



WORLD PROCESSING TOMATO COUNCIL

WPTC Crop update as of 15 March 2022

AMITOM

Egypt

No change from the previous forecast of 440,000 tonnes.

France

No change from the previous estimate of 170,000 tonnes.

Greece

It is difficult to convince farmers to grow tomatoes as competitive crop like cotton and corn are more attractive for them. The previous estimate of 380,000 tonnes remains current.

Hungary

No change from the previous estimate of 100,000 tonnes.

Italy

Price negotiations are still going on and a price has to date only been agreed for organic tomatoes at 140 euros per tonne in the North (up 5 euros from last year). There is a big competition with corn and soja notably which are less expensive and risky crops for the farmers. The forecast remains 5.4 million tonnes as announced previously.

Portugal

There is not much change since the last update and preparations for the season are ongoing. It rained last week but this will not change the water situation. The forecast remains 1.45 million tonnes.

Russia

It is hard to forecast in the current environment, but everyone is preparing for the season. The surface to plant is up to 7,500 hectares for 600,000 tonnes of tomatoes to be processed

Spain

The large reduction of surfaces compared to 2021 due to the lack of water (in Extremadura the water allocation is not yet clear) and the high price of competitive crops (sunflower, corn, ...) is confirmed. The crop is estimated at a maximum of 2.5 million tonnes.

Tunisia

The winter was dry and most of the reservoirs have not been filled to capacity. Consequently, there is a reduction in the surface planted with tomatoes in some regions, with a total of only 12,000 to 14,000

hectares expected (17,000 hectares in 2021). With an average yield of 67t/ha this would mean a production of between 800,000 tonnes and 940,000 tonnes. The main varieties planted are Savéra (65%), Heinz varieties, Ercole, Topsport. Some of the processors are introducing quality incentives for tomatoes and the price should be about 200 millimes per kg (approx. 68 USD/tonnes).

Turkey

As indicated previously, there will be a small reduction in surfaces this year notably due to a competition with corn. Moreover, farmers are now offered incentives by the government to plant corn and wheat due to the situation in Ukraine. The forecast remains about 1.95 million tonnes.

Ukraine

Kherson region which represents slightly less than 40% of Ukrainian tomato area and processing is occupied by Russians. Mykolaiv region that gives another 50% of the area and processing is fighting with them now. Consequently, the season should be at least three weeks late. It is still possible to process about 500 000 tonnes, but it will strongly depend on the success of the Ukrainian army and negotiations during the next two weeks.

Other Northern hemisphere

Brazil

Most processors are wanting to plant early and to increase surfaces. The forecast for 2022 is about 1.8 million tonnes, up from 1.5 million tonnes in 2021.

California

It is unlikely that the crop size will reach the official January estimate of 12.2 million short tons (11 million metric tonnes) but it is impossible to give a new figure at the moment. Planning the season is an ongoing challenge due to issues with water availability (some growers still do not know what their water allocation will be), the attractiveness of less risky alternative crops, combined with the increased cost of diesel and other inputs.

Canada

The negotiations are now finished, and the forecast is established at 450,000 short tons (408,000 metric tonnes) which is the processors capacity.

China

The current forecast is for a surface of 730,000 MU (48,667 hectares) to be planted, which could bring up to 5.8 million tonnes with an average yield of 119 t/ha (which is a very high estimated yield). There is a strong competition with other crops like cotton in Xinjiang, and corn, sunflower and soja beans in Inner Mongolia where the government is giving incentives to plant oil seeds and cereals. Consequently, it is not known yet if farmers will plant all the surfaces and a more accurate forecast can only be given after the end of transplanting in May. In Inner Mongolia, there is a rapid increased in mechanization of all farm operation to cope with labour shortage and yields are up to 95 t/ha with an average of about 60 t/ha.

Japan

The current forecast is 29,000 tonnes from 470 hectares (yield of 61 t/ha expected). The price of tomatoes is equivalent to 535 USD/t.

Other US States

Expectations in terms of surfaces and volume are similar to last year (462,000 metric tonnes processed).

Southern hemisphere

Argentina

The harvest is going well with a dry and sunny weather and approximately 60% of the 7,700 hectares have been harvested to date, about 600,000 tonnes. The harvest should finish early in May in San Juan with a total volume expected of about 620-630,000 tonnes.

Australia

The estimate is reduced slightly to 255,000 tonnes due to rains which is disrupting the harvest of the 2,500 hectares planted with season.

Chile

The harvest is ongoing. The surface planted for the season was 10,500 hectares, bringing a forecast of 1.05 million tonnes with an estimated yield of 100 t/ha. Chile still suffering a severe drought, but it is managed ok by companies and farmers and with 85% of the surface with drip irrigation. All three companies are processing, and the harvest started on 26 January and should continue until last week of April (estimate). The harvest is 50% complete. The weather so far has been warm and dry, without rains and temperatures of about 30°C this week. Fruit quality is good, and the paste produced has a good colour.

Peru

A total volume of 125,000 tonnes should be processed this season.



WPTC World production estimate of tomatoes for processing
(in 1000 metric tonnes)

Date of last update: 15/03/2022

		2019		2020		2021		2022		AVERAGE	VARIATION	
		FINAL		FINAL		FINAL		FORECAST		2019-2021	2022 vs 2021	
NORTHERN HEMISPHERE*	MEMBERS IN MEDITERRANEAN AREA (AMITOM)	Algeria**	800	Mem.	800	Misc.	1 000	Misc.	1 000	Est.	867	0%
		Egypt	400	Mem.	420	Mem.	440	Mem.	440	Mem.	420	0%
		France	154	Mem.	136	Mem.	164	Mem.	170	Mem.	151	4%
		Greece	400	Mem.	420	Mem.	420	Mem.	380	Mem.	413	-10%
		Hungary**	100	Mem.	82	Mem.	115	Mem.	100	Mem.	99	-13%
		Iran**	1 650	Mem.	1 300	Mem.	1 300	Est.	1 300	Est.	1 417	0%
		Israel	200	Mem.	200	Mem.	200	Est.	200	Est.	200	0%
		Italy	4 801	Mem.	5 166	Mem.	6 059	Mem.	5 400	Mem.	5 342	-11%
		Malta**	8	Est.	8	Est.	8	Est.	8	Est.	8	0%
		Portugal***	1 410	Mem.	1 262	Mem.	1 596	Mem.	1 450	Mem.	1 423	-9%
		Russia**	552	Mem.	515	Mem.	523	Mem.	600	Mem.	530	15%
		Spain***	3 200	Mem.	2 650	Mem.	3 185	Mem.	2 500	Mem.	3 012	-22%
		Syria**	42	Mem.	42	Est.	40	Est.	40	Est.	41	0%
		Tunisia	815	Mem.	961	Mem.	940	Mem.	870	Mem.	905	-7%
		Turkey	2 200	Mem.	2 500	Mem.	2 200	Mem.	1 950	Mem.	2 300	-11%
Ukraine**	720	Mem.	800	Mem.	800	Mem.	500	Mem.	773	-38%		
Subtotal AMITOM		17 452		17 262		18 990		16 908		17 901	-11%	
of which members in EU		10 073		9 724		11 547		10 008		10 448	-13%	
NORTHERN HEMISPHERE*	OTHER MEMBERS	Brazil	1 200	Mem.	1 421	Mem.	1 525	Mem.	1 800	Mem.	1 382	18,0%
		Canada	434	Mem.	438	Mem.	399	Mem.	408	Est.	424	2%
		California	10 144	Mem.	10 258	Mem.	9 761	Mem.	11 066	Mem.	10 054	13%
		China	4 600	Mem.	5 800	Mem.	4 800	Mem.	5 800	Mem.	5 067	21%
		Japan	27	Mem.	23	Mem.	28	Mem.	29	Mem.	26	4%
		Subtotal Other Members	16 405		17 940		16 513		19 103		16 953	15,7%
NORTHERN HEMISPHERE*	NON MEMBERS	Bulgaria	40	Misc.	40	Est.	40	Est.	40	Est.	40	0%
		Czech Republic	25	Est.	25	Est.	25	Est.	25	Est.	25	0%
		Morocco	130	Est.	100	Misc.	100	Est.	100	Est.	110	0%
		Poland	175	Misc.	175	Est.	175	Est.	175	Est.	175	0%
		Slovakia	20	Est.	20	Est.	20	Est.	20	Est.	20	0%
		USA excluding California	370	Misc.	463	Misc.	462	Misc.	462	Est.	432	0%
Subtotal Non Members	760		823		822		822		802	0%		
Total Northern Hemisphere		34 617		36 025		36 325		36 833		35 656	1,4%	
of which WPTC members		33 857		35 202		35 503		36 011		34 854	1,4%	
of which European Union		10 333		9 984		11 807		10 268		10 708	-13,0%	
SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE*	MEMBERS	Argentina	395	Mem.	454	Mem.	596	Mem.	630	Mem.	482	5,7%
		Australia	212	Mem.	210	Mem.	233	Mem.	255	Mem.	218	9,4%
		Chile	1 100	Mem.	907	Mem.	1 174	Mem.	1 050	Mem.	1 060	-10,6%
		Peru	100	Mem.	100	Mem.	120	Mem.	125	Mem.	107	4,2%
		South Africa	140	Mem.	150	Mem.	125	Mem.	166	Mem.	138	32,8%
	Subtotal members	1 947		1 821		2 248		2 226		2 005	-1,0%	
	NON MEMBERS	Dominican Republic	258	Est.	181	Misc.	227	Misc.	227	Est.	222	0,0%
		India	154	Misc.	152	Misc.	162	Misc.	162	Est.	156	0,0%
		Mexico	40	Est.	40	Est.	40	Est.	40	Est.	40	0,0%
		New Zealand	50	Est.	50	Est.	50	Est.	50	Est.	50	0,0%
		Senegal	77	Misc.	73	Misc.	73	Est.	73	Est.	74	0,0%
Thailand		43	Misc.	40	Misc.	40	Misc.	40	Est.	41	0,0%	
Venezuela	20	Est.	20	Est.	20	Est.	20	Est.	20	0,0%		
Subtotal non members	642		556		612		612		603	0,0%		
Total Southern Hemisphere		2 589		2 377		2 860		2 838		2 609	-0,8%	
GENERAL TOTAL		37 206		38 402		39 185		39 671		38 264	1,2%	
of which members of the WPTC		35 804		37 023		37 751		38 237		36 859	1,3%	
WPTC as percentage of total production		96%		96%		96%		96%		96%	0,0%	

Sources:

Mem.= WPTC members, Off.= Official data, Misc.= Other sources (industry contacts, press, ...), Est.= WPTC estimate, in the absence of reliable data

Notes:

*Hemispheres are not defined in the strict geographic sense but as Northern Hemisphere: crop period mainly July to December & Southern Hemisphere: crop period mainly January to June

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*** Tomatoes produced in Portugal but processed in Spain are reported in Spain

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