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WPTC CROP UPDATE AS OF 6 MARCH 2026

SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE COUNTRIES

ARGENTINA

The planted area for the 2026 processing tomato crop is estimated at **5,120 hectares**. Under normal yield conditions—consistent with the multi-year average—total production is projected at approximately **427,894 tonnes**.

Yields are currently tracking 10–15% higher than last season, reflecting a sustained improvement versus 2025. Crop condition remains strong, and fruit quality has been very good so far.

Weather conditions have remained broadly unchanged: warm, dry, and windy, with generally low rainfall. In mid-January, however, a hailstorm hit an unusually affected area (Villa Aberastain in San Juan), impacting an estimated ~400 hectares with damage ranging from light to very severe.

Harvest began in mid-December and is now entering week 10. Some harvesting was slightly advanced around weeks 5 and 8, but operations have since returned to a normal schedule. To date, approximately **65% of the harvest has been completed**, and the campaign continues toward the planned late-April finish, depending on industry programming and remaining field conditions.

AUSTRALIA

The harvest commenced on January 26th and progressed well throughout February.

So far, a total of 79,000 tonnes have been delivered. However, sustained and significant rainfall across the entire growing region over the weekend has interrupted field operations. Harvest will not resume until conditions improve and the fields have sufficiently dried down.

CHILE

To date, the harvest continues without problems. The **estimated harvest progress is 40 to 45% of the total estimated.** The weather has been warm with no significant rainfall that could affect quality or volume; therefore, we maintain our previous yield estimate of **1.3 million tonnes**.

The estimated harvest completion date remains the last week of April.

PERU

The 2025/26 harvest finished a few days ago and the raw tomatoes produced during this campaign was **150,000 tonnes**.