



2017 California Processing Tomato Report

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2017 PROCESSING TOMATO PRODUCTION

Contracted production for California processing tomatoes is forecast at 11.5 million tons, averaging 51.1 tons per acre. The current forecasted production is 8 percent below the 2016 crop, and 2.5 percent below the May forecast.

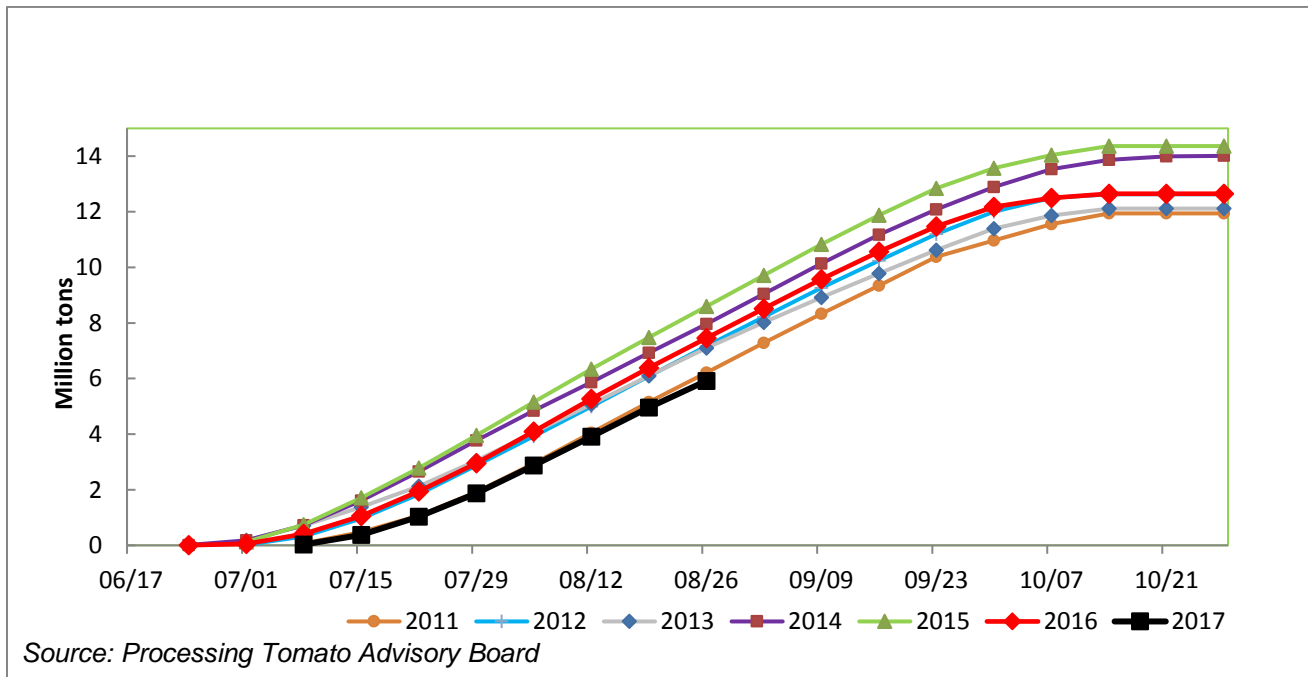
Spring rains brought relief from the drought but delayed planting. Harvest began in early July in the southern growing areas, which is about two weeks later than in 2016. The 2017 crop has experienced lower disease and pest pressures compared to last year. The overall crop has developed well so far with the early harvest reported to be of good quality. Potential concerns reported by the tomato growers

were the delayed harvest and stress from triple digit heat waves. The projected harvested acreage of tomatoes is 225,000 acres, a decrease of 13% from 2016 and the lowest acreage since 1987.

The shipping reports published by the Processing Tomato Advisory Board showed that shipments through August 19, 2017 were running 22 percent below those of 2016.

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California's Harvested Processing Tomatoes Weekly Cumulative Totals for 2011 through 2017



ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION (CONTRACT AND TOTAL) - CALIFORNIA

Year	Total crop				Contract only				
	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production	Production
	acres	acres	tons/acre	tons	acres	acres	tons/acre	tons	metric tons
1991	322,000	312,000	31.7	9,893,520	320,000	310,000	31.7	9,820,000	8,908,557
1992	242,000	240,000	33.1	7,932,000	238,600	236,600	33.1	7,830,140	7,103,386
1993	282,000	274,000	32.7	8,951,707	280,000	272,000	32.7	8,890,240	8,065,092
1994	318,000	311,000	34.6	10,745,560	315,000	308,000	34.5	10,632,160	9,645,336
1995	331,000	317,000	33.5	10,605,787	329,000	315,000	33.3	10,472,980	9,500,930
1996	318,000	313,000	34.1	10,658,741	315,000	310,000	34.0	10,540,000	9,561,730
1997	270,000	260,000	35.9	9,342,309	267,000	257,000	36.0	9,241,720	8,383,950
1998	282,000	280,000	31.8	8,892,800	280,000	278,000	31.8	8,845,960	8,024,922
1999	337,000	329,000	37.2	12,239,300	332,000	324,000	37.0	11,990,270	10,877,393
2000	289,000	271,000	38.0	10,286,500	285,000	267,000	37.9	10,131,000	9,190,691
2001	258,000	254,000	34.0	8,640,140	255,000	251,000	34.1	8,563,570	7,768,742
2002	296,000	291,000	38.0	11,056,000	290,000	285,000	37.5	10,806,400	9,803,404
2003	289,000	274,000	33.8	9,252,000	286,000	271,000	33.7	9,141,000	8,292,578
2004	301,000	281,000	41.5	11,672,000	293,000	273,000	41.6	11,000,000	9,979,035
2005	267,000	264,000	36.4	9,600,000	263,000	260,000	36.3	9,440,000	8,563,826
2006	283,000	282,000	35.8	10,104,000	280,000	279,000	35.9	10,024,000	9,093,622
2007	301,000	296,000	40.8	12,082,000	298,000	293,000	41.0	11,965,000	10,854,468
2008	281,000	279,000	42.4	11,822,000	278,000	276,000	42.0	11,691,000	10,605,900
2009	312,000	308,000	43.2	13,314,000	308,000	304,000	43.3	13,148,000	11,927,668
2010	271,000	270,000	45.5	12,297,000	269,000	268,000	45.6	12,212,000	11,078,543
2011	255,000	250,000	47.8	11,941,000	254,000	249,000	47.8	11,900,000	10,795,501
2012	260,000	258,000	49.0	12,640,000	258,000	256,000	49.0	12,540,000	11,376,100
2013	263,000	260,000	46.5	12,100,000	259,000	256,000	48.8	11,900,000	10,795,501
2014	292,000	289,000	48.5	14,010,000	289,000	285,000	49.0	13,965,000	12,668,839
2015	299,000	296,000	48.5	14,361,000	297,000	295,000	48.5	14,307,000	12,979,096
2016	262,000	258,000	49.0	12,647,000	260,000	256,000	48.9	12,527,000	11,364,306
2017	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	228,000	225,000	51.1	11,500,000	10,432,627

Source: USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service

(NA) Not available.

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