

# California Processing Tomato Report – Update



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## CALIFORNIA PROCESSING TOMATO CONTRACT TONNAGE

In a special survey conducted from June 11-23, California tomato processors reported 9.40 million tons contracted for the 1998 harvest, 2 percent more than last year's final contracted production. Acreage contracted, at 280 thousand acres, is up 5 percent from last year.

Extreme weather continues to delay planting and growth, while bacteria and fungal problems increase. Most of the San Joaquin Valley expects to start harvesting by mid-July. Some processors anticipate receiving tomatoes until mid-October.

This processing tomato survey was a follow-up to the report released on June 1. With the continuation of wet, cool weather, the industry requested that we recontact the tomato processors to obtain updated information. The California League of Food Processors funded the survey in cooperation with the California Department of Food and Agriculture. The USDA estimate for all states will be issued on July 9, 1998.

### ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION (CONTRACT AND TOTAL) - CALIFORNIA

Year	Total Crop			Contract Only		
	Planted	Harvested	Production	Planted	Harvested	Production
	-- Acres --		- Tons -	-- Acres --		- Tons -
1987	217,000	214,000	6,702,480	214,800	211,800	6,632,770
1988	228,300	226,100	6,547,860	225,200	223,000	6,458,620
1989	290,000	276,500	8,585,330	280,000	272,000	8,445,200
1990	320,000	310,000	9,306,200	315,000	305,000	9,170,000
1991	322,000	312,000	9,893,520	320,000	310,000	9,820,000
1992	242,000	240,000	7,932,000	238,600	236,600	7,830,140
1993	282,000	274,000	8,951,580	280,000	272,000	8,890,240
1994	318,000	311,000	10,748,160	315,000	308,000	10,632,160
1995	331,000	317,000	10,606,820	329,000	315,000	10,472,980
1996	318,000	313,000	10,660,780	315,000	310,000	10,540,000
1997	270,000	260,000	9,349,600	267,000	257,000	9,241,720
1998	---	---	---	280,000	---	9,400,000