



WORLD PROCESSING TOMATO COUNCIL

WPTC Crop update as of 25 January 2021

AMITOM countries

Egypt

The initial forecast for 2021 is 440,000 tonnes with no decrement in planted acreages. Water is available as usual thanks to the Nile river. According to the two signed cooperation protocols with the ministry of agriculture in Egypt and Egyptian Countryside Development Company, Paste & Juice Co. will contract thousands of acres in the governorates of upper Egypt to secure the needed quantities of tomatoes for processing for operating over 300 days annually as planned

France

It is too early to have a precise estimate, but it is expected that more hectares will be planted and especially for organic production. The volume contracted should be at least 150,000 tonnes but could reach 180,000 tonnes.

Greece

The surface planted should increase by 10% which means that if weather conditions are good the total volume could be 460,000 tonnes.

Hungary

2021 production should be at the level of 2020 original plans of 100,000 tonnes (before bad weather reduced production to 85,000 tonnes).

Italy

North – Precontracts were already made at the end of 2020 between processors and Pos. It is expected that surfaces will increase by about 1,300 hectares of which some will be organic. Processors are keen to increase production due to low stock and the need for more retail packaging. The current expectation is a production of 2.8 million tonnes.

South – The expectations are not yet clear as there were no precontracts and the 2020 crop was not a good one. Current expectations are in the order of 2.5 million tonnes.

The overall forecast for Italy is therefore 5.3 million tonnes. Price negotiations started this week and it is expected that prices will increase slightly with the larger volume and increase in prices for other commodities.

Portugal

The current estimate is for 1.4 million tonnes to be processed in 2021. Processors are in the final stages of the negotiations with growers. The winter was a bit too dry but also cold which is normally good for the crop.

Russia

The forecast for 2021 is 550,000 tonnes.

Spain

The expectations are that the crop size could be 2.9 million tonnes and it is too early to confirm this forecast because of the uncertainties over water availability. If it does not rain by the end of March, the surfaces planted and thus the volume harvested will be reduced. It is currently raining but more rain will be needed in the coming weeks. The negotiations are ongoing and an increase in price is expected.

Ukraine

The 2021 production should remain at a similar level as in 2020 at about 800,000 tonnes. The current lockdown makes discussions with the growers difficult at the moment.

Other northern hemisphere countries

California

The USDA/NASS report released on 25 January (attached) indicates that as of January, California's tomato processors reported they have, or will have, contracts for 12.1 million tons (10.97 million metric tonnes) in 2021, which is an increase of 6.1 percent compared to the 2020 contracted tonnage of 11.4 million tons (10.34 million metric tonnes) reported in the August 2020 California Processing Tomato Report. Processors estimate that the contracted production for 2021 will come from 240,000 acres (97,125 hectares), generating an average yield of 50.4 tons per acre (113 metric tonnes per hectare). The contracted planted acreage forecast is up 2.6 percent compared to the 2020 acreage of 234,000 acres (94,696 hectares) reported under contract in August.

Southern hemisphere countries

Argentina

The beginning of harvest during the end of December and January was very successful in San Juan because the weather conditions were dry with no heat waves and with excellent planning of harvesters and loads. Weather conditions have been dry also in Mendoza, therefore, the forecast remains 540,000 tonnes for this season.

Australia

The total crop volume remains at 241,000 tonnes with processing set to begin on Saturday 30th January. Growing conditions have been relatively good, with only isolated thunderstorms to date and temperatures have generally been relatively mild. There is some incidence of disease (bacterial spec and fusarium) that has frustrated most growers but hopefully will not result in any significant yield loss.

Chile

Crop development is good on the 12,200 hectares and harvest is due to start next week. The expected yield is 98 t/ha for a total volume of about 1.19 million tonnes. The weather is hot and dry. Until now, water availability is normal but there are some restrictions. However, drip irrigation now represents about 70% of the surface, planted, up from only about 20% five years ago, so water need is reduced.

Peru

ICATOM maintains its expectation to produce 100,000 tonnes of tomatoes on 800 hectares, the same as in 2020.



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The USDA-NASS Pacific Regional Office surveyed California's tomato processors for their intended contract acreage and tonnage for the upcoming 2021 season. The data reported by processors was either tonnage with derived acreage, or acreage with derived tonnage.

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

INTENDED AND FINAL HARVESTED CONTRACTED PRODUCTION

Year	January 1	Final	Difference
	Thousand tons		
2000	10,100	10,131	+31
2001	8,900	8,564	-336
2002	10,500	10,806	+306
2003	10,900	9,141	-1,759
2004	11,000	11,350	+350
2005	10,300	9,440	-860
2006	11,600	10,024	-1,576
2007	12,000	11,965	-35
2008	11,800	11,691	-109
2009	13,300	13,148	-152
2010	12,600	12,212	-388
2011	12,600	11,900	-700
2012	12,700	12,540	-160
2013	13,000	11,900	-1,100
2014	13,500	13,965	+465
2015	15,000	14,307	-693
2016	13,200	12,527	-673
2017	11,600	10,407	-1,193
2018	12,000	11,994	-6
2019	12,100	11,130	-970
2020 ^{1/}	12,000	(NA)	(NA)
2021	12,100	(NA)	(NA)

^{1/} Final 2020 production will be released in the *Vegetables 2020 Summary* at www.nass.usda.gov on February 11, 2021. County-Level data for 2020 will be available at www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/California/Publications in March 2021.

(NA) Not available.

California Tomato Acreage and Production

Year	Total crop			Contract only			
	Planted	Harvested	Production	Planted	Harvested	Production	
	Acres		Tons	Acres		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 ^{1/}	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	234,000	230,000	11,400,000	10,342,000
2021	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	240,000	(NA)	12,100,000	10,977,000

^{1/} Data for 2020 was carried forward from the August 27, 2020 *California Processing Tomato Report*.

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