

WPTC CROP UPDATE AS OF 13 OCTOBER 2023

AMITOM COUNTRIES

EGYPT

The summer crop is over with almost lower than initial forecast. Nili crop expected to start by the second week of October and quality looks promising.

FRANCE

The season ended on Saturday 7 October in the South-West and on Monday 9 October in the South-East with an estimated volume close to 160,000 tonnes.

GREECE

Most of the factories are closed and only very small volumes are still processed. The total volume remains estimated at 390,000 tonnes.

HUNGARY

The final volume is estimated at 110,000 tonnes.

IRAN

Following consultations with the ministry and within the industry, the total forecast for 2023 is revised upwards to 2.3 to 2.4 million tonnes and final production for 2022 to 1.8 million tonnes. There were rains in the North-West region in the last week and factories have slowed down but some are still running there and in the North.

ITALY

In the North, as of 1st October, 2.74 million tonnes had been processed, which is 86% of contracts, with an average brix of 4.88 (but down to 4.6 in the last week), and penalties of 4.83. The average price index for the season is 96.3%. Only a few factories were still open at the start this week and most will close mid-week with only a couple still processing small volumes in the next few days.

In the South, about half of the factories are still open to process long tomatoes from Puglia and Basilicata, and some will run next week. This is exceptionally late and due to the strange weather this year. About 100,000 tonnes were processed last week and there are still tomatoes in the fields which are ripening late (up to 120 days cycle) and unevenly, which means that while quality is good, there are lots of greens.

The total volume for Italy is estimated at about 5.4 million tonnes.

PORTUGAL

The harvest finished a couple of weeks ago and the final production is estimated at 1.5 million tonnes, pending the final volume from one company.

SPAIN

The last factory closed yesterday in Extremadura. In the north, while some factories already closed, most will continue until 15 October, with a few until about 20 October. The total estimate remains 2.6 million tonnes.

TUNISIA

The final volume processed is estimated at 650,000 tonnes, pending the official data.

TURKEY

Only three factories are still working at a low capacity and should close by the end of the week. The total estimate remains 2.7 million tonnes.

OTHER WPTC MEMBERS

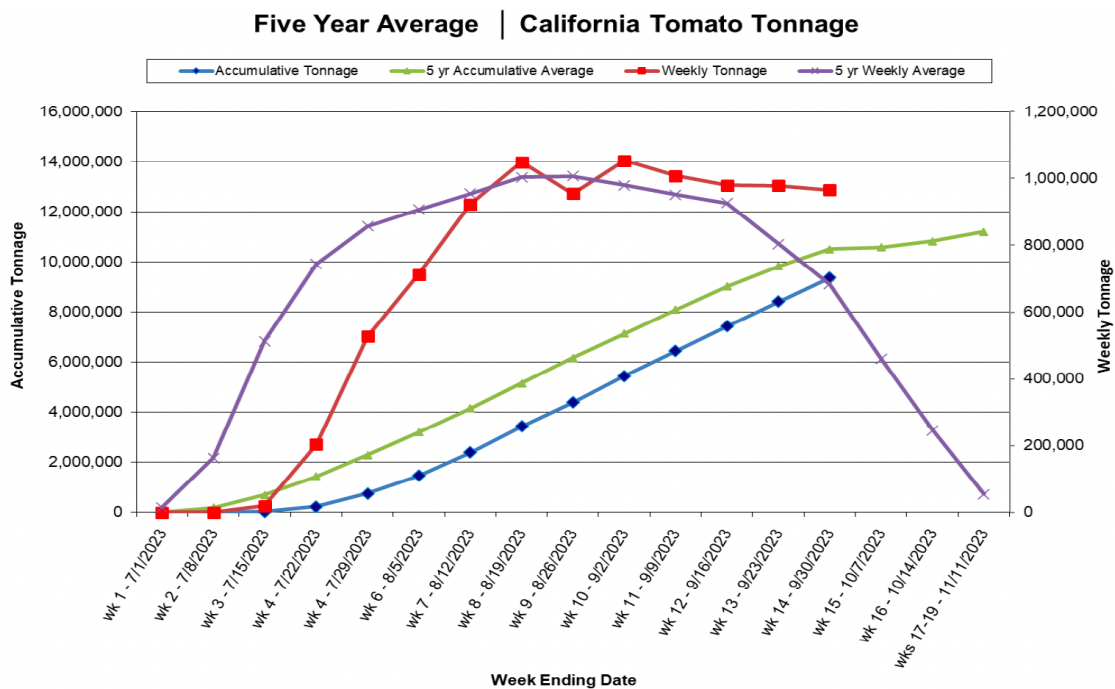
BRAZIL

The crop size will be reduced to 1.6 -1.7 million tonnes due to weather problems, with low brix.

CALIFORNIA

The estimate is to process 995,242 short tons (902,868 metric tonnes) this week. At the end of this week (week ending 14 October) we will have processed 11,259,740 short tons (10,213,993 metric tonnes).

Yields continue to slightly decline from previous week's levels (this is normal for this time of year). At the end of this week 2 processors will finish for the season, from that point on we will see a few factories finish every 5 days or so until the end of the month. With that being said, we will see weekly volumes steadily declining. At this time the estimate should be increased to 12.3 million short tons (11.16 million metric tonnes).



CANADA

Harvest is running longer than usual and should be wrapping up within the next week. This year presented a lot of weather challenges with the early frost, excess rain and hail, which severely affected some fields. The remaining crop looks good and we're hopeful contract tonnage will be achieved.

JAPAN

Harvesting in Japan has almost completed by the mid of October with a volume of 26,000 tonnes.

SOUTH AFRICA

South Africa ended on a 160 000-metric tonnes harvest for the 2023 season. In the Western Cape region, transplanting already started for the 2024 summer harvest.

		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.	600	Mem.	499	32%
		France	164	Mem.	142	Mem.	160	Mem.	155	13%
		Greece	420	Mem.	340	Mem.	390	Mem.	383	15%
		Hungary**	115	Mem.	80	Mem.	110	Mem.	102	38%
		Iran**	1 300	Est.	1 800	Mem.	2 300	Mem.	1 800	28%
		Israel	200	Est.	200	Est.	200	Est.	200	0%
		Italy	6 059	Mem.	5 476	Mem.	5 400	Mem.	5 645	-1%
		Malta**	7	Mem.	5	Mem.	8	Est.	7	60%
		Portugal***	1 596	Mem.	1 414	Mem.	1 500	Mem.	1 503	6%
		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.	649	Mem.	650	Mem.	746	0%
		Turkey	2 200	Mem.	2 350	Mem.	2 700	Mem.	2 417	15%
Ukraine**	800	Mem.	120	Mem.	550	Mem.	490	358%		
Subtotal AMITOM		17 466		15 197		17 208		16 624	13%	
of which members in EU		11 546		9 582		10 168		10 432	6%	
OTHER MEMBERS	Brazil	1 525	Mem.	1 632	Mem.	1 650	Mem.	1 602	1,1%	
	Canada	399	Mem.	548	Mem.	530	Mem.	492	-3%	
	California	9 761	Mem.	9 514	Mem.	11 160	Mem.	10 145	17%	
	China	4 800	Mem.	6 200	Mem.	7 300	Mem.	6 100	18%	
	Japan	28	Mem.	27	Mem.	26	Mem.	27	-4%	
	Subtotal Other Members	16 513		17 921		20 666		18 367	15,3%	
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%	
	Morocco*	100	Est.	100	Est.	100	Est.	100	0%	
	Poland	175	Est.	175	Est.	300	Misc.	217	71%	
	Russia*	523	Mem.	638	Mem.	670	Misc.	610	5%	
	Slovakia	20	Est.	20	Est.	20	Est.	20	0%	
	USA excluding California	462	Misc.	450	Misc.	450	Misc.	454	0%	
Subtotal Non Members	2 345		2 648		2 955		2 649	12%		
Total Northern Hemisphere		36 324		35 766		40 829		37 640	14,2%	
SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE	MEMBERS	Argentina	596	Mem.	626	Mem.	586	Mem.	603	-6,4%
		Australia	233	Mem.	227	Mem.	110	Mem.	190	-51,5%
		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.	160	Mem.	135	33,3%
	Subtotal members	2 248		2 069		2 156		2 158	4,2%	
	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.	25	Misc.	42	-51,9%
		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		587		604	-4,4%		
Total Southern Hemisphere		2 860		2 683		2 743		2 762	2,2%	
GENERAL TOTAL		39 184		38 449		43 572		40 402	13,3%	
of which members of the WPTC		36 227		35 187		40 030		37 148	13,8%	
WPTC as percentage of total production		92%		92%		92%		92%	0,4%	

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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