

CLFP Tomato Statistics Report June 21, 2006

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## US PROCESSED TOMATO STOCKS-ON-HAND REPORT FOR JUNE 1, 2006

Inventories of US processed tomato products were 2.8 million tons, stated on a raw product equivalent basis, as of June 1, 2006 according to a report released today by the California League of Food Processors. Inventory is 30 % below the prior year level. Apparent disappearance of tomato stock decreased 4% to 11.3 million tons during the twelve month period of June 1, 2005 to June 1, 2006, compared to the prior reporting period.

The California tomato paste-for-sale inventory on June 1, 2006 was 0.57 million tons, on a raw product equivalent basis.

Total tomato paste stocks, including inventory held for remanufacture were estimated to total 1.6 million tons, on a raw product equivalent basis.

CLFP statistics reports are estimates of the total US processed tomato supply, based on voluntary reports from processors throughout the United States. Participating processors handle over 93% of total US tonnage of processing tomatoes.