

CLFP Tomato Statistics Report January 6, 2010 For further information, contact: Ed Yates, President/CEO

## U.S. PROCESSED TOMATO STOCKS-ON-HAND REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1, 2009

Inventories of U.S. processed tomato products were close to 11.8 million tons, stated on a raw product equivalent basis, as of December 1, 2009, according to a report released today by the California League of Food Processors. Inventory is up 16% from prior year levels. Apparent disappearance of tomato stock did not change significantly, totaling approximately 6.5 million tons during the six month period of June 1, 2009 to December 1, 2009, as compared to the prior reporting period.

Total bulk tomato paste stocks, including inventory held for remanufacture, were estimated to total close to 8.9 million tons, on a raw product õpaid-for tonsö equivalent basis, as of December 1, 2009.

The U.S. bulk tomato paste-for-sale inventory on December 1, 2009 was approximately 5.4 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 approximately 93.5% of total U.S. tonnage of processing tomatoes.