

CLFP Tomato Statistics Report June 23, 2008

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## U.S. PROCESSED TOMATO STOCKS-ON-HAND REPORT FOR JUNE 1, 2008

Inventories of U.S. processed tomato products were close to 4.4 million tons, stated on a raw product equivalent basis, as of June 1, 2008, according to a report released today by the California League of Food Processors. Inventory is 40% above the prior year level. Apparent disappearance of tomato stock increased 11% to approximately 11.4 million tons during the twelve month period of June 1, 2007 to June 1, 2008, compared to the prior reporting period.

Total bulk tomato paste stocks, including inventory held for remanufacture, were estimated to total close to 2.9 million tons, on a raw product õpaid-for tonsö equivalent basis, as of June 1, 2008.

The U.S. bulk tomato paste-for-sale inventory on June 1, 2008 was 1.4 million tons, on a raw product õpaid-for tonsö equivalent basis.

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