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2021 California Processing Tomato Report

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As of May 15, California's tomato processors reported they have or will have contracts for 11.6 million tons of processing tomatoes for 2021. This production estimate is 4.1% lower than the January intentions forecast of 12,100 acres and 2.5% above the final 2020 contracted production total. The May contracted acreage of 231,000 is 3.8% below the January intentions forecast of 240,000 acres and 3,000 acres less than last year's final contracted acreage.

Fresno County remains the top California county in contracted planted acreage for 2021 with 62,000 acres. Yolo, Merced, Kings and San Joaquin make up the remaining top five counties, accounting for 71% percent of the 2021 total contracted planted acreage for California.

Another year of dry weather during the winter and spring caused concern over water availability and resulted in a decrease in contracted acreage and tonnage. The early crop has been developing nicely, with no reports of disease or pest pressure. At this point in the season, yield is projected to be average, but expected high temperatures in the coming months could have a significant impact.

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ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION (CONTRACT AND TOTAL) - CALIFORNIA

Year	Total crop			Contract only			
	Planted	Harvested	Production	Planted	Harvested	Production	
	<i>acres</i>		<i>tons</i>	<i>acres</i>		<i>tons</i>	<i>metric tons</i>
2006	283,000	282,000	10,104,000	280,000	279,000	10,024,000	9,094,000
2007	301,000	296,000	12,082,000	298,000	293,000	11,965,000	10,854,000
2008	281,000	279,000	11,822,000	278,000	276,000	11,691,000	10,606,000
2009	312,000	308,000	13,314,000	308,000	304,000	13,148,000	11,928,000
2010	271,000	270,000	12,297,000	269,000	268,000	12,212,000	11,079,000
2011	255,000	250,000	11,941,000	254,000	249,000	11,900,000	10,796,000
2012	260,000	258,000	12,640,000	258,000	256,000	12,540,000	11,376,000
2013	263,000	260,000	12,100,000	259,000	256,000	11,900,000	10,796,000
2014	292,000	289,000	14,010,000	291,000	288,000	13,965,000	12,669,000
2015	299,000	296,000	14,361,000	297,000	295,000	14,307,000	12,979,000
2016	262,000	258,000	12,647,000	260,000	256,000	12,527,000	11,364,000
2017	230,000	222,000	10,464,000	229,000	221,000	10,407,000	9,441,000
2018	241,000	236,000	12,284,000	235,000	230,000	11,994,000	10,881,000
2019	235,000	228,000	11,186,000	234,000	227,000	11,130,000	10,097,000
2020	234,000	228,000	11,312,000	234,000	228,000	11,312,000	10,262,000
2021	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	231,000	(NA)	11,600,000	10,523,000

(NA) Not available.

CALIFORNIA PROCESSING TOMATOES BY COUNTY

County	Contracted and Open Market - 2020 Crop				2021 Contracted acres
	Area planted	Area harvested	Yield per acre	Production ¹	
	<i>acres</i>		<i>tons</i>		
Butte	400	400	44.40	17,760	800
Colusa	12,800	12,700	51.21	650,400	13,500
Contra Costa	3,100	3,070	56.12	172,300	3,200
Fresno	72,000	69,600	52.04	3,622,000	62,000
Glenn	1,500	1,440	43.14	62,120	1,200
Imperial	0	0	0	0	400
Kern	7,000	6,880	57.95	398,700	8,500
Kings	28,400	28,200	51.99	1,466,000	26,000
Madera	3,300	3,190	50.66	161,600	4,300
Merced	24,800	24,600	46.59	1,146,000	28,000
Sacramento	1,500	1,240	50.14	62,170	4,000
San Joaquin	16,200	14,800	44.03	651,600	17,300
Solano	9,000	8,600	51.34	441,500	9,400
Stanislaus	7,100	6,950	45.47	316,000	7,700
Sutter	11,500	11,500	47.19	542,700	13,100
Tulare	1,300	1,210	40.48	48,980	700
Yolo	33,000	32,700	45.81	1,498,000	31,000
Other Counties ²	1,100	920	59.16	54,426	700
Total	234,000	228,000	49.62	11,312,256	231,000

¹ On the basis of "paid for tonnage" purchased from growers as reported by processors, dockage not included.

² To avoid disclosure of individual operations, "Other Counties" includes San Benito and Santa Clara.

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