



California Processing Tomato Report

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Tomato Processors Expect to Contract 12.7 Million Tons in 2012

The USDA-NASS California Field Office surveyed the State's tomato processors for their intended contract acreage and tonnage for the upcoming 2012 season. The data reported by processors was either tonnage with derived acreage, or acreage with derived tonnage.

California's tomato processors reported they have, or will have, contracts for 12.7 million tons this year, as of January. Processors estimate that the contracted production for 2012 will come from 266,000 acres producing an average yield of 47.74 tons per acre. The contracted planted acreage forecast is 8,000 acres more than what was reported under contract in the August 2011 California Processing Tomato Report.

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Intended and Final Harvested Contracted Production

Year	1-Jan	Final 1/	Difference 1/
	Thousand Tons		
1997	9,600	9,242	-358
1998	10,000	8,846	-1154
1999	11,500	11,990	+490
2000	10,100	10,131	+31
2001	8,900	8,564	-336
2002	10,500	10,806	+306
2003	10,900	9,141	-1759
2004	11,000	11,350	+350
2005	10,300	9,440	-860
2006	11,600	10,024	-1576
2007	12,000	11,965	-35
2008	11,800	11,691	-109
2009	13,300	13,314	+14
2010	12,600	12,297	-303
2011	12,600	---	---
2012	12,700	---	---

1/ Revised 2011 data will be released in the *Vegetables 2011 Summary* at www.nass.usda.gov on January 26, 2012.

California Tomato Acreage and Production 1/

Year	Total Crop			Contract Only			
	Planted	Harvested	Production	Planted		Harvested	Production
	Acres		Tons	Acres		Tons	Metric Tons
1991	322,000	312,000	9,893,520	320,000	310,000	9,820,000	8,909,000
1992	242,000	240,000	7,932,000	238,600	236,600	7,830,140	7,103,000
1993	282,000	274,000	8,951,707	280,000	272,000	8,890,240	8,065,000
1994	318,000	311,000	10,745,560	315,000	308,000	10,632,160	9,645,000
1995	331,000	317,000	10,605,787	329,000	315,000	10,472,980	9,501,000
1996	318,000	313,000	10,658,741	315,000	310,000	10,540,000	9,562,000
1997	270,000	260,000	9,342,309	267,000	257,000	9,241,720	8,384,000
1998	282,000	280,000	8,892,800	280,000	278,000	8,845,960	8,025,000
1999	337,000	329,000	12,239,300	332,000	324,000	11,990,270	10,877,000
2000	289,000	271,000	10,286,500	285,000	267,000	10,131,000	9,191,000
2001	258,000	254,000	8,640,140	255,000	251,000	8,563,570	7,769,000
2002	296,000	291,000	11,056,000	290,000	285,000	10,806,400	9,803,000
2003	289,000	274,000	9,252,000	286,000	271,000	9,141,000	8,293,000
2004	301,000	281,000	11,672,000	293,000	273,000	11,350,000	10,297,000
2005	267,000	264,000	9,600,000	263,000	260,000	9,440,000	8,564,000
2006	283,000	282,000	10,104,000	280,000	279,000	10,024,000	9,094,000
2007	301,000	296,000	12,082,000	298,000	293,000	11,965,000	10,854,000
2008	281,000	279,000	11,822,000	278,000	276,000	11,691,000	10,605,897
2009	312,000	308,000	13,314,000	308,000	304,000	13,148,000	11,927,665
2010	---	---	---	269,000	268,000	12,300,000	11,158,372
2011	---	---	---	258,000	257,000	12,200,000	11,067,657
2012	---	---	---	266,000	---	12,700,000	11,521,250

1/ Data for 2011 was carried forward from the August 31, 2011 *California Processing Tomato Report*. Revised 2011 data will be released in the *Vegetables 2011 Summary* at www.nass.usda.gov on January 26, 2012.

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