



# California Processing Tomato Report

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As of May 15, California's tomato processors reported they have or will have contracts for 12.3 million tons of processing tomatoes for 2010. This production is 6 percent lower than the contracted production of last year.

The May contracted acreage of 269 thousand is 11 thousand less than the January intentions forecast.

Fresno County retains the top spot over other California counties in contracted planted acreage for 2010 with 99,000 acres. Kings County, Yolo, San Joaquin and Merced make up the remaining top five counties for contracted planted acreage. These counties make up 77 percent of the 2010 total contracted planted acreage for California.

Wet weather accompanied by cool temperatures has been a factor this spring for processing tomato growers. In January, planting schedules were finalized to prevent overloading processors at harvest. Ground preparation continued in the months following as conditions allowed. Fields received pre-plant herbicides and beds were formed for transplanting. Tomatoes were being transplanted through March, April, and May.

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

Year	Total Crop			Contract Only			
	Planted Acres	Harvested Acres	Production Tons	Planted Acres	Harvested Acres	Production	
						Tons	Metric Tons
1991	322,000	312,000	9,893,520	320,000	310,000	9,820,000	8,908,557
1992	242,000	240,000	7,932,000	238,600	236,600	7,830,140	7,103,386
1993	282,000	274,000	8,951,707	280,000	272,000	8,890,240	8,065,092
1994	318,000	311,000	10,745,560	315,000	308,000	10,632,160	9,645,336
1995	331,000	317,000	10,605,787	329,000	315,000	10,472,980	9,500,930
1996	318,000	313,000	10,658,741	315,000	310,000	10,540,000	9,561,730
1997	270,000	260,000	9,342,309	267,000	257,000	9,241,720	8,383,950
1998	282,000	280,000	8,892,800	280,000	278,000	8,845,960	8,024,922
1999	337,000	329,000	12,239,300	332,000	324,000	11,990,270	10,877,393
2000	289,000	271,000	10,286,500	285,000	267,000	10,131,000	9,190,691
2001	258,000	254,000	8,640,140	255,000	251,000	8,563,570	7,768,742
2002	296,000	291,000	11,056,000	290,000	285,000	10,806,400	9,803,404
2003	289,000	274,000	9,252,000	286,000	271,000	9,141,000	8,292,578
2004	301,000	281,000	11,672,000	293,000	273,000	11,000,000	10,296,550
2005	267,000	264,000	9,600,000	263,000	260,000	9,440,000	8,563,826
2006	283,000	282,000	10,104,000	280,000	279,000	10,024,000	9,093,622
2007	301,000	296,000	12,082,000	298,000	293,000	11,965,000	10,854,468
2008	281,000	279,000	11,822,000	278,000	276,000	11,691,000	10,606,006
2009	312,000	308,000	13,314,000	308,000	304,000	13,148,000	11,927,665
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**CALIFORNIA PROCESSING TOMATOES, ACREAGE BY COUNTY**

County	2009 Total Crop		2010 Contracted Acreage
	Planted Acres	Harvested Acres	
Colusa	17,000	17,000	14,000
Fresno	108,000	106,000	99,000
Kern	16,000	16,000	14,000
Kings	29,000	29,000	34,000
Madera 1/	---	---	2,000
Merced	21,000	21,000	18,000
Sacramento	3,000	3,000	2,000
San Benito	4,000	4,000	2,000
San Joaquin	39,000	39,000	24,000
Solano	12,000	12,000	9,000
Stanislaus	9,000	8,000	9,000
Sutter	10,000	9,000	7,000
Yolo	38,000	38,000	32,000
Other Counties 1/	6,000	6,000	3,000
<b>State Total</b>	<b>312,000</b>	<b>308,000</b>	<b>269,000</b>

1/ Counties combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations include:  
 2009 - Contra Costa, Madera, Monterey, Santa Clara, Tulare, and Yuba  
 2010 - Contra Costa, Santa Clara, and Tulare

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