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# 2019 California Processing Tomato Report

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## 2019 PROCESSING TOMATO PRODUCTION

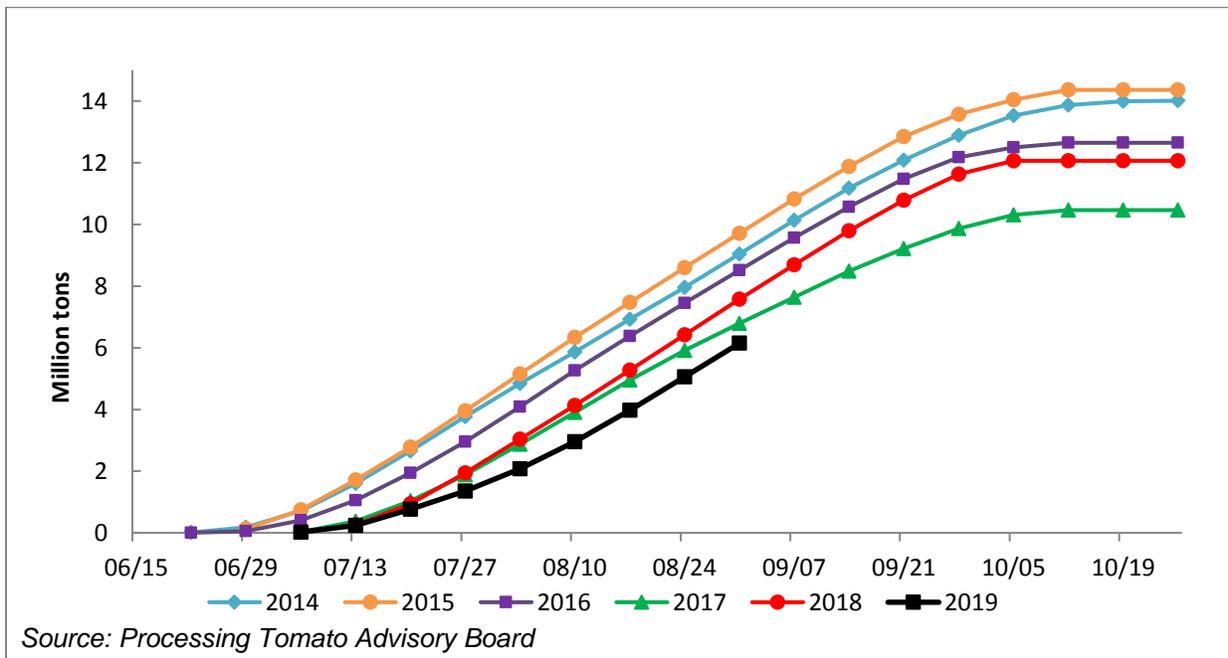
Contracted production for California processing tomatoes is forecast at 11.5 million tons, averaging 49.8 tons per acre. The current forecasted production is 4.1 percent below last year's contracted production, and 5.0 percent below the May forecast. The projected harvested acreage of tomatoes grown under contract is 231,000 acres, an increase of 0.4 percent compared to 2018.

Rainy weather and cooler temperatures delayed planting and slowed crop growth in early spring. Reports of hail damage in Fresno County during May lowered expected yields. There were also concerns that high temperatures in July and August, as well as disease pressure, has adversely impacted the crop.

Harvest began the first week of July, in line with the past two years. However, tonnage harvested through August is substantially less than it has been in previous years. The Processing Tomato Advisory Board has published shipments through August 24, 2019, which were running 21.1 percent below those of 2018. Harvest is behind about a week.

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## California's Harvested Processing Tomatoes Weekly Cumulative Totals for 2014 through 2019



**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
2006	283,000	282,000	35.8	10,104,000	280,000	279,000	35.9	10,024,000	9,094,000
2007	301,000	296,000	40.8	12,082,000	298,000	293,000	41.0	11,965,000	10,854,000
2008	281,000	279,000	42.4	11,822,000	278,000	276,000	42.0	11,691,000	10,606,000
2009	312,000	308,000	43.2	13,314,000	308,000	304,000	43.3	13,148,000	11,928,000
2010	271,000	270,000	45.5	12,297,000	269,000	268,000	45.6	12,212,000	11,079,000
2011	255,000	250,000	47.8	11,941,000	254,000	249,000	47.8	11,900,000	10,769,000
2012	260,000	258,000	49.0	12,640,000	258,000	256,000	49.0	12,540,000	11,376,000
2013	263,000	260,000	46.5	12,100,000	259,000	256,000	48.8	11,900,000	10,796,000
2014	292,000	289,000	48.5	14,010,000	289,000	285,000	49.0	13,965,000	12,669,000
2015	299,000	296,000	48.5	14,361,000	297,000	295,000	48.5	14,307,000	12,979,000
2016	262,000	258,000	49.0	12,647,000	260,000	256,000	48.9	12,527,000	11,364,000
2017	230,000	222,000	47.1	10,464,000	229,000	221,000	47.1	10,407,000	9,441,000
2018	241,000	236,000	52.1	12,284,000	235,000	230,000	52.1	11,994,000	10,881,000
2019	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	235,000	231,000	49.8	11,500,000	10,523,000

(NA) Not available.

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