CALIFORNIA LEAGUE OF FOOD PROCESSORS 2014-2015 U.S. BULK TOMATO PASTE SUPPLIES & MARCH 1 INVENTORY

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TO U.S. TOMATO PROCESSORS AND INTERESTED PARTIES:

Listed below are the 2014-2015 Bulk Tomato Paste and Bulk Tomato "Paste for Sale" pack and inventory **estimates** as of December 1, 2015 for U.S. Tomato Processors. The 2014-2015 U. S. Processed Tomato Supply and Movement reported is based on 86.6% of the industry reporting data with CLFP **estimating** total US Stock on Hand **assuming 100% data reporting.**

Total Bulk Tomato Paste Pack and Inventory

	<u>2013-2014</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
Total Bulk Tomato Paste Pack (including bulk "paste for sale" and paste held for companies' own remanufacture operations)	9,557,000	11,195,000
Total Bulk Tomato Paste Inventory as of December 1	7,483,000	7,699,000
Total Bulk Tomato Paste Inventory as of March 1	4,922,000	5,456,000

Total Bulk Tomato "Paste for Sale" Stock in Drums, Bins & Bulk

Note: Data reported prior to 2014-2015 was based on actual reported totals. Beginning 2014-2015, based on 86.6% of the industry reporting data, CLFP is estimating total US Stock on Hand assuming 100% data reporting.

Total Bulk Tomato "Paste for Sale" Pack	2013-2014 7,178,000	2014-2015 8,729,000
Total Bulk Tomato "Paste for Sale" Inventory as of December 1	4,590,000	4,697,000
Total Bulk Tomato "Paste for Sale" Inventory as of March 1	3,031,000	3,421,000

<u>Bulk Tomato "Paste for Sale"</u> – Bulk tomato paste, converted to a raw product "paid for tons" equivalent, being held in drums, bins, and bulk, that has been packed to be sold. Does not include bulk paste being held for companies' own remanufacture, or paste in food service or retail/consumer package sizes.

CLFP "Pack Year" begins June 1 and ends May 31.

2013-2014 pack year statistics based on reports from processors handling 92.47% of U.S. tonnage.

2014-2015 pack year statistics based on reports from processors handling 86.6% of U.S. tonnage. The lower reporting percentage for the 2014-2015 pack year is due to fewer reporting companies.*

All numbers are rounded to the nearest 1,000 lbs. for the purposes of this report.

^{* 2014-2015} Pack based on PTAB's final report (10/31/2014) of 14,009,984 for California plus the reported pack production by the USDA/NASS 2014 Vegetable Summary by other states (627,300) released 1/29/2015.