



2023 California Processing Tomato Report

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2023 PROCESSING TOMATO PRODUCTION

Contracted production for California processing tomatoes is forecast at 12.9 million tons, averaging 50.8 tons per acre. The current production forecast is 23% above last year's contracted production of 10.5 million tons, and 2% above the May forecast. The projected harvested acreage of tomatoes grown under contract is 254,000 acres, up 13% from 2022.

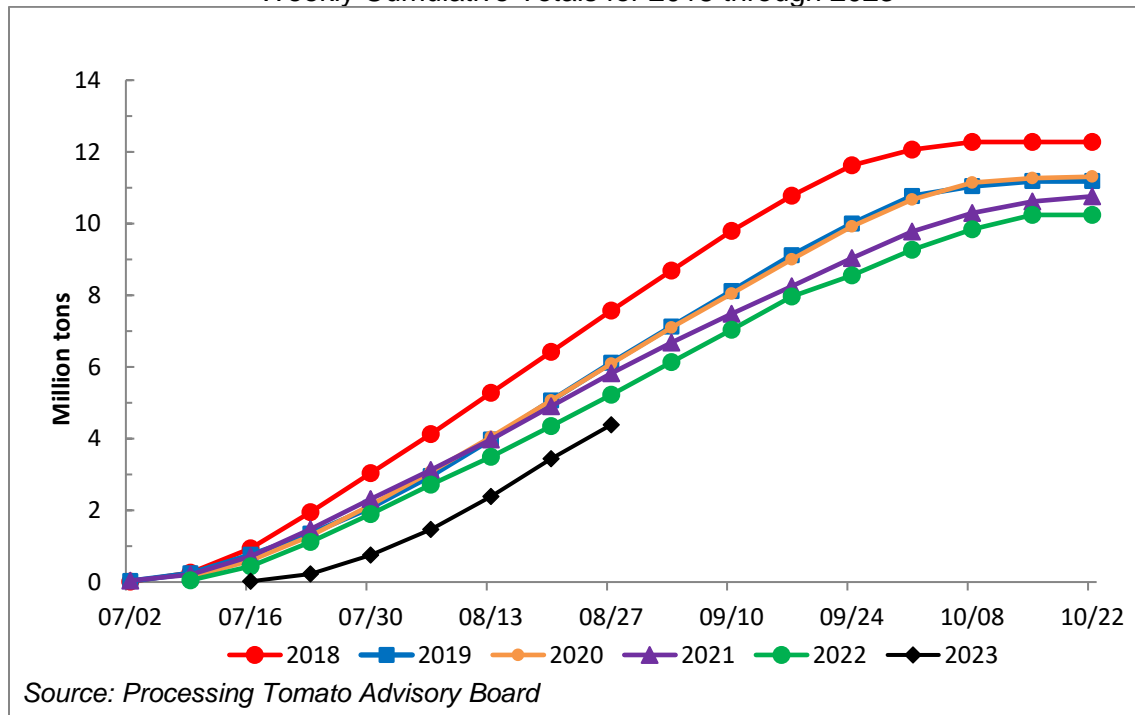
Unseasonably wet weather through winter and spring delayed planting by weeks, but with record-high prices and ample water, contracted acreage increased significantly. Harvest began with a slow start in mid-July, a couple weeks behind average,

and is expected to continue well through October if the weather stays dry. Now entering peak harvest, canneries are busy managing the logistics of consistently delivering ripe tomatoes to the plant.

The Processing Tomato Advisory Board published shipments through August 26, 2023, showing a 16% decrease compared to the end of August 2022. However, due to the late crop, shipments are expected to catch up and exceed the past 5 years.

This processing tomato estimate is funded by the California League of Food Producers.

California's Harvested Processing Tomatoes
Weekly Cumulative Totals for 2018 through 2023



ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION (CONTRACT AND TOTAL) - CALIFORNIA

Year	Total crop				Contract only				
	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production	
	acres		tons/acre	tons	acres		tons/acre	tons	metric tons
2006	283,000	282,000	35.8	10,104,000	280,000	279,000	35.9	10,024,000	9,094,000
2007	301,000	296,000	40.8	12,082,000	298,000	293,000	40.8	11,965,000	10,854,000
2008	281,000	279,000	42.4	11,822,000	278,000	276,000	42.4	11,691,000	10,606,000
2009	312,000	308,000	43.2	13,314,000	308,000	304,000	43.3	13,148,000	11,928,000
2010	271,000	270,000	45.5	12,297,000	269,000	268,000	45.6	12,212,000	11,079,000
2011	255,000	250,000	47.8	11,941,000	254,000	249,000	47.8	11,900,000	10,796,000
2012	260,000	258,000	49.0	12,640,000	258,000	256,000	49.0	12,540,000	11,376,000
2013	263,000	260,000	46.5	12,100,000	259,000	256,000	46.5	11,900,000	10,796,000
2014	292,000	289,000	48.5	14,010,000	291,000	288,000	48.5	13,965,000	12,669,000
2015	299,000	296,000	48.5	14,361,000	297,000	295,000	48.5	14,307,000	12,979,000
2016	262,000	258,000	49.0	12,647,000	260,000	256,000	48.9	12,527,000	11,364,000
2017	230,000	222,000	47.1	10,464,000	229,000	221,000	47.1	10,407,000	9,441,000
2018	241,000	236,000	52.1	12,284,000	235,000	230,000	52.1	11,994,000	10,881,000
2019	235,000	228,000	49.1	11,186,000	234,000	227,000	49.0	11,130,000	10,097,000
2020	234,000	228,000	49.6	11,312,000	234,000	228,000	49.6	11,312,000	10,262,000
2021	230,000	228,000	47.2	10,765,000	229,000	227,000	47.3	10,739,000	9,742,000
2022	231,000	225,000	46.6	10,496,000	230,000	224,000	46.7	10,464,000	9,493,000
2023	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	255,000	254,000	50.8	12,900,000	11,703,000

(NA) Not available.

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