



# 2017 California Processing Tomato Report

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## TOMATO PROCESSORS EXPECT TO CONTRACT 11.6 MILLION TONS IN 2017

The USDA-NASS Pacific Regional Office surveyed California's tomato processors for their intended contract acreage and tonnage for the upcoming 2017 season. The data reported by processors was either tonnage with derived acreage, or acreage with derived tonnage.

As of January, California's tomato processors reported they have, or will have, contracts for 11.6 million tons in 2017, which would be the lowest contracted production since 2006. After the record production years of 2014 and 2015, the base inventories are high, contributing to the lower anticipated contracted production. Processors estimate that the contracted production for 2017 will come from 235,000 acres, which would be the lowest contracted acreage since 1988. This acreage is forecast to produce an average yield of 49.4 tons per acre. The acreage forecast is a 10 percent decrease from what was reported under contract in the August 2016 California Processing Tomato Report.

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### INTENDED AND FINAL HARVESTED CONTRACTED PRODUCTION

Year	January 1	Final	Difference
	Thousand tons		
1998	10,000	8,846	-1154
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	-1759
2004	11,000	11,000	+350
2005	10,300	9,440	-860
2006	11,600	10,024	-1576
2007	12,000	11,965	-35
2008	11,800	11,691	-109
2009	13,300	13,148	+14
2010	12,600	12,212	-388
2011	12,600	11,900	-700
2012	12,700	12,540	-160
2013	13,000	11,900	-1,100
2014	13,500	13,965	465
2015	15,000	14,307	-693
2016 <sup>1/</sup>	12,800	(NA)	(NA)
2017	11,600	(NA)	(NA)

1/ Revised 2016 data will be released in the *Vegetables 2016 Summary* at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov) on February 13, 2017.

(NA) Not available.

**California Tomato Acreage and Production**

Year	Total crop			Contract only			
	Planted	Harvested	Production	Planted	Harvested	Production	
	Acres		Tons	Acres		Tons	Metric tons
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	280,000	279,000	10,024,000	9,094,000
2007	301,000	296,000	12,082,000	298,000	293,000	11,965,000	10,854,000
2008	281,000	279,000	11,822,000	278,000	276,000	11,691,000	10,605,897
2009	312,000	308,000	13,314,000	308,000	304,000	13,148,000	11,927,665
2010	271,000	270,000	12,297,000	269,000	268,000	12,212,000	11,078,543
2011	255,000	250,000	11,941,000	254,000	249,000	11,900,000	10,795,501
2012	260,000	258,000	12,640,000	258,000	256,000	12,540,000	11,376,100
2013	263,000	260,000	12,100,000	259,000	256,000	11,900,000	10,795,501
2014	292,000	289,000	14,010,000	289,000	285,000	13,965,000	12,668,839
2015	299,000	296,000	14,361,000	297,000	295,000	14,307,000	12,979,096
2016 <sup>1/</sup>	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	261,000	258,000	12,800,000	11,611,968
2017	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	235,000	(NA)	11,600,000	10,523,346

<sup>1/</sup> Data for 2016 was carried forward from the August 26, 2016 *California Processing Tomato Report*. Revised 2016 data will be released in the *Vegetables 2016 Summary* at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov) on February 13, 2017.

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