



# WORLD PROCESSING TOMATO COUNCIL

WPTC Crop update as of 15 February 2022

## Southern hemisphere

### Argentina

The expectation has been reduced by 10,000 tonnes to 630,000 tonnes after rainfalls with some hails last week have reduced the harvest forecast. Now, the weather is dry again.

### Australia

Weather is currently desirable, however some regions received between 40-90 mm rain at the end of January, increasing the disease profile in fields. Harvest began this week, with quality and fruit size very good - Brix around 5.1. Current estimated total (inclusive of Organics and Cherry Tomatoes) is 262,000 payable tonnes.

### Chile

The last of the three factories started processing on 7 February, and all factories are now running. The weather favourable and colour and quality are good. The forecast is maintained at 1,050,000 tonnes although may be reduced in March depending on water availability.

### South Africa

The forecast for the 2022 season is increased slightly to 166,000 tonnes with:

- Western Cape (summer area: 45 000 tonnes (harvest Jan- Apr)
- Limpopo (winter areas): 121 000 tons (harvest May- Sep).

The harvest season commenced one week behind schedule and the out growers also experience a sharp increase hike in input cost. Pests like "Tuta" and White Fly are currently the main risks drivers.