

## WPTC CROP UPDATE AS OF 9 JUNE 2024

### AMITOM COUNTRIES

#### **BULGARIA**

Planting started ten to fifteen days early on 10 April and ended on 10 June (normally it ends at the end of the month). Some small issues with *Alternaria* due to high humidity and some weeds, but season looks promising. Forecast remains 44,000 tonnes.

#### **EGYPT**

Temperatures reached 40-41°C already last week but the summer crop looks promising, and the forecast remains 780,000 tonnes for 2024.

#### **FRANCE**

The weather has been difficult during all the spring with an alternance of cold, rain, wind, so plants are developing slowly, and some late blight is appearing. Planting operations are late and should only finish around 15-20 June, leading to a late start and harvesting expected into October. The forecast volume is reduced to about 170,000 tonnes.

#### **GREECE**

The weather has been very nice and warm, so plants are developing very well, and an early start is expected. Surfaces are up 10% and the forecast increased to 500,000 tonnes.

#### **HUNGARY**

The spring has generally been dry but there was 100 mm of rain last week, causing the loss of about 1% of the surface. The forecast remains 125,000 tonnes.

#### **ITALY**

In the North, as in France the spring has been cold and wet leading to delays in planting, which should finish next week. Some areas were flooded but the OPs are still assessing damages. The forecast is consequently reduced by about 100,000 tonnes to 2.9 million tonnes maximum.

In the South, conditions have been better than last year with a normal season to date. Surfaces are reduced in Puglia due to a reduction in water availability, but they are compensated in other areas. The forecast is about 2.6 million tonnes.

The total expectation for Italy is 5.5 million tonnes.

#### **PORTUGAL**

Weather conditions have been good to date with some hot days. The forecast remains 1.5 million tonnes.

## **SPAIN**

There is more water available than last year so surfaces have been increased although it is possible that some will not be planted. Planting started seven to nine days late but finished on 1<sup>st</sup> June. The forecast is now 2.8 million tonnes.

## **TURKEY**

The surfaces are similar to last year and planting was smooth and on time. Some cold weather slowed growth in the north, but the high current temperatures should enable to close the gap. Harvest should be earlier than last year with some bunching expected in the middle of the harvest. The forecast remains 2.7 million tonnes.

## **OTHER NORTHERN HEMISPHERE COUNTRIES**

### **CALIFORNIA**

The season so far has been good, and harvest should start on schedule. The forecast remains as per the official NASS release of 10.433 million metric tonnes.

### **CANADA**

Planting is slightly lower than last year with a wet start and some challenges in the field. The forecast is 509,000 metric tonnes.

### **CHINA**

The planting is finished with a total surface of 102,000 hectares. The weather has been good so far and the crop is about seven to ten days early. The forecast remains 11 million tonnes.

### **JAPAN**

No issue so far. The forecast remains 27,000 tonnes

## **SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE COUNTRIES**

### **ARGENTINA**

The 16 companies processed 631,000 tonnes during the season.

### **AUSTRALIA**

After a good planting season, rains and storms for about three weeks during the Christmas period reduced the production by about 20% to a final 210,000 tonnes.

### **CHILE**

The end of the season was affected by rains so the harvest finish late, in early May with only about 1.3 million tonnes, instead of the expected 1.4 million tonnes.

### **PERU**

Good season with a final production of 150,000 tonnes, as per plans.

## NON MEMBER COUNTRIES

### NEW ZEALAND

Cedenco have paused their tomato production and are focusing on making a range of powder products, so only Heinz Watties currently process tomatoes in New Zealand. In 2024, the factory nearly reached full capacity with 39,000 tonnes. Yields have improved over the years and reached 114 paid tonnes per hectare for the season.

### OTHER USA STATES

Planting is right on track for Midwest production and volume is similar to previous years, at about 475,000 metric tonnes.

### RUSSIA

Based on the surface planted – around 7500 ha in Astrakhan, Volgograd and Nalchik regions, 650.000 tonnes of tomatoes should be processed. The weather at the beginning of the season presented a "cold stress" (frosts that took place in the first decade of May). In the coming weeks, it will be clear what effect it will have on the timing of ripening and harvesting, the quality and volume of the harvest.

		2022 FINAL		2023 FINAL		2024 FORECAST		AVERAGE 2021-2023	VARIATION 2024 vs 2023	
<b>NORTHERN HEMISPHERE</b>	<b>MEMBERS IN MEDITERRANEAN AREA (AMITOM)</b>	Bulgaria	40	Est.	37	Mem.	44	Mem.	39	19%
		Egypt	456	Mem.	600	Mem.	780	Mem.	499	30%
		France	142	Mem.	160	Mem.	170	Mem.	155	6%
		Greece	340	Mem.	390	Mem.	500	Mem.	383	28%
		Hungary**	80	Mem.	110	Mem.	125	Mem.	102	14%
		Iran**	1 800	Mem.	2 000	Mem.	1 900	Mem.	1 700	-5%
		Israel	149	Mem.	197	Mem.	200	Mem.	182	2%
		Italy	5 476	Mem.	5 400	Mem.	5 500	Mem.	5 645	2%
		Malta**	5	Mem.	8	Mem.	8	Est.	7	0%
		Portugal***	1 414	Mem.	1 500	Mem.	1 500	Mem.	1 503	0%
		Spain***	2 125	Mem.	2 600	Mem.	2 800	Mem.	2 637	8%
		Syria**	40	Est.	40	Est.	40	Est.	40	0%
		Tunisia	649	Mem.	795	Mem.	800	Est.	795	1%
		Turkey	2 350	Mem.	2 700	Mem.	2 700	Mem.	2 417	0%
Ukraine**	120	Mem.	500	Mem.	600	Mem.	473	20%		
<b>Subtotal AMITOM</b>		<b>15 186</b>		<b>17 037</b>		<b>17 667</b>		<b>16 576</b>	<b>4%</b>	
of which members in EU		9 622		10 205		10 647		10 471	4%	
<b>OTHER MEMBERS</b>	Brazil	1 632	Mem.	1 650	Mem.	1 713	Mem.	1 602	4%	
	Canada	548	Mem.	520	Mem.	509	Mem.	489	-2%	
	California	9 514	Mem.	11 556	Mem.	10 433	Mem.	10 277	-10%	
	China	6 200	Mem.	8 000	Mem.	11 000	Mem.	6 333	38%	
	Japan	27	Mem.	26	Mem.	27	Mem.	27	4%	
	<b>Subtotal Other Members</b>	<b>17 921</b>		<b>21 752</b>		<b>23 682</b>		<b>18 729</b>	<b>9%</b>	
<b>NON MEMBERS</b>	Algeria*	1 200	Misc.	1 350	Misc.	1 350	Est.	1 183	0%	
	Czech Republic	25	Est.	25	Est.	25	Est.	25	0%	
	Morocco*	100	Est.	100	Est.	100	Est.	100	0%	
	Poland	175	Est.	250	Misc.	250	Est.	200	0%	
	Russia*	638	Mem.	660	Misc.	650	Misc.	607	-2%	
	Slovakia	20	Est.	20	Est.	20	Est.	20	0%	
	USA excluding California	450	Misc.	475	Misc.	475	Misc.	462	0%	
<b>Subtotal Non Members</b>	<b>2 608</b>		<b>2 880</b>		<b>2 870</b>		<b>2 598</b>	<b>0%</b>		
<b>Total Northern Hemisphere</b>		<b>35 715</b>		<b>41 669</b>		<b>44 219</b>		<b>37 903</b>	<b>6%</b>	
<b>SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE</b>	<b>MEMBERS</b>	Argentina	626	Mem.	586	Mem.	631	Mem.	603	8%
		Australia	227	Mem.	110	Mem.	210	Mem.	190	91%
		Chile	971	Mem.	1 150	Mem.	1 300	Mem.	1 098	13%
		Peru	125	Mem.	150	Mem.	150	Mem.	132	0%
		South Africa	120	Mem.	160	Mem.	160	Mem.	135	0%
	<b>Subtotal members</b>	<b>2 069</b>		<b>2 156</b>		<b>2 451</b>		<b>2 158</b>	<b>14%</b>	
	<b>NON MEMBERS</b>	Dominican Republic	227	Est.	227	Est.	227	Est.	227	0%
		India	162	Est.	162	Est.	162	Est.	162	0%
		Mexico	40	Est.	40	Est.	40	Est.	40	0%
		New Zealand	52	Misc.	25	Misc.	39	Misc.	42	56%
Senegal		73	Est.	73	Est.	73	Est.	73	0%	
Thailand	40	Est.	40	Est.	40	Est.	40	0%		
Venezuela	20	Est.	24	Misc.	14	Misc.	21	-42%		
<b>Subtotal non members</b>	<b>614</b>		<b>591</b>		<b>595</b>		<b>606</b>	<b>1%</b>		
<b>Total Southern Hemisphere</b>		<b>2 683</b>		<b>2 747</b>		<b>3 046</b>		<b>2 763</b>	<b>11%</b>	
<b>GENERAL TOTAL</b>		<b>38 398</b>		<b>44 416</b>		<b>47 265</b>		<b>40 666</b>	<b>6%</b>	
of which members of the WPTC		35 176		40 945		43 800		37 463	7%	
WPTC as percentage of total production		92%		92%		93%		92%	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 &amp; Southern Hemisphere: crop period mainly January to June

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