



WORLD PROCESSING TOMATO COUNCIL

WPTC Crop update as of 30 September 2022

AMITOM countries

(Information collected during a videocall on Wednesday 28 September)

Egypt

Processing is continuing from the late summer crop. Not all factories are processing but Paste & Juice factory is running at full capacity. The **Nili** crop looks promising in terms of quality & yield. The forecast remains the same.

France

At the end of last week, a total of 137,000 tonnes had been processed with an average brix of 4.88 and penalties of 6.24%. The harvest will finish in a couple of days in the **south-east** and next week in the **south-west** with an extra volume of about 5,000 tonnes which should bring the total to 142,000 tonnes, 87% of the initial contract volume of 163,610 tonnes. About 25,000 tonnes of organics were processed this year.

Greece

The harvest is now 99% finished with plans for two factories to run one more day next week to process the last tomatoes. The weather is now good. Late yields were very low, so the total estimate is revised down again to 340,000 tonnes. Quality was good throughout the season with an average brix of 4.9 but there was not enough fruits.

Hungary

The harvest is now in its last week and the total volume should be about 80,000 tonnes. Yields this season were variable but lower than expected. Quality was good however with an average brix of 5.

Italy

In the **South**, the harvest will continue this week and next week and should end with a total volume of about 2.5 million tonnes. Rains in the last week and yesterday in Puglia have created problems for the harvest and lowered yields. Factories are producing especially food service formats because there is a high demand.

In the **North**, the last figures released by the OI Nord show that as of 18/09, 2.71 million tonnes (88% of the contracted volume) had been processed with an average brix of 4.86 and 4.62% of penalties. During the last week, ending 25/09, it is estimated that a further 150,000 tonnes were processed bringing the total to c. 2.85 million tonnes. After rains last weekend almost all

the factories have closed and only one or two factories continue processing small volumes this week.

The total crop for Italy will probably finish a bit lower than 5.4 million tonnes, depending on the weather condition of these last two weeks of the harvest.

Portugal

It rained on 13-14 and on 20 September as it did in Spain and led to significant losses in the crop and some delays. The harvest will finish during the first week of October with a total volume expected to be reduced by 10% to about 1.35 million tonnes.

Spain

In **Extremadura** almost all the factories are now closed, and the last ones should finish by 3 or 4 October. The end of the harvest was delayed by rains on 13-14 and 22 September, with up to 70 mm in the Vegas Bajas, which closed the factories for 5 or 6 days. In **Andalusia**, the last factory closed yesterday (27/09). In the **North**, processing will continue into October. This was very bad season in Spain, and it is possible that the revised estimate of 2.1 million tonnes will not be reached due to the reduced yields in Andalusia and Extremadura due to the recent rains.

Tunisia

The summer processing season was officially closed at the start of September and only one factory will continue processing late tomatoes until the end of October. The total volume processed will be about 610,000 tonnes, with 94,000 tonnes of 28/30 paste produced.

Turkey

The harvest is finished in the south and almost done in the **Bursa** and **Karacabey** areas where a few factories continue to process about 1000 tonnes per day. The harvest is continuing in the **Konya** region, but quality is not great with a poor colour. Four or five factories there should continue running for another 7 to 10 days. The total estimate remains unchanged at 2.35 million tonnes.

Ukraine

Information will be sent after the end of the processing season.

Other countries

Brazil

Almost 80% of the crop has now been harvested. Some rains make it hard for farmers and harvesters. We estimate some yield reduction due climate conditions, with a reduction from 1,6 million tonnes to 1,5 million tonnes.

California

The estimate is to process 810,055 short tons (734,869 metric tonnes) this week. At the end of this week (week ending October 1st) we will have processed 9,382,096 short tons (8,511,307 metric tonnes). We experienced some rain on September 19-21 with the hardest hit areas in the **Northern** part of the State that saw in some cases as much as 3 inches (76 mm). In the

Central part of the State the rain was much lower in totals. In the **North** growers had to stop harvest until the fields allowed re-entry. Some were able to get in as early as 3 days after and some who were in the harder hit areas were unable to harvest for a week. Northern factories are up and running at this point and closely monitoring the mold levels in the deliveries. As this is still developing it is unknown as to what extent it will impact the final delivered tonnage, but there will be an impact.

Canada

Harvest is 87% complete and expected to wrap up by the third week of October. The weather has been favourable with yields, and quality remaining good.

China

The 2022 production season will end at the end of September. Statistics on the situation in China are being compiled and will be sent during the first week of October.

Japan

As of the end of September, harvesting has finished in production areas other than the Hokkaido region. In some parts of the Tohoku region, heavy and long rains caused a significant decrease in harvest. The total harvest in Japan is expected to be 27,000 tonnes, the same as last report.

South Africa

The main season ended about two weeks earlier than normal in September. The industry projects a 120,000 tonnes harvest, which is nearly 30% below the planned expected volumes. 100% of available volumes have already been delivered.

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The global world production estimate currently stands at **36,8 million tonnes** but will be readjusted at the end of October when the preliminary production figures for all countries are available.

The initial production intentions in March 2022 stood at 39.7 million tonnes and 2021 total production was 39.2 million tonnes.



WPTC World production estimate of tomatoes for processing

(in 1000 metric tonnes)

Date of last update: 30/09/2022

		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.	142	Mem.	151	-13%
		Greece	400	Mem.	420	Mem.	420	Mem.	340	Mem.	413	-19%
		Hungary**	100	Mem.	82	Mem.	115	Mem.	80	Mem.	99	-30%
		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.	1 350	Mem.	1 423	-15%
		Russia**	552	Mem.	515	Mem.	523	Mem.	600	Mem.	530	15%
		Spain***	3 200	Mem.	2 650	Mem.	3 185	Mem.	2 100	Mem.	3 012	-34%
		Syria**	42	Mem.	42	Est.	40	Est.	40	Est.	41	0%
		Tunisia	815	Mem.	961	Mem.	940	Mem.	610	Mem.	905	-35%
		Turkey	2 200	Mem.	2 500	Mem.	2 200	Mem.	2 350	Mem.	2 300	7%
Ukraine**	720	Mem.	800	Mem.	800	Mem.	180	Mem.	773	-78%		
Subtotal AMITOM		17 452		17 262		18 989		13 839		17 901	-27%	
of which members in EU		10 073		9 724		11 546		9 419		10 448	-18%	
OTHER MEMBERS	Brazil	1 200	Mem.	1 421	Mem.	1 525	Mem.	1 500	Mem.	1 382	-1,6%	
	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		17 352		16 953	5,1%	
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	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.	450	Misc.	432	-3%	
Subtotal Non Members		760		823		822		2 910		802	254%	
Total Northern Hemisphere		34 617		36 025		36 324		34 101		35 655	-6,1%	
of which WPTC members		33 857		35 202		35 502		31 191		34 854	-12,1%	
of which European Union		10 333		9 984		11 806		9 679		10 708	-18,0%	
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		36 784		38 264	-6,1%	
of which members of the WPTC		35 804		37 023		37 750		33 260		36 859	-11,9%	
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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