

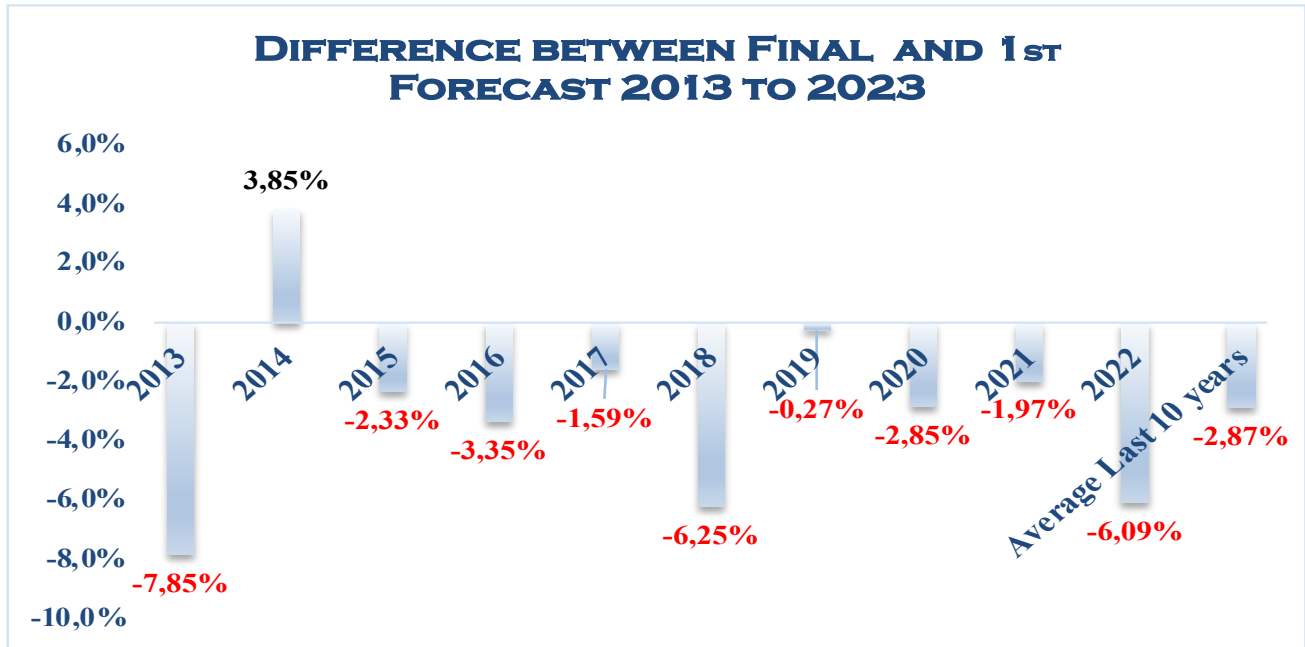


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WPTC CROP UPDATE AS OF 17 FEBRUARY 2023

The world production estimate currently stands at 41.8 million tonnes (see attached).



AMITOM COUNTRIES

There is no change in the forecast for most of the countries compared to the last report (27 January 2023) except for a small adjustment for France to 150,000 tonnes and Tunisia where the surface planted is now expected to be no more than 10,000 hectares and the volume to be processed reduced to 524,000 tonnes due to the reduced availability of water (reservoirs are currently at 31% of capacity). In Turkey, the forecast remains 2.35 million tonnes, but production could be higher as farmers are keen to plant.

In Spain, water availability will again be an issue in Andalusia, but the situation is normal in Extremadura. The total forecast remains unchanged at 2.6 million tonnes.

Price negotiations are continuing in most countries and were finalized this week in Spain and Portugal as official declarations were due in mid-February. Significant price increases are expected in all countries.

OTHER NORTHERN HEMISPHERE COUNTRIES

In California, the official forecast of 12,400,000 short tons (11,249,000 metric tonnes) was released a few weeks ago but in the last few years, final production has been lower than the January forecast. There is more water in the reservoirs following rains this winter, so the season is starting well. The price was agreed at 138 USD per short ton (eq. to 152 USD per metric tonne).

In Canada, preliminary indications are for a total contract level of 557,000 short tons, 505,000 metric tonnes.

In China the current forecast is 7.3 million tonnes.

In Japan, the forecast is 30,000 tonnes but the demand is higher.

SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE COUNTRIES

In Argentina, the forecast is reduced from 665,000 tonnes to 655,000 tonnes due to reduced yields in San Juan following frosts and less uniformity of maturation: this year they average 95 t/ha, instead of 110 t/ha. The season is now progressing well with dry weather and good temperatures. 35-40% of the surface has already been already harvested.

In Australia, there have been plenty of issues starting with floods in October during planting putting the planting schedule behind and reducing surfaces planted to 1,600 hectares. High winds and low temperatures later in the season will lead to reduced yields. The harvest started in February instead of the end of January and will end mid-May, later than usual. While the target was initially 250,000 tonnes, the forecast is now reduced to 139,000 tonnes, but this number may not be reached.

In Chile there is no change to the forecast of 1.15 million tonnes. The harvest is progressing well.

In Peru, the harvest is good and will finish by March with an expected total of 150,000 tonnes.

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		2021 FINAL		2022 FINAL		2023 FORECAST		AVERAGE 2020-2022	VARIATION 2023 vs 2022	
NORTHERN HEMISPHERE	MEMBERS IN MEDITERRANEAN AREA (AMITOM)	Egypt	440	Mem.	456	Mem.	500	Mem.	465	10%
		France	164	Mem.	142	Mem.	155	Mem.	154	9%
		Greece	420	Mem.	340	Mem.	420	Mem.	393	24%
		Hungary**	115	Mem.	80	Mem.	100	Mem.	98	25%
		Israel	200	Est.	200	Est.	200	Est.	200	0%
		Italy	6 059	Mem.	5 476	Mem.	5 700	Mem.	5 745	4%
		Malta**	7	Mem.	5	Mem.	8	Est.	7	60%
		Portugal***	1 596	Mem.	1 414	Mem.	1 450	Mem.	1 487	3%
		Spain***	3 185	Mem.	2 125	Mem.	2 600	Mem.	2 637	22%
		Syria**	40	Est.	40	Est.	40	Est.	40	0%
		Tunisia	940	Mem.	689	Mem.	524	Mem.	718	-24%
		Turkey	2 200	Mem.	2 350	Mem.	2 350	Mem.	2 300	0%
		Ukraine**	800	Mem.	120	Mem.	120	Est.	347	0%
Subtotal AMITOM		16 166		13 437		14 167		14 590	5%	
of which members in EU		11 546		9 582		10 433		10 520	9%	
OTHER MEMBERS	Brazil	1 525	Mem.	1 631	Mem.	1 600	Est.	1 585	-1,9%	
	Canada	399	Mem.	548	Mem.	505	Mem.	484	-8%	
	California	9 761	Mem.	9 514	Mem.	11 249	Mem.	10 175	18%	
	China	4 800	Mem.	6 200	Mem.	7 300	Mem.	6 100	18%	
	Japan	28	Mem.	27	Mem.	30	Mem.	28	11%	
	Subtotal Other Members	16 513		17 920		20 684		18 372	15,4%	
NON MEMBERS	Algeria*	1 000	Misc.	1 200	Misc.	1 350	Misc.	1 183	13%	
	Bulgaria	40	Est.	40	Est.	40	Est.	40	0%	
	Czech Republic	25	Est.	25	Est.	25	Est.	25	0%	
	Iran*	1 300	Est.	1 300	Est.	1 300	Est.	1 300	0%	
	Morocco*	100	Est.	100	Est.	100	Est.	100	0%	
	Poland	175	Est.	175	Est.	175	Est.	175	0%	
	Russia*	523	Mem.	638	Mem.	650	Misc.	604	2%	
	Slovakia	20	Est.	20	Est.	20	Est.	20	0%	
	USA excluding California	462	Misc.	450	Misc.	450	Misc.	454	0%	
Subtotal Non Members	3 645		3 948		4 110		3 901	4%		
Total Northern Hemisphere		36 324		35 305		38 961		36 863	10,4%	
SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE	MEMBERS	Argentina	596	Mem.	626	Mem.	655	Mem.	626	4,6%
		Australia	233	Mem.	227	Mem.	139	Mem.	200	-38,8%
		Chile	1 174	Mem.	971	Mem.	1 150	Mem.	1 098	18,4%
		Peru	120	Mem.	125	Mem.	150	Mem.	132	20,0%
		South Africa	125	Mem.	120	Mem.	152	Mem.	132	26,7%
	Subtotal members	2 248		2 069		2 246		2 188	8,6%	
	NON MEMBERS	Dominican Republic	227	Misc.	227	Est.	227	Est.	227	0,0%
		India	162	Misc.	162	Est.	162	Est.	162	0,0%
		Mexico	40	Est.	40	Est.	40	Est.	40	0,0%
		New Zealand	50	Est.	52	Misc.	52	Est.	51	0,0%
		Senegal	73	Est.	73	Est.	73	Est.	73	0,0%
Thailand		40	Misc.	40	Est.	40	Est.	40	0,0%	
Venezuela	20	Est.	20	Est.	20	Est.	20	0,0%		
Subtotal non members	612		614		614		613	0,0%		
Total Southern Hemisphere		2 860		2 683		2 860		2 801	6,6%	
GENERAL TOTAL		39 184		37 988		41 821		39 664	10,1%	
of which members of the WPTC		34 927		33 426		37 097		35 150	11,0%	
WPTC as percentage of total production		89%		88%		89%		89%	0,6%	

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

* Previously an AMITOM member ** AMITOM associate members *** Tomatoes produced in Portugal but processed in Spain are reported in Spain

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