



2024 California Processing Tomato Report

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2024 PROCESSING TOMATO PRODUCTION

Contracted production for California processing tomatoes is forecast at 11.3 million tons, averaging 50.0 tons per acre. The current production forecast is 12 percent below last year's contracted production of 12.8 million tons, and 2 percent below the May forecast. The projected harvested acreage of tomatoes grown under contract is 226,000 acres, down 11 percent from 2023.

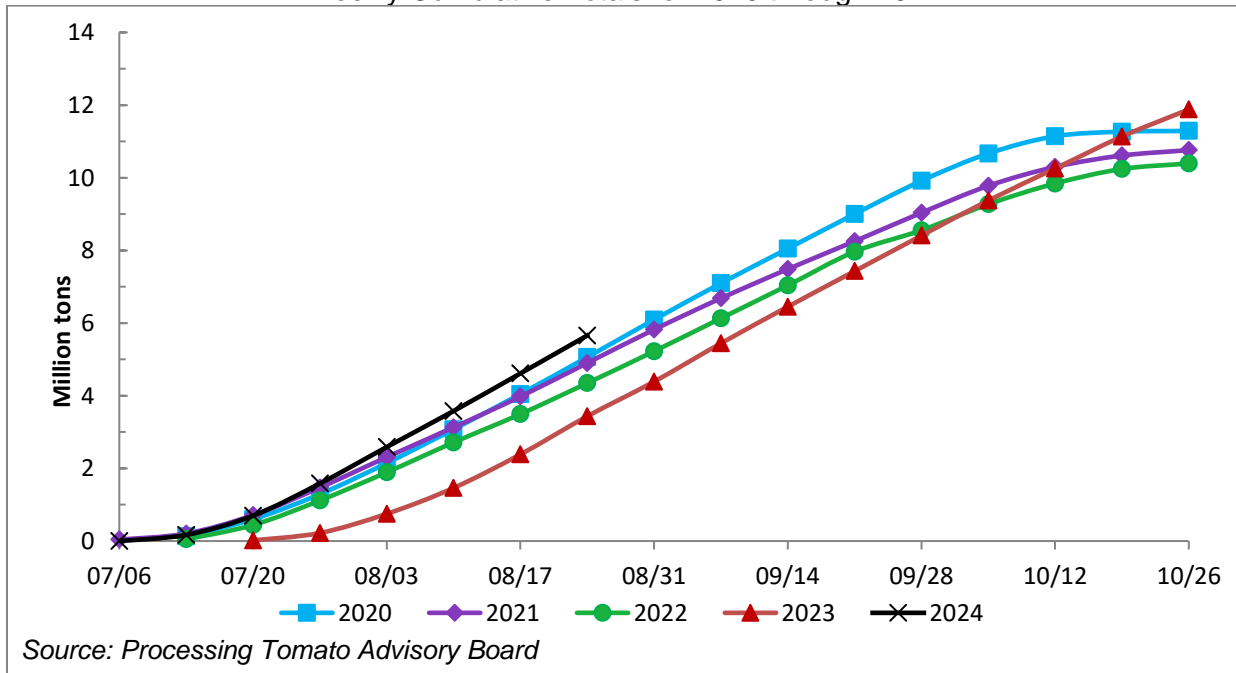
Mild spring temperatures and adequate water provided tomato growers with favorable planting conditions and a good start to the developing crop. However, extremely high temperatures throughout the summer and into harvest has negatively affected yields. There were concerns regarding curly top virus detected in the San Joaquin Valley, but no significant damage was reported.

The processing tomato harvest began the first week of July in the southern Central Valley and progressed to the northern counties by the middle of August. Harvest is expected to finish in October, significantly earlier than last year. Quality is reported to be fairly good for the early crop, but the impact of the heat waves on late season plantings is uncertain.

The Processing Tomato Advisory Board published shipments through August 24, 2024, showing a 29% increase compared to this time last year. However, shipments were significantly behind schedule in 2023 because the crop was delayed. Current shipments compared to the halfway point of last year indicate a decrease of 12%.

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

California's Harvested Processing Tomatoes
Weekly Cumulative Totals for 2020 through 2024



ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION (CONTRACT AND TOTAL) - CALIFORNIA

Year	Total crop				Contract only				
	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production	
	acres		tons/acre	tons	acres		tons/acre	tons	metric tons
2006	283,000	282,000	35.8	10,104,000	280,000	279,000	35.9	10,024,000	9,094,000
2007	301,000	296,000	40.8	12,082,000	298,000	293,000	40.8	11,965,000	10,854,000
2008	281,000	279,000	42.4	11,822,000	278,000	276,000	42.4	11,691,000	10,606,000
2009	312,000	308,000	43.2	13,314,000	308,000	304,000	43.3	13,148,000	11,928,000
2010	271,000	270,000	45.5	12,297,000	269,000	268,000	45.6	12,212,000	11,079,000
2011	255,000	250,000	47.8	11,941,000	254,000	249,000	47.8	11,900,000	10,796,000
2012	260,000	258,000	49.0	12,640,000	258,000	256,000	49.0	12,540,000	11,376,000
2013	263,000	260,000	46.5	12,100,000	259,000	256,000	46.5	11,900,000	10,796,000
2014	292,000	289,000	48.5	14,010,000	291,000	288,000	48.5	13,965,000	12,669,000
2015	299,000	296,000	48.5	14,361,000	297,000	295,000	48.5	14,307,000	12,979,000
2016	262,000	258,000	49.0	12,647,000	260,000	256,000	48.9	12,527,000	11,364,000
2017	230,000	222,000	47.1	10,464,000	229,000	221,000	47.1	10,407,000	9,441,000
2018	241,000	236,000	52.1	12,284,000	235,000	230,000	52.1	11,994,000	10,881,000
2019	235,000	228,000	49.1	11,186,000	234,000	227,000	49.0	11,130,000	10,097,000
2020	234,000	228,000	49.6	11,312,000	234,000	228,000	49.6	11,312,000	10,262,000
2021	230,000	228,000	47.2	10,765,000	229,000	227,000	47.3	10,730,000	9,734,000
2022	231,000	225,000	46.7	10,496,000	230,000	224,000	46.7	10,464,000	9,493,000
2023	269,000	255,000	50.2	12,805,000	268,000	254,000	50.2	12,752,000	11,569,000
2024	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	228,000	226,000	50.0	11,300,000	10,252,000

(NA) Not available.

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