

**CALIFORNIA LEAGUE OF FOOD PROCESSORS’
2002 CALIFORNIA TOMATO PASTE SUPPLIES & DECEMBER 1 INVENTORY**

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TO U.S. TOMATO PROCESSORS AND INTERESTED PARTIES:

Listed below are the 2002 Tomato “Paste for Sale” pack and inventory as of December 1, for California Tomato Processors.

Tomato "Paste for Sale" in Drums, Bins & Bulk

	<u>2001-2002</u>	<u>2002-2003</u>
Paste for Sale Pack	3,866,566	5,254,854
Inventory as of December 1	2,736,260	3,418,646

Total Paste Pack and Inventory

Total Tomato Paste Pack (including "paste for sale" and paste held for companies' own remanufacture operations)	8,487,777
Total Tomato Paste Stocks as of December 1	6,846,911

Paste for Sale - Paste, converted to a raw product “paid for tons” equivalent, being held in drums, bins, and bulk, that has been packed to be sold. Does not include paste being held for companies’ own remanufacture.

2001 Pack year statistics based on reports from processors handling 94% of California tonnage.

2002 Pack year statistics based on reports from processors handling 93% of California tonnage