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WPTC CROP UPDATE AS OF 20 SEPTEMBER 2024

AMITOM COUNTRIES

BULGARIA

Processing is going well with about 60% of the volume to already processed. It is one of the best years, with good quality and average brix of about 5, although a bit lower than the 5.2-5.3 expected. Recent lab analyses on fruits and tomato paste show no pesticide residues which demonstrates that the growers are following processors instructions. No change in the forecast.

EGYPT

There is no change to the forecast. The summer crop is in its last stages, while the in between season will start mid-October. Planting for the winter crop is ongoing in the south and will last until November, for harvest until April.

FRANCE

The volume processed at the end of last week was 113,000 tonnes, 65% of contracted volume. Harvesting in the south-west has been hampered by the rain. This has also been the case in the Rhône Valley, but not in the Camargue. The quality is still good, but we fear that further bad weather could have an impact on how the fruit holds up in the field. Forecasts remain unchanged at present.

GREECE

The south has practically finished while some quantities remain to be harvested in the centre of the country. Heavy rain is expected today and tomorrow and this may affect the final figure which for now we maintain. We will update of a better forecast as soon as possible.

HUNGARY

Last weekend processing was stopped due to significant rains, but the rest of tomato can arrive within a few days because more than 90% of the crop was already processed. The annual forecast remains 115.000 tonnes.

IRAN

Harvesting is continuing and it has started in the north. The weather is good, and all factories are currently processing. Overall, there is about a 2 to 3 weeks delay in the harvest to due power cuts and disputes on price of tomatoes so the total volume may be lower than the 1.5 million tonnes expected.

ITALY

In the north, as of 8 September, only 1.93 million tonnes had been processed with an average brix of 5.06 and penalties of 4.9%. This volume is much lower than normal. It rained last week and this week with some interruptions in the harvest. Moreover, the surfaces planted for the late crop are having lower yields than expected so the forecast is reduced at about 2.5-2,55

million tonnes, but it will depend on the weather conditions that for now are not good for the late crops.

At the same date in the South, a volume of 2.49 million tonnes had already been processed, in advance to the schedule and the target will be achieved before the end of September. Some factories already closed, some others are running but with low speed and for industrial products. The harvest should finish first week of October probably with higher volumes than expected that will compensate partially the lack of volume in the north, which means that the total forecast for Italy could be maintained at 5.4 million tonnes for now.

PORTUGAL

As of 15 September, 70% of the overall forecast had been processed, with some factories more ahead than others. Temperatures are good at the moment (32-36°C in the last 8 days) but should reduce to 23-25°C from tomorrow and into next week. Overall quality is good although brix is now becoming more variable. Factories should run until the first week in October and final production will not exceed the forecast of 1.5 million tonnes.

SPAIN

As of 16 September, 84% of the total forecast had been processed.

In Andalusia, the last factory is closing tomorrow, and the total production is slightly lower than forecast.

In Extremadura, factories are also starting to close in the Vegas Altas, with the last ones expected to finish next week, while in the Vegas Bajas where the crop is delayed, processing should continue until the first week in October. The weather in both regions is currently good, but some rains are forecasted for the next days and next week.

In the North, the harvest is delayed, notably due to a week of intense rains, and harvest should continue until the end of October, and may the first week of November.

The overall forecast is increased to a possible 2.9 million tonnes if weather doesn't interfere much in the next few weeks.

TUNISIA

The harvesting season is nearing its end with a total of 974,000 tonnes processed as of 15 September.

TURKEY

The Southern areas are finished with the harvest completely now and the Bursa area is coming into the final week of harvest. There have been a few cases of rainfall days apart from each other which has slowed down the harvest and caused a drop in the quality of the final ripe tomatoes.

The Konya has started and is slowly picking up the volumes. It is too early to comment on the quality of this area.

We retain our initial forecast.

UKRAINE

Since the last update on 9 August, there were 147 air alerts on the South of Ukraine (an average 4 attacks per day). Unfortunately, Russian missiles hit our infrastructure 20 times, main targets were energy and agri logistics. Nevertheless, to date Ukraine processed around 52% of budgeted volumes (312,000 tonnes). Solids in fresh tomatoes were higher than usual with lovely 5.3 brix on average, but field yields were lower than expected. Factory yields and paste quality are good.

September started with rains this caused some interruptions with harvesting and processing. Now the weather is fine and stable. We would like to reduce the forecast down to 550,000 tonnes. Processing should last till 20th October.

OTHER COUNTRIES

BRAZIL

There is no change to the forecast. There have been no problems with the weather until now and no rain is expected until mid-October. No special issues with diseases. Higher than expected brix and good colour.

CALIFORNIA

The estimate is to process 872,652 short tons (791,657 metric tonnes) this week. At the end of this week (week ending September 21) we will have processed 9,354,578 short tons (8,485,806 metric tonnes). The high heat that was experienced in June and July is starting to show its impacts in the later part of the season. We are seeing split sets which bring mixed maturity and smaller tomato sizing. This will continue to impact the yields for the remainder of this season. The current estimate for the crop is close to 11 million short tons (9.98 million metric tonnes).

JAPAN

Due to the effects of typhoons and heavy rains that occurred from late August to early September, harvest volumes in parts of the Tohoku region have decreased. The forecast is now reduced to 28,000 tonnes.

SOUTH AFRICA

The South African season ended 2 weeks earlier than expected at 140,000 tonnes delivered to processors. This is 12,5% lower than the planned volumes for 2024, due to mostly above normal climate variations in the winter production areas. The summer production area was on schedule and with an average brix of above 5.5.



CALIFORNIA TOMATO TONNAGE

Week ending September 7, 2024

Report released September 12, 2024

To Members:

Following are the certified and paid for tonnage figures by county as shown by certificates for week ending September 7, 2024.

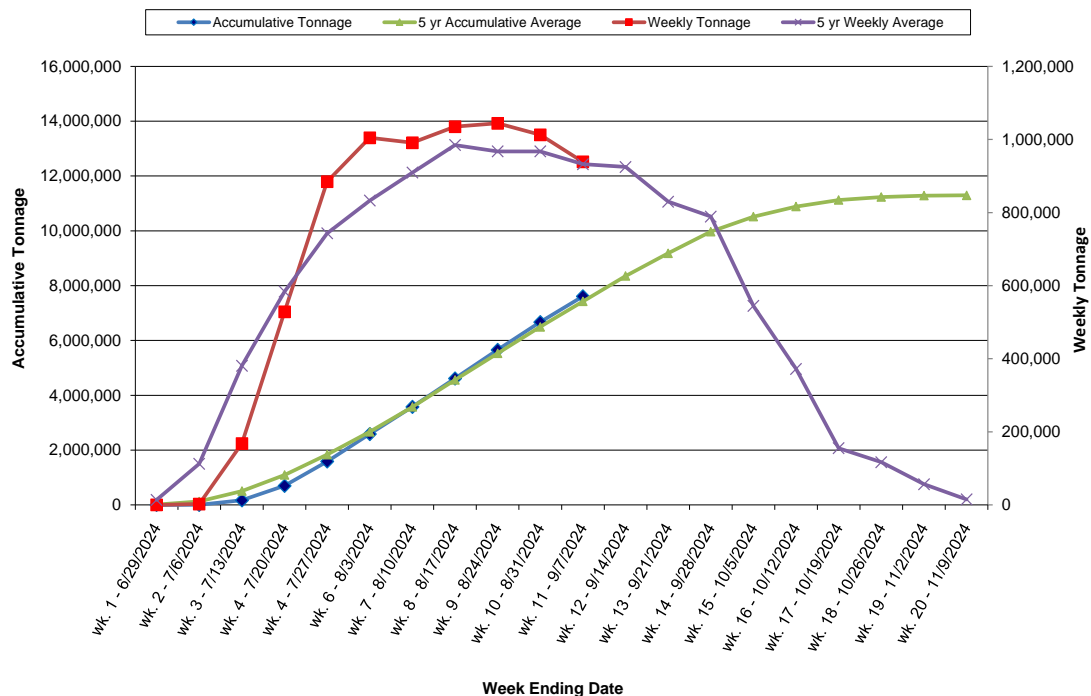
COUNTIES	2023	-----2024 TOMATO SEASON-----		
	Accumulative Total <u>September 9</u>	Previous Total to <u>August 31</u>	Receipts Week Ending <u>September 7</u>	Accumulative Total to <u>September 7</u>
Butte	19,889	26,578	11,969	38,547
Colusa	368,698	468,722	71,491	540,214
Contra Costa	128,112	176,739	13,886	190,625
Fresno	2,489,349	2,499,843	156,199	2,656,043
Glenn	16,745	1,190	3,856	5,046
Kern	860,949	574,887	0	574,887
Kings	728,564	912,868	85,431	998,299
Madera	63,922	174,764	46,540	221,304
Merced	442,564	413,985	183,508	597,493
Monterey	0	0	0	0
Sacramento	0	11,086	9,465	20,551
San Benito	0	0	115	115
San Joaquin	44,626	55,517	40,683	96,200
Santa Clara	0	0	1,357	1,357
Solano	133,824	127,018	58,167	185,184
Stanislaus	83,894	69,842	62,596	132,438
Sutter	168,984	164,777	45,570	210,347
Tehama	12,590	4,289	0	4,289
Tulare	129,295	126,622	0	126,622
Yolo	757,850	847,383	147,665	995,048
Yuba	0	14,369	0	14,369
Statewide Totals	6,449,855	6,670,478	938,497	7,608,977

Weekly tonnage for week ending September 9, 2023 was 1,007,431.

Projected weekly tons for week ending September 14, 2024 is 944,787.

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.	185	Mem.	155	16%
		Greece	340	Mem.	390	Mem.	485	Mem.	383	24%
		Hungary**	80	Mem.	110	Mem.	115	Mem.	102	5%
		Iran**	1 800	Mem.	2 000	Mem.	1 500	Mem.	1 700	-25%
		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.	2 900	Mem.	2 637	12%
		Syria**	40	Est.	40	Est.	40	Est.	40	0%
		Tunisia	649	Mem.	795	Mem.	980	Mem.	795	23%
		Turkey	2 350	Mem.	2 700	Mem.	2 700	Mem.	2 417	0%
Ukraine**	120	Mem.	500	Mem.	550	Mem.	473	10%		
Subtotal AMITOM		15 186		17 037		17 386		16 576	2%	
of which members in EU		9 622		10 205		10 753		10 471	5%	
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.	9 980	Mem.	10 277	-14%	
	China	6 200	Mem.	8 000	Mem.	10 450	Mem.	6 333	31%	
	Japan	27	Mem.	26	Mem.	28	Mem.	27	8%	
	Subtotal Other Members	17 921		21 752		22 638		18 729	4%	
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		42 894		37 903	3%	
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.	140	Mem.	135	-13%
	Subtotal members	2 069		2 156		2 434		2 158	13%	
	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		3 029		2 763	10%	
GENERAL TOTAL		38 398		44 416		45 923		40 666	3%	
of which members of the WPTC		35 176		40 945		42 458		37 463	4%	
WPTC as percentage of total production		92%		92%		92%		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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