



WORLD PROCESSING TOMATO COUNCIL

WPTC Crop update as of 16 September 2022

AMITOM countries

(Information collected during a videocall on Wednesday 14 September)

Egypt

Factories will reach full capacity in the next 3 to 4 days. Quality is good and there is no change in the forecast.

France

At the end of last week (11/09), a total of 115,000 tonnes had been processed, of which 22,000 tonnes of organic tomatoes. Average brix to date is 4.82 and the penalties of 6%. In the South-East, rains totaling up to 180 mm in some areas on Wednesday and Thursday of last week interrupted the harvest until the beginning of this week. In the South-West, the crop this year has been good to date, a relief after two very difficult years. It is estimated that about 20,000 to 25,000 tonnes of tomatoes remain in the fields to be harvested by the end of September so the total crop size will be reduced to a maximum of 140,000 tonnes.

Greece

There is no change to the forecast of 350,000 tonnes. The weather has been variable in the last few weeks and rains last week led to factories to close for 2 to 3 days. More rains are expected next Sunday and Monday. Field yield is not as good as was expected. The harvest is now finished in the south and will continue until 25 or 27 September in the centre. Quality this year was the best in several years with average brix just below 5.

Hungary

To date around 80% of the surfaces have been harvested and the season will end in about ten days with a total now expected to be around 80,000 tonnes only. Brix is good at c. 5. Some rains.

Italy

North- The last figures released by the OI Nord show that as of 04/09, 2.21 million tonnes had been processed with an average brix of 4.92 and 4.5% of penalties. During the last week, ending 11/09, it is estimated that a further 300,000 tonnes were processed bringing the total to 2.5 million tonnes. The harvest should finish before 25/09 with a further 300,000 tonnes expected to reach a total of 2.8 to 2.85 million tonnes, up from the 2.75 million tonnes initially expected, thanks to higher-than-expected yields in the middle of the season. Rains last week

reduced intake and more are expected this coming weekend which may mean more factory stoppages.

South – The harvest is still going in Puglia. As of 9/09, more than 80% of the surfaces had been harvested according with last satellite survey, with 3,800 hectares remaining to be harvested. The forecast is reduced slightly to 2.5 to 2.55 million tonnes.

Consequently, the total for Italy remains the same at 5.4 million tonnes with a shift of some volume from the south, where surfaces were 14% lower than in 2021, to the north (with only a 4% reduction of surfaces).

Portugal

At the end of last week about 70 -80% of the forecast of 1.45 million tonnes had been processed. After six months of dry weather, it has been raining on Monday and today with up to 60 mm, but it should clear tomorrow, and factories should restart on Friday or Saturday. After the loss of nearly a week of processing time, the harvest should continue for a further three weeks to end during the first week of October. For now, the forecast remains unchanged but there may be some losses due to damages caused by the rain, especially for the last part of the crop.

Spain

The situation is not great as heavy rains started at the beginning of the week in Extremadura and yesterday in Andalusia with factories having to stop for at least one day. Due to the variable field yields expected to be down 10 to 20% compared to estimations at the start of the crop, the total estimate is further reduced to 2.1 million tonnes. Most plants will be closing this week in Extremadura, with the latest by the end of the month, while in Andalusia the harvest should finish by the end of week 38 or early week 39. The north also reports a difficult campaign with reduced yields.

Tunisia

After the end of the seasonal harvest, only two factories are now processing late tomatoes at an average rate of 950 tonnes per day and could continue until the end of October. As of 13/09, 607,971 tonnes of tomatoes have been processed and 93,534 tonnes of 28/30 paste produced. As of 31 August, 27,732 tonnes of 28/30 paste had been exported.

Turkey

The harvest is now finished in the South, and it is starting to wind down in the north (Bursa area) with about 20-30% of the crop remaining. In the central area of Konya, bigger surfaces were planted than other years and large volumes are being processed although spot prices are high. The total expectation is increased to 2.35 million tonnes despite high costs.

Other countries

Brazil

More than 70% of the expected 1.6 million tonnes crop has already been harvested. Some cool weather in August extended the tomato cycle a little bit. Some rain is expected to start next week in most of the region.

California

The estimate is to process 912,614 short tons (827,909 metric tonnes) this week. At the end of this week (week ending September 17) we will have processed 7,945,761 short tons (7,208,273 metric tonne), nearly 300,000 short tons behind last year at the same point in time. We have seen a break in the weather from last weeks extreme heat into a milder weather pattern with some chance or sporadic rain in the forecast. Field yields continue to underperform against contracted levels

Canada

Harvest is approximately 60% complete. The weather has stayed warm with rain received recently. While cooler temperatures would be helpful, tomato quality, yields, solids and colour remain good. It's anticipated that contract tonnage of 552,244 short tons (500,987 metric tonnes) will be achieved, with harvest set to finish early to mid October.

Japan

The Ibaraki region, which has the highest production volume in Japan, has almost finished harvesting without major damage from pests and rain, but the fruit weight is about 85% of the average year, and the yield is expected to be less than last year. The total harvest in Japan is expected to be 27,000 tonnes, the same as last report.



CALIFORNIA TOMATO TONNAGE
 Week ending September 10, 2022
 Report released September 13, 2022

To Members:

Following are the certified and paid for tonnage figures by county as shown by certificates for week ending September 10, 202

COUNTIES	2021	-----2022 TOMATO SEASON-----		
	Accumulative Total <u>September 11</u>	Previous Total to <u>September 3</u>	Receipts Week Ending <u>September 10</u>	Accumulative Total to <u>September 10</u>
Butte	9,439	12,823	14,477	27,300
Colusa	466,060	359,643	78,741	438,384
Contra Costa	165,841	156,319	15,403	171,723
Fresno	2,603,219	2,099,833	96,750	2,196,583
Glenn	21,027	2,729	7,967	10,696
Imperial	6,999	0	0	0
Kern	448,381	548,955	0	548,955
Kings	1,081,514	1,103,666	106,105	1,209,771
Madera	54,328	77,589	11,919	89,508
Merced	662,856	440,715	159,467	600,182
Sacramento	12,480	0	1,230	1,230
San Benito	2,336	0	604	604
San Joaquin	124,251	50,767	52,688	103,455
Santa Clara	0	495	0	495
Solano	249,570	119,609	64,951	184,561
Stanislaus	147,653	79,160	44,138	123,298
Sutter	272,221	158,072	33,765	191,837
Tehama	0	11,083	0	11,083
Tulare	48,664	67,052	4,500	71,552
Yolo	1,108,361	843,124	213,644	1,056,767
Statewide Totals	7,485,200	6,131,634	906,349	7,037,984

Weekly tonnage for week ending September 11, 2021 was 802,999.

Projected weekly tons for week ending September 17, 2022 is 912,614.

Information provided by the California Processing Tomato Advisory Board.

Five Year Average | California Tomato Tonnage

