



California Processing Tomato Report

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As of May 16, California's tomato processors reported they have or will have contracts for 12.2 million tons of processing tomatoes for 2011. This production is nearly equal to the final contracted production total from last year.

The May contracted acreage of 258 thousand is 10 thousand less than the January intentions forecast and 11 thousand below last year's level.

Fresno County remains at the top of all other California counties in contracted planted acreage for 2011 with 92,000 acres. Yolo, Kings, San Joaquin, and Merced County make up the remaining top five counties for contracted planted acreage, respectively. These counties make up 77 percent of the 2011 total contracted planted acreage for California.

Cool temperatures slowed development, while rain caused planting delays. Despite the weather challenges, plants remain in good condition. Tomato beds were formed and received pre-plant herbicides in January. Processing tomato transplants were planted in early spring as allowed by weather and soil conditions. The above average rainfall received during the winter and spring improved the amount of water available for irrigation for the current season. Fuel, fertilizer, chemical, and other input costs used for the processing tomato crop are higher than last year.

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ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION (CONTRACT AND TOTAL) - CALIFORNIA							
Year	Total Crop			Contract Only			
	Planted Acres	Harvested Acres	Production Tons	Planted Acres	Harvested Acres	Production	
						Tons	Metric Tons
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	9,979,035
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
2007	301,000	296,000	12,082,000	298,000	293,000	11,965,000	10,854,468
2008	281,000	279,000	11,822,000	278,000	276,000	11,691,000	10,605,900
2009	312,000	308,000	13,314,000	308,000	304,000	13,148,000	11,927,668
2010	271,000	270,000	12,297,000	269,000	268,000	12,212,000	11,078,543
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CALIFORNIA PROCESSING TOMATOES, ACREAGE BY COUNTY

County	2010 Total Crop		2011 Contracted Acreage
	Planted Acres	Harvested Acres	
Colusa	14,000	14,000	12,000
Fresno	101,000	100,000	92,000
Kern	14,000	14,000	12,000
Kings	34,000	34,000	29,000
Madera 1/	2,000	2,000	---
Merced	18,000	18,000	16,000
Sacramento	2,000	2,000	2,000
San Benito	2,000	2,000	3,000
San Joaquin	24,000	24,000	23,000
Solano	9,000	9,000	10,000
Stanislaus	9,000	9,000	10,000
Sutter	7,000	7,000	7,000
Yolo	32,000	32,000	38,000
Other Counties 1/	3,000	3,000	4,000
State Total	271,000	270,000	258,000

1/ Counties combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations include:

2010 - Contra Costa, Santa Clara, and Tulare

2011 - Contra Costa, Glenn, Madera, and Santa Clara

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