,092
1994	318,000	311,000	34.55	10,745,560	315,000	308,000	34.52	10,632,160	9,645,336
1995	331,000	317,000	33.46	10,605,787	329,000	315,000	33.25	10,472,980	9,500,930
1996	318,000	313,000	34.05	10,658,741	315,000	310,000	34.00	10,540,000	9,561,730
1997	270,000	260,000	35.93	9,342,309	267,000	257,000	35.96	9,241,720	8,383,950
1998	282,000	280,000	31.76	8,892,800	280,000	278,000	31.82	8,845,960	8,024,922
1999	337,000	329,000	37.20	12,239,300	332,000	324,000	37.01	11,990,270	10,877,393
2000	289,000	271,000	37.96	10,286,500	285,000	267,000	37.94	10,131,000	9,190,691
2001	258,000	254,000	34.02	8,640,140	255,000	251,000	34.12	8,563,570	7,768,742
2002	296,000	291,000	37.99	11,056,000	290,000	285,000	37.54	10,806,400	9,803,404
2003	289,000	274,000	33.77	9,252,000	286,000	271,000	33.73	9,141,000	8,292,578
2004	301,000	281,000	41.54	11,672,000	293,000	273,000	41.58	11,000,000	10,296,550
2005	267,000	264,000	36.36	9,600,000	263,000	260,000	36.31	9,440,000	8,563,826
2006	283,000	282,000	35.83	10,104,000	280,000	279,000	35.93	10,024,000	9,093,622
2007	301,000	296,000	40.82	12,082,000	298,000	293,000	40.96	11,965,000	10,854,468
2008	281,000	279,000	42.37	11,822,000	277,000	276,000	42.03	11,600,000	10,523,450
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REVISION TO PROCESSING TOMATO ACREAGE BY COUNTY RELEASED MAY 29, 2009

CALIFORNIA PROCESSING TOMATOES, ACREAGE BY COUNTY

County	2008 Total Crop		2009 Contracted Acreage
	Planted Acres	Harvested Acres	
Colusa	14,000	14,000	13,000
Fresno	102,000	101,000	102,000
Kern	13,000	13,000	25,000
Kings	27,000	27,000	24,000
Madera	4,000	3,900	---
Merced	16,000	16,000	21,000
Sacramento	---	---	3,000
San Joaquin	32,000	32,000	44,000
San Benito	---	---	4,000
Solano	10,000	10,000	12,000
Stanislaus	11,000	11,000	11,000
Sutter	8,000	8,000	9,000
Yolo	39,000	39,000	34,000
Other Counties 1/	5,000	4,100	6,000
State Total	281,000	279,000	308,000

1/ Counties combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations include:
 2008 - Contra Costa, Glenn, Monterey, Sacramento, San Benito, and Santa Barbara
 2009 - Contra Costa, Madera, Monterey, Santa Clara, Tulare, and Yuba

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