



California Processing Tomato Report



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As of May 26, California's tomato processors reported they have or will have contracts for 13.0 million tons of processing tomatoes for 2016. This production is a 1.5 percent decrease from the January intentions forecast and a 9.1 percent decrease from the final contracted production total from last year.

The May contracted acreage of 262,000 is 3.3 percent below the January intentions forecast and 11.8 percent below last year's final contracted acreage.

Fresno County remains the top California County in contracted planted acreage for 2016 with 80,800 acres. Yolo, Kings, San Joaquin, and Merced make up the remaining top five counties for contracted planted acreage. These counties make up 73 percent of the 2016 total contracted planted acreage for California.

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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
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
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	NA	NA	NA	262,000	NA	13,000,000	11,793,405

NA Not available.

CALIFORNIA PROCESSING TOMATOES BY COUNTY

County	Contracted and Open Market - 2015 Crop				2016 Contracted Acres
	Area planted	Area harvested	Yield per acre	Production 1/	
	<i>Acres</i>		<i>Tons</i>		
Contra Costa	3,400	3,400	56.18	191,000	2,800
Fresno	89,900	89,500	50.89	4,555,000	80,800
Kern	14,500	14,500	45.66	662,000	14,800
Kings	26,500	26,500	50.79	1,346,000	28,100
Merced	28,300	28,100	48.61	1,366,000	22,000
Sacramento	4,200	4,200	40.24	169,000	2,400
San Joaquin	34,400	34,000	42.29	1,438,000	23,500
Solano	11,300	11,000	44.73	492,000	10,100
Stanislaus	8,600	8,600	43.05	370,200	8,400
Sutter	12,300	12,000	44.92	539,000	11,300
Yolo	38,500	38,400	48.62	1,867,000	37,500
Other					
Counties 2/	27,100	25,800	52.94	1,365,800	20,300
Total	299,000	296,000	48.52	14,361,000	262,000

1/ On the basis of "paid for tonnage" purchased from growers as reported by processors, dockage not included.

2/ To avoid disclosure of individual operations, "Other Counties" includes: Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Madera, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Clara, and Tulare.

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