



CLFP Tomato Statistics Report
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U.S. PROCESSED TOMATO STOCKS-ON-HAND REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1, 2008

Inventories of U.S. processed tomato products were close to 10 million tons, stated on a raw product equivalent basis, as of December 1, 2008, according to a report released today by the California League of Food Processors. Inventory is approximately the same as the prior year level, increasing by less than 1%. Apparent disappearance of tomato stock increased 13% to 6.6 million tons during the six month period of June 1, 2008 to December 1, 2008, compared to the prior reporting period.

Total bulk tomato paste stocks, including inventory held for remanufacture, were estimated to total 6.3 million tons, on a raw product \bar{o} paid-for tons \bar{o} equivalent basis, as of December 1, 2008.

The U.S. bulk tomato paste-for-sale inventory on December 1, 2008 was close to 4.0 million tons, on a raw product \bar{o} paid-for tons \bar{o} 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 over 94.4% of total U.S. tonnage of processing tomatoes.