



On May 31, 2007, 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 11.8 million tons of processing tomatoes for 2007. This production is 18 percent more than the contracted production of last year.

The production for 2007 is expected to come from 293,000 acres. The estimated acreage is 5 percent more than last year's contracted planted acres. The May acreage is 4 percent less than the January intentions forecast of 305,000 acres.

Fresno County retains the top spot over all the counties in contracted planted acreage for 2007 with 122,000 acres. Yolo County grabbed the number two position with 36,000 contracted planted acres. Rounding out the top five counties for contracted planted acreage in 2007 were San Joaquin, Kings, and Colusa.

This season's processing tomato crop is reported to be in very good condition thus far. Warm early spring weather accelerated planting and transplanting, and weather conditions have remained ideal for plant growth. The dry conditions accelerated demand for irrigation water. There was no indication of major quality issues or insect problems. However, growers continued to monitor infestations of brown apple moths, and yellow leaf curl virus. Both pests have been found and the areas quarantined in the Golden State. Neither pest has been discovered in tomato growing areas.

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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	Metric Tons
1990	320,000	310,000	9,306,200	315,000	305,000	9,170,000	8,318,886
1991	322,000	312,000	9,893,520	320,000	310,000	9,820,000	8,908,557
1992	242,000	240,000	7,932,000	238,600	236,600	7,830,140	7,103,386
1993	282,000	274,000	8,951,707	280,000	272,000	8,890,240	8,065,092
1994	318,000	311,000	10,745,560	315,000	308,000	10,632,160	9,645,336
1995	331,000	317,000	10,605,787	329,000	315,000	10,472,980	9,500,930
1996	318,000	313,000	10,658,741	315,000	310,000	10,540,000	9,561,730
1997	270,000	260,000	9,342,309	267,000	257,000	9,241,720	8,383,950
1998	282,000	280,000	8,892,800	280,000	278,000	8,845,960	8,024,922
1999	337,000	329,000	12,239,300	332,000	324,000	11,990,270	10,877,393
2000	289,000	271,000	10,286,500	285,000	267,000	10,131,000	9,190,691
2001	258,000	254,000	8,640,140	255,000	251,000	8,563,570	7,768,742
2002	296,000	291,000	11,056,000	290,000	285,000	10,806,400	9,803,404
2003	289,000	274,000	9,252,000	286,000	271,000	9,141,000	8,292,578
2004	301,000	281,000	11,672,000	293,000	273,000	11,000,000	10,296,550
2005	267,000	264,000	9,600,000	263,000	260,000	9,440,000	8,563,826
2006	283,000	282,000	10,104,000	280,000	279,000	10,024,000	9,093,622
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CALIFORNIA PROCESSING TOMATOES, ACREAGE BY COUNTY

County	2006 Total Crop		2007 Contracted Acreage
	Planted	Harvested	
	Acres		
Colusa	17,200	17,200	16,000
Fresno	105,900	105,600	122,000
Kern	9,500	9,500	12,000
Kings	21,800	21,600	23,000
Madera	6,000	6,000	4,000
Merced	15,300	15,200	16,000
Sacramento	3,000	3,000	2,000
San Joaquin	35,000	34,900	33,000
Stanislaus	16,000	15,900	11,000
Sutter	7,000	6,900	7,000
Yolo	34,000	33,900	36,000
Other Counties (1)	12,300	12,300	11,000
State Total	283,000	282,000	293,000

- (1) Counties combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations include:
 2006 – Contra Costa, Glenn, San Benito, Solano and Tulare
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