

March 30, 2017

TO U.S. TOMATO PROCESSORS AND INTERESTED PARTIES:

Listed below are the 2016-2017 Bulk Tomato Paste and Bulk Tomato "Paste for Sale" pack and inventory **estimates** as of March 1, 2017 for U.S. Tomato Processors. The 2016-2017 U.S. Processed Tomato Supply and Movement reported is based on an estimated 95.5% of the industry reporting data for bulk tomato paste. Representation below is assuming 100% reporting as well as actual paste industry aggregate reporting of an estimated 95.5%. All numbers are rounded to the nearest 1,000 lbs. for the purposes of this report.

Total Bulk Tomato Paste Pack and Inventory

	2015-2016 (assuming 100% reporting)	2016-2017 (assuming 100% reporting)	2016-2017 (As reported – estimated 95.5% of industry reporting)
Total Bulk Tomato Paste Pack (including bulk "paste for sale" and paste held for companies' own remanufacture operations)	11,413,000	9,897,000	9,452,000
Total Bulk Tomato Paste Inventory as of December 1	9,784,000	10,447,000	9,978,000
Total Bulk Tomato Paste Inventory as of March 1	7,274,000	8,210,000	7,841,000
Total Bulk Tomato "Paste for Sale" Stock in Drums, Bins & Bulk			
	2015-2016 (assuming 100% reporting)	2016-2017 (assuming 100% reporting)	2016-2017 (As reported – estimated 95.5% of industry reporting)
Total Bulk Tomato "Paste for Sale" Pack	9,635,000	8,105,000	7,741,000
Total Bulk Tomato "Paste for Sale" Inventory as of December 1	7,223,000	6,788,000	6,483,000
Total Bulk Tomato "Paste for Sale" Inventory as of March 1	5,170,000	5,445,000	5,200,000

<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.