

CLFP Tomato Statistics Report March 25, 2010 For further information, contact: Ed Yates, President/CEO

## U.S. PROCESSED TOMATO STOCKS-ON-HAND REPORT FOR MARCH 1, 2010

Inventories of U.S. processed tomato products were close to 8.9 million tons, stated on a raw product equivalent basis, as of March 1, 2010, according to a report released today by the California League of Food Processors. Inventory is up 28% from the prior year level. Apparent disappearance of tomato stock decreased 3% to about 9.5 million tons during the nine month period of June 1, 2009 to March 1, 2010, compared to the prior reporting period.

Total bulk tomato paste stocks, including inventory held for remanufacture, were estimated to total close to 6.5 million tons, on a raw product õpaid-for tonsö equivalent basis, as of March 1, 2010.

The U.S. bulk tomato paste-for-sale inventory on March 1, 2010 was close to 4.1 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 93.09% of total U.S. tonnage of processing tomatoes.