



On January 17, 2008, National Agricultural Statistics Service released the following California Processing Tomato Report.

**TOMATO PROCESSORS EXPECT TO CONTRACT 11.8 MILLION TONS IN 2008**

As of mid-January, California's tomato processors indicated they intend to contract 11.8 million tons, 2 percent less processing tomatoes than the 2007 contracted production reported in August 2007.

Processors estimate the contracted production for 2008 will come from 288,000 acres producing an average of 40.97 tons per acre. The contracted acreage forecast is 10,000 acres less than was reported to be planted under contract in the August 2007 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	10,024	-1,576
2007	12,000	---	---
2008	11,800	---	---

1/ Revised 2007 data will be released in the "Vegetables 2007 Summary" at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov) on January 25, 2008.

**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	8,319,000
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	---	---	---	298,000	293,000	12,000,000	10,886,000
2008	---	---	---	288,000	---	11,800,000	10,705,000

1/ Data for 2007 was carried forward from the August 31, 2007 "California Processing Tomato Report." Revised 2007 data will be released in the "Vegetables 2007 Summary" at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov) on January 25, 2008.

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