



WORLD PROCESSING TOMATO COUNCIL

WPTC Crop update as of 1st September 2022

AMITOM countries

Egypt

The harvest is now back to a normal speed after a dip during the last 10 to 15 days and full capacity will be reached by the end of the first week of September. The price of tomatoes has now increased for both contracts and spot market to approximately 105 euros/tonne field gate. Fruit quality is good with good brix and good colour. The forecast remains unchanged.

France

To date 88,000 tonnes of tomatoes have been processed with an average brix of 4.8 and 5.5% of deductions. This is 57% of the initial forecast which will not be reached as the new estimate is now 140,000 to 145,000 tonnes. 50 hectares had to be abandoned due to the rains at the middle of August. Organic production is already at 71% of the forecast which should be reached. Quality is good.

Greece

Following a week of rain in the centre of the country, the forecast is now reduced to 350,000 tonnes. Overall, the volume processed nationally is now at 63% of the total, with already 95% of the expected volume in the south and 55-60% in the Centre. Fruit quality is good with a normal brix of c. 5 everywhere.

Hungary

The harvest is about at half-way. Harvesting is progressing normally this week after some rains at the weekend. Brix is good a bit above 5. Farm yield depends on the farmer, with some managing the drought better than others. The total expectation is now reduced from 90,000 tonnes to 80,000- 85,000 tonnes.

Italy

North- The IO reports that as of 21/08, 1.49 million tonnes had been processed with an average brix of 5 and 4.17% deductions. Last week all factories were at full capacity, and it is estimated that as of 31/08 c. 2 million tonnes have been processed, about 65% of the contracts. Quality is good with good colour and no diseases. The yield per hectares is now expected to drop. Rain is forecast for the end of the week, and it is probable that factories will have to stop. The forecast of 2.75 million tonnes is confirmed but could be exceeded by maybe 50,000 tonnes if the weather in September is good.

South- As of 21/08, 1.35 million tonnes had been processed. Since then, several episodes of rain have affected all regions, so the volume delivered has been reduced. With the rains many fruits remain in the fields and total yield is lower. The quantity of finished products will be lower than last year, but quality is good.

It is now expected that the total volume processed in the centre and south could be lower than initially forecast but for Italy as a whole the total forecast remains 5.4 million tonnes.

Portugal

Weather conditions have been good in the last two weeks, with nights a bit warmer but no heatwave. By the end of last week, 55% of the volume contracted had been delivered. Yields and brix are significantly lower than last year. The forecast remains unchanged for now, but we will see what happens. The drought has not affected the crop so far.

Spain

It is a very challenging season due to the heat. In Extremadura, factories faced a certain pressure from the fields until last week, but it has now eased up. In some areas, the late crop is delayed as the heat stopped plant development. Late yields will be lowered. In Andalusia the crop is later than normal. The overall forecast was reduced two weeks ago to 2.25 million tonnes and could be reduced even further in the coming weeks.

Tunisia

99% of the surface has now been harvested and only two factories remain open, processing about 1200 tonnes per day. As of 29/08, 591,495 tonnes have been processed and 91,200 tonnes of double concentrate produced (yield of 6.5 kg of tomatoes for a kg of paste).

Turkey

Harvest in the south is pretty much finished while it is about half-way in the Bursa region where it will continue until the end of September. In the north, factories are now at their peak season but had to stop one day last week due to rains. The spot price is stabilized. In the north of Konya region, only 20% of the harvest has been achieved and the crop will peak in the middle of September. Brix is a bit lower than last year. Overall forecast remains unchanged at 2.1 million tonnes.

Other countries

California

The estimate is to process 905,837 short tons (821,760 metric tonnes) this week. At the end of this week (week ending 3rd September) we will have processed 6,131,076 short tons (5,561,949 metric tonnes) nearly 550,000 short tons (half a million metric tonnes) behind last year at the same point in time. Field yields continue to underperform against contracted levels.

The NASS/USDA estimate was released on 30 August, and it stated that planted acres are at 229,000 and the expected tonnage is 10,500,000 short tons (9,525,000 metric tonnes), this is 1,200,000 short tons (1.08 million metric tonnes) lower than the May intentions of 11,700,000 short tons (10,61 million metric tonnes).

Canada

Harvest is underway with approximately 25% of contract tonnage delivered to date. Solids and colour are good, with disease pressure remaining minimal.

China

At present, everything is normal. The forecast is kept unchanged at 5.8 million tonnes.

Japan

From the end of August to September, heavy rains and typhoons are expected nationwide, and there are concerns about the impact on yields. The forecast remains as before at 27,000 tonnes.



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

Date of last update: 01/09/2022

		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.	see below	867	n/a	
		Egypt	400	Mem.	420	Mem.	440	Mem.	440	Mem.	420	0%
		France	154	Mem.	136	Mem.	164	Mem.	145	Mem.	151	-12%
		Greece	400	Mem.	420	Mem.	420	Mem.	350	Mem.	413	-17%
		Hungary**	100	Mem.	82	Mem.	115	Mem.	85	Mem.	99	-26%
		Iran*	1 650	Mem.	1 300	Mem.	1 300	Est.	see below		1 417	n/a
		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.	7	Mem.	7	Mem.	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.	2 250	Mem.	3 012	-29%
		Syria**	42	Mem.	42	Est.	40	Est.	40	Est.	41	0%
		Tunisia	815	Mem.	961	Mem.	940	Mem.	600	Mem.	905	-36%
		Turkey	2 200	Mem.	2 500	Mem.	2 200	Mem.	2 100	Mem.	2 300	-5%
Ukraine**	720	Mem.	800	Mem.	800	Mem.	180	Mem.	773	-78%		
Subtotal AMITOM		17 452		17 262		18 989		13 847		17 901	-27%	
of which members in EU		10 073		9 724		11 546		9 687		10 448	-16%	
OTHER MEMBERS	Brazil	1 200	Mem.	1 421	Mem.	1 525	Mem.	1 600	Mem.	1 382	4,9%	
	Canada	434	Mem.	438	Mem.	399	Mem.	500	Mem.	424	25%	
	California	10 144	Mem.	10 258	Mem.	9 761	Mem.	9 525	Mem.	10 054	-2%	
	China	4 600	Mem.	5 800	Mem.	4 800	Mem.	5 800	Mem.	5 067	21%	
	Japan	27	Mem.	23	Mem.	28	Mem.	27	Mem.	26	-4%	
Subtotal Other Members		16 405		17 940		16 513		17 452		16 953	5,7%	
NON MEMBERS	Algeria	see above		see above		see above		800	Misc.	867	-20%	
	Bulgaria	40	Misc.	40	Est.	40	Est.	40	Est.	40	0%	
	Czech Republic	25	Est.	25	Est.	25	Est.	25	Est.	25	0%	
	Iran	see above		see above		see above		1 300	Est.	1 417	above	
	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.	450	Misc.	432	-3%	
Subtotal Non Members		760		823		822		2 910		802	254%	
Total Northern Hemisphere		34 617		36 025		36 324		34 209		35 655	-5,8%	
of which WPTC members		33 857		35 202		35 502		31 299		34 854	-11,8%	
of which European Union		10 333		9 984		11 806		9 947		10 708	-15,7%	
SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE*	MEMBERS	Argentina	395	Mem.	454	Mem.	596	Mem.	626	Mem.	482	5,0%
		Australia	212	Mem.	210	Mem.	233	Mem.	227	Mem.	218	-2,6%
		Chile	1 100	Mem.	907	Mem.	1 174	Mem.	971	Mem.	1 060	-17,3%
		Peru	100	Mem.	100	Mem.	120	Mem.	125	Mem.	107	4,2%
		South Africa	140	Mem.	150	Mem.	125	Mem.	120	Mem.	138	-4,0%
	Subtotal members		1 947		1 821		2 248		2 069		2 005	-8,0%
	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.	52	Misc.	50	4,0%
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		614		603	0,3%	
Total Southern Hemisphere		2 589		2 377		2 860		2 683		2 609	-6,2%	
GENERAL TOTAL		37 206		38 402		39 184		36 892		38 264	-5,8%	
of which members of the WPTC		35 804		37 023		37 750		33 368		36 859	-11,6%	
WPTC as percentage of total production		96%		96%		96%		90%		96%	-6,1%	

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

* Have now left AMITOM ** AMITOM associate members *** Tomatoes produced in Portugal but processed in Spain are reported in Spain

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