



# WORLD PROCESSING TOMATO COUNCIL

WPTC Crop update as of 15 May 2022

## Southern hemisphere

### Argentina

Final Numbers are 625,500 tonnes. After rains in South Mendoza at the end of February and some frosts at the end of March, the weather was fair and dry till mid May where the harvest finished. Country yield was 82t/ha and price is around 105 USD/t.

### Australia

Continued and significant rainfall events delayed harvest efforts during April and early May. As of 3 May, Australia had processed 218,030 net tonnes of tomatoes and approximately 24,000 tonnes remained in the field, however continued rain made it unclear if the remaining tonnes would be harvestable. The final number should be known at the end of this week.

### Chile

Heavy rain occurred during the last week of the harvest. The final numbers should be available at the end of this week.

### South Africa

The 2022 summer crop harvest finished with 37,000 tonnes, which is 18% lower than contracted and the drivers are climate issues, pests and a sudden rise in the input cost. The winter areas have started harvesting in May and the current winter volumes are on schedule for a 120,000 tonnes harvest. Thus, at this time, the total South Africa forecast for 2022 is a harvest of 157,000 tonnes out of a planned 166,000 tonnes, which is 5.4% reduction. However, the winter crop has its challenges, and the volumes could come down as the season progress.