

WPTC CROP UPDATE AS OF 9 AUGUST 2024

AMITOM COUNTRIES

BULGARIA

The harvest started ten days ago, and the weather and quality have been good so far, with no diseases. The largest processor Balkan Foods contracted 700 hectares and have been getting 60 t/ha on average so far, while the two other companies should harvest a total of 400 hectares, with yields at about 50 t/ha to date. The total forecast for Bulgaria is therefore increased to 60,000 tonnes.

EGYPT

The continuing heat wave is affecting the yield of the current summer crop and forthcoming late summer crop. Consequently a 15% reduction in the volume is now expected which would bring the total from 780,000 tonnes to 663,000 tonnes. The bright side that there're 3-4 seasons in Egypt, so the coming winter crop expected to start by Mid-November, and all nominated acreages will be planted as planned

FRANCE

In the south-east about 13,000 tonnes have already been processed while in the south-west harvesting will start after 15 August. Quality and yields are good, despite the spring weather, but a large peak of production is expected from 15-20 August into early September when early and late crop mature together. There is no change to the forecast.

GREECE

The season is proceeding as expected with good weather, now warm but not too hot as the heatwave is over. The crop is in advance. About 20% of the total forecast of 500,000 tonnes has been processed to date.

HUNGARY

Tomato processing starts at the beginning/middle of this week in the various regions. As a result of the hail in the Kecskemét region in mid-July, forced ripening started on some fields, as well as the warmer season and new bacterial diseases due to the weather, we are ahead of the norm in recent years in terms of ripening. The forecast remains 115,000 tonnes.

IRAN

It is now expected that the total production will be at least 15 to 20% lower than last year at maybe about 1.5 to 1.6 million tonnes or maybe less. This is largely due to the very high temperatures (40-42°C) especially in the south reducing volumes harvested and quality. The harvest should start next week in the west and by the end of August in the north.

ITALY

In the North, there is a delay in the harvest and at the end of July in northern Italy only 155,000 tonnes had been processed with an average brix of 5.08% and penalties of 4.6%. Early crop

yields are not so good in general due to the weather condition in May and June. There are expectations of yield below the average also for medium crops, but it's too early to change any forecast also due to the uncertainty of the late crop at this stage of the season.

In the South, production will probably compensate the reduction in the north. Factories are now at full capacity as the crop is early and the quality is good. The only concern is the availability of water which may affect the end of the season as the Occhito reservoir will close mid August (luckily a week later than expected). The impact this will have is unknown, but it is expected that more than half of the 10 to 12.000 hectares irrigated by this dam will have been harvested while others could have a reduced yield.

The total forecast remains 5.5 million tonnes.

PORTUGAL

Factories are now all opened but the crop is a bit later than usual and full capacity will only be reached next week. The quality is generally good, and yields are expected to be possibly better than last year. The forecast remains unchanged.

SPAIN

The harvest started late both in Andalusia (22 July) and in Extremadura (end of July/early August) due to the delayed planting and cooler spring. While 13% of the forecast had been processed at the end of July in 2023, this year it is only 3%.

The very hot temperatures since mid-July with 40°C most days are encouraging red mites and fusarium, and there may also be some flower abortions, but which are too early to quantify and will be apparent in September. Yields too date are a bit low in Andalusia but quality is good and brix slightly lower than normal especially in Vegas Baja.

The forecast remains unchanged at 2.8 million tonnes.

TUNISIA

As of 5 August, 11 processing units were still in operation. To date, 798,135 tonnes of tomatoes have been processed, broken down by region as follows:

- 42% in Cap Bon
- 15% Greater Tunis
- 30% Béja and Kef (north-west)
- 13% Sidi Bouzid (South)

TURKEY

Everything is going to plan with the harvest continuing in the south while factories in the Bursa areas will open at the weekend, two or three days behind schedule. Yields and quality are ok and the forecast remains unchanged.

UKRAINE

Processing started on 5 August and all plants should be opened by 15 August.

OTHER COUNTRIES

BRAZIL

There is no change compared with the last update.

CALIFORNIA

The estimate is to process 1,049,297 short tons (951,637 metric tonnes) this week. At the end of this week (week ending August 10) we will have processed 3,649,406 short tons (3,310,685 metric tonnes). Harvest continues to go well throughout the state as we are very close to

overall processing capacity. At this time, yields continue to perform close to contracted levels overall. As we discussed in our previous report, California has experienced abnormally high temperatures in June and July. There continues to be concern on what impact on overall volumes this may have as we progress during the season. The fields that are to be harvested in the later part of the season are of the most concern due to their earlier stage of development during the high heat periods. Solids and quality of the crop continue to do well this season.

NASS/USDA will release a new crop estimate towards the end of the month.

CANADA

Temperatures have been slightly cooler this week, however, we are still experiencing periods of heavy rain. There is higher than normal disease pressure in some fields due to this season's weather challenges. Harvest will be starting next week.

JAPAN

There is no change to the forecast of 29,000 tonnes from 460 hectares.

SOUTH AFRICA

There is no change to the forecast.

NON MEMBER COUNTRIES

OTHER US STATES

The harvest is right on schedule and will be starting on August 11th. There is no changes in total tonnage forecast.



CALIFORNIA TOMATO TONNAGE
 Week ending August 3, 2024
 Report released August 7, 2024

To Members:

Following are the certified and paid for tonnage figures by county as shown by certificates for week ending August 3, 2024.

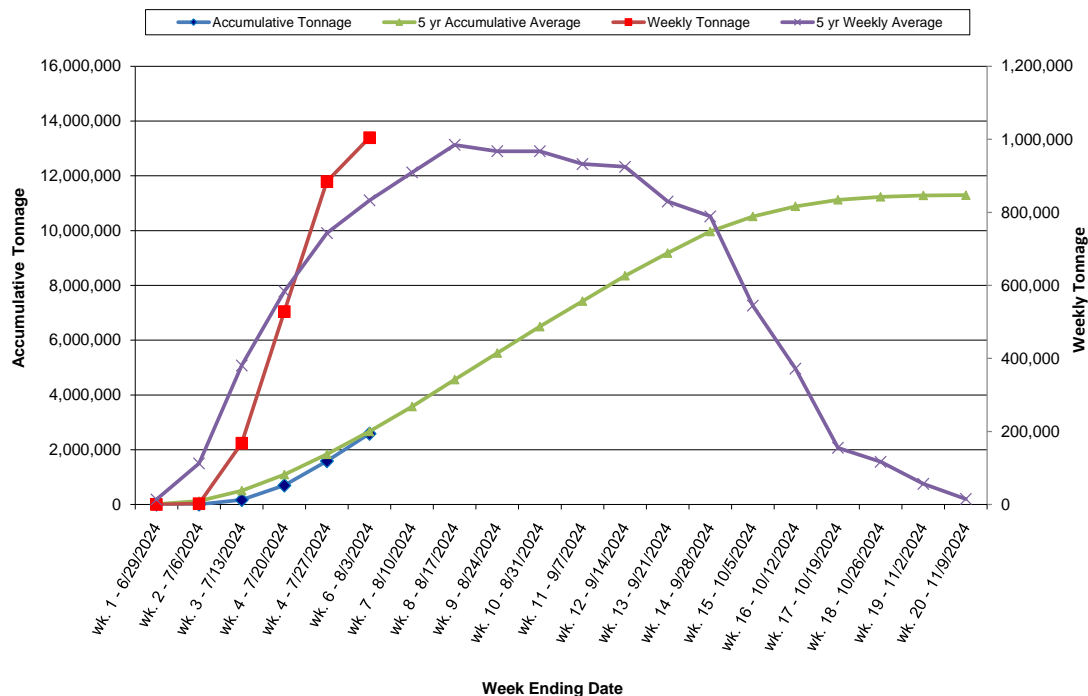
COUNTIES	2023	-----2024 TOMATO SEASON-----		
	Accumulative Total <u>August 5</u>	Previous Total to <u>July 27</u>	Receipts Week Ending <u>August 3</u>	Accumulative Total to <u>August 3</u>
Butte	0	0	0	0
Colusa	4,227	39,226	66,512	105,737
Contra Costa	762	18,007	29,690	47,697
Fresno	541,931	638,080	433,257	1,071,337
Glenn	0	0	0	0
Kern	555,788	362,755	125,461	488,216
Kings	265,649	360,950	98,724	459,674
Madera	0	692	2,054	2,746
Merced	8,423	12,438	12,193	24,631
Monterey	0	0	0	0
Sacramento	0	0	0	0
San Benito	0	0	0	0
San Joaquin	0	0	0	0
Santa Clara	0	0	0	0
Solano	0	1,663	7,878	9,542
Stanislaus	324	10,289	4,640	14,929
Sutter	0	5,340	11,538	16,878
Tehama	0	0	1,952	1,952
Tulare	70,108	21,444	43,550	64,994
Yolo	14,299	112,011	167,051	279,063
Yuba	0	0	0	0
Statewide Totals	1,461,511	1,582,895	1,004,502	2,587,396

Weekly tonnage for week ending August 5, 2023 was 712,553.

Projected weekly tonnage for week ending August 10, 2024 is 1,049,297.

Information provided by the California Processing Tomato Advisory Board.

Five Year Average | California Tomato Tonnage



		2022 FINAL		2023 FINAL		2024 FORECAST		AVERAGE 2021-2023	VARIATION 2024 vs 2023	
NORTHERN HEMISPHERE	MEMBERS IN MEDITERRANEAN AREA (AMITOM)	Bulgaria	40	Est.	37	Mem.	60	Mem.	39	62%
		Egypt	456	Mem.	600	Mem.	663	Mem.	499	11%
		France	142	Mem.	160	Mem.	175	Mem.	155	9%
		Greece	340	Mem.	390	Mem.	500	Mem.	383	28%
		Hungary**	80	Mem.	110	Mem.	115	Mem.	102	5%
		Iran**	1 800	Mem.	2 000	Mem.	1 550	Mem.	1 700	-23%
		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.	850	Est.	795	7%
		Turkey	2 350	Mem.	2 700	Mem.	2 700	Mem.	2 417	0%
Ukraine**	120	Mem.	500	Mem.	600	Mem.	473	20%		
Subtotal AMITOM		15 186		17 037		17 261		16 576	1%	
of which members in EU		9 622		10 205		10 658		10 471	4%	
OTHER MEMBERS	Brazil	1 632	Mem.	1 650	Mem.	1 671	Mem.	1 602	1%	
	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.	29	Mem.	27	12%	
	Subtotal Other Members	17 921		21 752		23 642		18 729	9%	
NON MEMBERS	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%	
Subtotal Non Members	2 608		2 880		2 870		2 598	0%		
Total Northern Hemisphere		35 715		41 669		43 773		37 903	5%	
SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE	MEMBERS	Argentina	626	Mem.	586	Mem.	631	Mem.	603	8%
		Australia	227	Mem.	110	Mem.	213	Mem.	190	94%
		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%
	Subtotal members	2 069		2 156		2 454		2 158	14%	
	NON MEMBERS	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%		
Subtotal non members	614		591		595		606	1%		
Total Southern Hemisphere		2 683		2 747		3 049		2 763	11%	
GENERAL TOTAL		38 398		44 416		46 822		40 666	5%	
of which members of the WPTC		35 176		40 945		43 357		37 463	6%	
WPTC as percentage of total production		92%		92%		93%		92%	0%	

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

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