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2022 California Processing Tomato Report

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As of May 15, California's tomato processors reported they have or will have contracts for 11.7 million tons of processing tomatoes for 2022. This production estimate is 4.1% lower than the January intentions forecast of 12.2 million tons, but 8.9% above the final 2021 contracted production total. The May contracted acreage of 234,000 is 4.5% below the January intentions forecast of 245,000 acres, but 5,000 acres more than last year's final contracted acreage.

Fresno County remained the top California county in contracted planted acreage for 2022 with 50,000 acres. Yolo, Kings, Merced, and San Joaquin made up the remaining top five counties, accounting for 69.2% percent of the 2022 total contracted planted acreage for California.

Despite low supply and a substantial increase in price, contracted production has dropped significantly compared to the beginning of 2022. Water availability is the main issue facing processing tomato producers, challenged by another year of lower-than-average rainfall and little to no water allocations.

There were a few days of record high temperatures in March, followed by an unexpected freeze in April that hit the northern and central parts of the state. These unusual weather events damaged early plantings in the affected areas. At this point in the season, yield is still projected to be higher than last year, but hot temperatures during the summer months could impact the crop development.

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ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION (CONTRACT AND TOTAL) - CALIFORNIA

Year	Total crop			Contract only			
	Planted	Harvested	Production	Planted	Harvested	Production	
	<i>acres</i>		<i>tons</i>	<i>acres</i>		<i>tons</i>	<i>metric tons</i>
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	234,000	228,000	11,312,000	234,000	228,000	11,312,000	10,262,000
2021	230,000	228,000	10,775,000	229,000	227,000	10,739,000	9,742,000
2022	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	234,000	(NA)	11,700,000	10,614,000

(NA) Not available.

CALIFORNIA PROCESSING TOMATOES BY COUNTY

County	Contracted and Open Market - 2021 Crop				2022 Crop
	Area planted	Area harvested	Yield per acre	Production ¹	Contracted acres
	<i>acres</i>		<i>tons</i>		
Butte	700	700	26.0	18,200	860
Colusa	13,400	13,200	49.5	652,900	13,300
Contra Costa	2,600	2,600	64.7	168,200	3,000
Fresno	62,900	62,700	45.2	2,832,000	50,000
Glenn	1,100	1,100	46.4	51,000	630
Imperial	300	300	26.2	7,870	0
Kern	8,000	8,000	56.4	451,000	10,200
Kings	29,900	29,800	46.9	1,396,000	27,000
Madera	3,700	3,700	47.2	174,600	5,000
Merced	24,900	24,900	46.5	1,157,000	27,000
Monterey	0	0	--	0	860
Sacramento	4,500	4,500	36.4	163,900	4,100
San Benito ²	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	760
San Joaquin	16,100	14,900	43.7	650,700	21,000
Solano	9,500	9,500	54.1	513,700	11,700
Stanislaus	7,200	7,000	48.2	337,700	8,600
Sutter	12,000	12,000	45.0	539,400	10,200
Tehama	0	0	--	0	270
Tulare ²	700	700	71.3	49,900	(D)
Yolo	31,800	31,700	49.7	1,576,000	37,000
Other Counties ²	700	700	49.7	34,811	2,520
Total	230,000	228,000	47.3	10,774,881	234,000

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:

2021: San Benito and Santa Clara

2022: Santa Clara and Tulare

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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