



On May 31, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service released the following California Processing Tomato Contract Tonnage Report

As of May 15, California's tomato processors reported they have or will have contracts for 11.4 million tons of processing tomatoes for 2006. This production is 12 percent more than the contracted production of last year.

The production for 2006 is expected to come from 288,000 acres. The estimated acreage is 10 percent more than last year's contracted planted acres. The June acreage is 2 percent less than the January intentions forecast of 293,000 acres.

Fresno County retains the top spot over all the counties in contracted planted acreage for 2006 with 111,000 acres. San Joaquin County grabbed the number two position with 38,800 contracted planted acres. Rounding out the top five counties for contracted planted acreage in 2006 were Yolo, Kings, and Colusa.

Heavy and seasonally late precipitation disrupted the processing tomato planting schedule. With wet weather conditions, many growing areas experienced planting delays, which will potentially affect their harvest schedules and perhaps their level of production. Growers were hindered from entering their fields due to muddy conditions and flooded yields. Yields could be affected as a result of heavy equipment compacting the wet soil. Heavy rains last year were earlier and concentrated over a few days compared to this year; heavy rains fell continuously for a few weeks during March and most of April.

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ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION (CONTRACT AND TOTAL) - CALIFORNIA

Year	Total Crop			Contract Only		
	Planted	Harvested	Production	Planted	Harvested	Production
	Acres		Tons	Acres		Tons
1990	320,000	310,000	9,306,200	315,000	305,000	9,170,000
1991	322,000	312,000	9,893,520	320,000	310,000	9,820,000
1992	242,000	240,000	7,932,000	238,600	236,600	7,830,140
1993	282,000	274,000	8,951,707	280,000	272,000	8,890,240
1994	318,000	311,000	10,745,560	315,000	308,000	10,632,160
1995	331,000	317,000	10,605,787	329,000	315,000	10,472,980
1996	318,000	313,000	10,658,741	315,000	310,000	10,540,000
1997	270,000	260,000	9,342,309	267,000	257,000	9,241,720
1998	282,000	280,000	8,892,800	280,000	278,000	8,845,960
1999	337,000	329,000	12,239,300	332,000	324,000	11,990,270
2000	289,000	271,000	10,286,500	285,000	267,000	10,131,000
2001	258,000	254,000	8,640,140	255,000	251,000	8,563,570
2002	296,000	291,000	11,056,000	290,000	285,000	10,806,400
2003	289,000	274,000	9,252,000	286,000	271,000	9,141,000
2004	301,000	281,000	11,672,000	293,000	273,000	11,000,000
2005	267,000	264,000	9,600,000	263,000	260,000	9,440,000
2006	---	---	---	288,000	---	11,400,000



CALIFORNIA PROCESSING TOMATOES, ACREAGE BY COUNTY

County	2005 Total Crop		2006 Contracted Acreage
	Planted ,,,,,,,	Harvested	
	Acres		
Colusa	20,100	19,900	18,300
Fresno	97,000	96,800	111,000
Kern	---	---	9,300
Kings	22,600	21,300	23,000
Madera	1,700	1,700	4,200
Merced	14,500	14,200	13,400
Sacramento	2,300	2,300	2,200
San Joaquin	32,400	32,400	38,800
Solano	10,500	10,300	10,600
Stanislaus	11,000	10,600	13,000
Sutter	5,300	5,200	7,000
Yolo	37,500	37,200	35,100
Other Counties (1)	12,100	12,100	2,100
State Total	267,000	264,000	288,000

- (1) Counties combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations include:
 2005 – Contra Costa, Glenn, Kern, San Benito, Santa Barbara, and Tulare
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