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As of May 15, California's tomato processors reported they have or will have contracts for 11.9 million tons of processing tomatoes for 2018. This production is a 0.8 percent decrease from the January intentions forecast and 14.3 percent above the final 2017 contracted production total. The May contracted acreage of 238,000 is 0.8 percent below the January intentions forecast and 3.9 percent above last year's final contracted acreage.

Winter was mostly dry, but spring rains eased concerns about water availability. Unfortunately, inconvenient timing of the late season rain caused some delays in planting. Early reports on the crop were optimistic, with mild temperatures encouraging strong growth and low pest and disease pressure. Growers and processors hope a cooler summer than the last will boost yields. Harvest is expected to begin mid-July.

Fresno County remains the top California County in contracted planted acreage for 2018 with 75,200 acres. Yolo, Kings, Merced, and San Joaquin make up the remaining top five counties, accounting for 76 percent of the 2018 total contracted planted acreage for California.

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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
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
2012	260,000	258,000	12,640,000	258,000	256,000	12,540,000	11,376,100
2013	263,000	260,000	12,100,000	259,000	256,000	11,900,000	10,795,501
2014	292,000	289,000	14,010,000	289,000	285,000	13,965,000	12,668,839
2015	299,000	296,000	14,361,000	297,000	295,000	14,307,000	12,979,096
2016	262,000	258,000	12,647,064	260,000	256,000	12,527,000	11,364,306
2017	230,000	222,000	10,464,054	229,000	221,000	10,407,000	9,441,074
2018	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	238,000	(NA)	11,900,000	10,795,501

(NA) Not available.

CALIFORNIA PROCESSING TOMATOES BY COUNTY

County	Contracted and Open Market - 2017 Crop				2018 Contracted acres
	Area planted	Area harvested	Yield per acre	Production ^{1/}	
	<i>Acres</i>		<i>Tons</i>		
Colusa	13,600	13,100	46.16	604,700	12,900
Contra Costa	3,300	3,300	44.04	145,334	3,400
Fresno	72,300	72,000	50.39	3,628,100	75,200
Kern	8,800	8,600	51.33	441,400	6,200
Kings	25,400	25,000	51.88	1,297,000	27,200
Madera	5,800	5,000	49.72	248,600	5,900
Merced	19,600	19,000	47.95	911,100	23,500
Sacramento	1,000	1,000	46.70	46,700	1,500
San Benito	1,000	1,000	35.82	35,820	^{2/}
San Joaquin	20,500	20,400	42.35	864,000	19,300
Solano	8,300	8,200	41.63	341,400	9,400
Stanislaus	6,600	6,300	39.62	249,600	6,100
Sutter	8,400	8,400	40.05	336,400	10,100
Yolo	33,200	28,900	43.08	1,245,100	35,000
Other Counties ^{2/}	2,200	1,800	38.22	68,800	2,300
Total	230,000	222,000	47.14	10,464,054	238,000

^{1/} On the basis of "paid for tonnage" purchased from growers as reported by processors, dockage not included.

^{2/} To avoid disclosure of individual operations, "Other Counties" includes:
 2017: Butte and Glenn
 2018: Butte, Glenn, San Benito, Santa Clara and Tulare

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