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As of May 15, California's tomato processors reported they have or will have contracts for 12.0 million tons of processing tomatoes for 2020. This production estimate is unchanged from the January intentions forecast and 7.8 percent above the final 2019 contracted production total. The May contracted acreage of 235,000 is also unchanged from the January intentions forecast and 1,000 acres above last year's final contracted acreage.

Fresno County remains the top California County in contracted planted acreage for 2020 with 72,300 acres. Yolo, Merced, Kings and San Joaquin make up the remaining top five counties, accounting for 75 percent of the 2020 total contracted planted acreage for California.

Dry winter weather caused some concern for water availability. Despite a few rain storms in March and April, planting was on schedule and the warm temperatures through spring helped with early crop development. An unusual heat wave at the end of May required more irrigation than normal for this time of year. There were no reports of disease or pest issues.

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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
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	10,606,000
2009	312,000	308,000	13,314,000	308,000	304,000	13,148,000	11,928,000
2010	271,000	270,000	12,297,000	269,000	268,000	12,212,000	11,079,000
2011	255,000	250,000	11,941,000	254,000	249,000	11,900,000	10,796,000
2012	260,000	258,000	12,640,000	258,000	256,000	12,540,000	11,376,000
2013	263,000	260,000	12,100,000	259,000	256,000	11,900,000	10,796,000
2014	292,000	289,000	14,010,000	291,000	288,000	13,965,000	12,669,000
2015	299,000	296,000	14,361,000	297,000	295,000	14,307,000	12,979,000
2016	262,000	258,000	12,647,000	260,000	256,000	12,527,000	11,364,000
2017	230,000	222,000	10,464,000	229,000	221,000	10,407,000	9,441,000
2018	241,000	236,000	12,284,000	235,000	230,000	11,994,000	10,881,000
2019	235,000	228,000	11,186,000	234,000	227,000	11,130,000	10,097,000
2020	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	235,000	(NA)	12,000,000	10,866,000

(NA) Not available.

CALIFORNIA PROCESSING TOMATOES BY COUNTY

County	Contracted and Open Market - 2019 Crop				2020 Contracted acres
	Area planted	Area harvested	Yield per acre	Production ^{1/}	
	Acres		Tons		
Colusa	11,900	11,900	51.24	609,700	12,500
Contra Costa	3,600	3,600	49.78	179,200	3,500
Fresno	78,400	74,600	51.59	3,848,600	72,300
Kern	5,900	5,680	50.62	287,500	6,100
Kings	27,300	26,500	54.12	1,434,100	26,400
Madera ^{2/}	--	--	--	--	2,100
Merced	20,600	20,400	49.14	1,002,500	26,500
Sacramento	1,200	1,130	43.45	49,100	1,400
San Joaquin	17,100	16,800	42.92	721,000	18,700
Solano	8,400	8,320	51.25	426,400	9,500
Stanislaus	7,800	7,790	47.30	368,500	7,900
Sutter	9,800	9,400	40.77	383,200	10,400
Yolo	34,500	34,000	44.59	1,516,000	32,000
Other Counties ^{2/}	8,500	7,880	45.74	360,456	5,700
Total	235,000	228,000	49.06	11,186,256	235,000

^{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:
 2019: Butte, Glenn, Madera, San Benito, Santa Clara and Tulare
 2020: Butte, Glenn, San Benito, Santa Clara and Tulare

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