



2024 California Processing Tomato Report

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TOMATO PROCESSORS EXPECT TO CONTRACT 11.6 MILLION TONS IN 2024

As of January, California’s tomato processors reported they have, or will have, contracts for 11.6 million tons in 2024, which is a decrease of 10% compared to 12.9 million contracted tons forecast in the August 2023 California Processing Tomato Report. Processors estimate that the contracted production for 2024 will come from 232,000 acres, generating an average yield of 50.0 tons per acre. This year’s contracted planted acreage forecast is 9% below the 2023 estimate of 255,000 planted acres under contract in the August forecast.

The USDA-NASS Pacific Regional Office surveyed California’s tomato processors for their intended contract acreage and tonnage for the upcoming 2024 season. The data reported by processors was either tonnage with derived acreage, or acreage with derived tonnage.

This early processing tomato estimate is funded by the California League of Food Producers.

INTENDED AND FINAL HARVESTED CONTRACTED PRODUCTION

Year	January 1	Final	Difference
	Thousand tons		
2006	11,600	10,024	-1,576
2007	12,000	11,965	-35
2008	11,800	11,691	-109
2009	13,300	13,148	-152
2010	12,600	12,212	-388
2011	12,600	11,900	-700
2012	12,700	12,540	-160
2013	13,000	11,900	-1,100
2014	13,500	13,965	+465
2015	15,000	14,307	-693
2016	13,200	12,527	-673
2017	11,600	10,407	-1,193
2018	12,000	11,994	-6
2019	12,100	11,130	-970
2020	12,000	11,312	-688
2021	12,100	10,730	-1,370
2022	12,200	10,464	-1,736
2023 ¹	12,400	(NA)	(NA)
2024	11,600	(NA)	(NA)

¹ Final production will be released in the Vegetables Annual Summary on February 12, 2024.
(NA) Not available.

California Tomato Acreage and Production

Year	Total crop			Contract only			
	Planted	Harvested	Production	Planted	Harvested	Production	
	Acres		Tons	Acres		Tons	Metric tons
2006	283,000	282,000	10,104,000	280,000	279,000	10,024,000	9,094,000
2007	301,000	296,000	12,082,000	298,000	293,000	11,965,000	10,854,000
2008	281,000	279,000	11,822,000	278,000	276,000	11,691,000	10,606,000
2009	312,000	308,000	13,314,000	308,000	304,000	13,148,000	11,928,000
2010	271,000	270,000	12,297,000	269,000	268,000	12,212,000	11,079,000
2011	255,000	250,000	11,941,000	254,000	249,000	11,900,000	10,796,000
2012	260,000	258,000	12,640,000	258,000	256,000	12,540,000	11,376,000
2013	263,000	260,000	12,100,000	259,000	256,000	11,900,000	10,796,000
2014	292,000	289,000	14,010,000	291,000	288,000	13,965,000	12,669,000
2015	299,000	296,000	14,361,000	297,000	295,000	14,307,000	12,979,000
2016	262,000	258,000	12,647,000	260,000	256,000	12,527,000	11,364,000
2017	230,000	222,000	10,464,000	229,000	221,000	10,407,000	9,441,000
2018	241,000	236,000	12,284,000	235,000	230,000	11,994,000	10,881,000
2019	235,000	228,000	11,186,000	234,000	227,000	11,130,000	10,097,000
2020	234,000	228,000	11,312,000	234,000	228,000	11,312,000	10,262,000
2021	230,000	228,000	10,765,000	229,000	227,000	10,730,000	9,734,000
2022	231,000	225,000	10,496,000	230,000	224,000	10,464,000	9,493,000
2023 ^{1 2}	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	255,000	254,000	12,900,000	11,703,000
2024	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	232,000	(NA)	11,600,000	

¹ Data for 2023 was carried forward from the California Processing Tomato Report, published on August 30, 2023.

² Final acreage and production will be released in the Vegetables Annual Summary on February 12, 2024.

(NA) Not available.

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