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TO U.S. TOMATO PROCESSORS AND INTERESTED PARTIES:

Listed below are the 2018-2019 Bulk Tomato Paste and Bulk Tomato “Paste for Sale” pack and inventory **estimates** as of December 1, 2018 for U.S. Tomato Processors. The 2018-2019 U.S. Processed Tomato Supply and Movement reported is based on an estimated 96% of the industry reported data for bulk tomato paste. Representation below is assuming 100% reporting as well as actual paste as reported. **A new method has been implemented to adjust volumes to 100% utilizing published industry production data.** All numbers are rounded to the nearest 1,000 lbs. for the purposes of this report.

Total Bulk Tomato Paste Pack and Inventory			
	<u>2017-2018</u> (assuming 100% reporting)	<u>2018-2019</u> (assuming 100% reporting)	<u>2018-2019</u> (As reported)
Total Bulk Tomato Paste Pack (including bulk "paste for sale" and paste held for companies' own remanufacture operations) *	7,951,000	9,173,000	8,785,000
Total Bulk Tomato Paste Inventory as of December 1 *	9,077,000	8,581,000	8,218,000
Total Bulk Tomato Paste Inventory as of March 1	6,457,000	5,865,000	5,632,000

Total Bulk Tomato "Paste for Sale" Stock in Drums, Bins & Bulk			
	<u>2017-2018</u> (assuming 100% reporting)	<u>2018-2019</u> (assuming 100% reporting)	<u>2018-2019</u> (As reported)
Total Bulk Tomato “Paste for Sale” Pack	6,649,000	7,675,000	7,351,000
Total Bulk Tomato “Paste for Sale” Inventory as of December 1	5,897,000	5,711,000	5,469,000
Total Bulk Tomato “Paste for Sale” Inventory as of March 1	4,342,000	4,150,000	3,985,000

Bulk Tomato “Paste for Sale” – 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. The estimates do 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.

* Information reported for the December 1, 2018 report is based on 95.8% of industry reporting. Report released by USDA/NASS in March 2019, *2018 Vegetable Summary* updated “other states tonnage” to 508,492. As a result, the estimate of industry reporting has been updated to 96%. This change has been reflected in numbers reported for March 1, 2019. Previous data remains as reported in December 1.