



California Processing Tomato Report

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As of May 24, California's tomato processors reported they have or will have contracts for 12.9 million tons of processing tomatoes for 2012. This production is an 8.4 percent increase from the final contracted production total from last year.

The May contracted acreage of 260,000 is six thousand below the January intentions forecast, but six thousand acres above last year's level of 254,000 acres.

Fresno County remains the top California county in contracted planted acreage for 2012 with 97,000 acres. Yolo, San Joaquin, Kern, and Kings County make up the remaining top five counties for contracted planted acreage, respectively. These

counties make up 76 percent of the 2012 total contracted planted acreage for California.

Cool temperatures and late rains slowed development, subsequently causing planting delays. Tomato beds were formed and received pre-plant herbicides in February. Processing tomato transplants were planted in early spring as allowed by weather and soil conditions.

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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	9,979,035
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	10,605,900
2009	312,000	308,000	13,314,000	308,000	304,000	13,148,000	11,927,668
2010	271,000	270,000	12,297,000	269,000	268,000	12,212,000	11,078,543
2011	255,000	250,000	11,941,000	254,000	249,000	11,900,000	10,795,501
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CALIFORNIA PROCESSING TOMATOES, ACREAGE BY COUNTY

County	2011 Total Crop		2012 Contracted Acreage
	Planted Acres	Harvested Acres	
Colusa	12,000	12,000	13,000
Fresno	96,000	95,000	97,000
Kern	13,000	13,000	22,000
Kings	29,000	28,000	19,000
Madera 1/	---	---	2,000
Merced	14,000	13,000	12,000
Sacramento	2,000	2,000	3,000
San Benito	3,000	3,000	2,000
San Joaquin	21,000	20,000	23,000
Solano	9,000	9,000	10,000
Stanislaus	10,000	10,000	11,000
Sutter	6,000	6,000	7,000
Yolo	35,000	34,000	36,000
Other Counties 1/	5,000	5,000	3,000
State Total	255,000	250,000	260,000

1/ Counties combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations include:
 2011 - Butte, Contra Costa, Glenn, Madera, Santa Clara, and Tulare
 2012 - Contra Costa, Santa Clara, and Tulare

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