



WORLD PROCESSING TOMATO COUNCIL

WPTC Crop update as of 4 September 2020

AMITOM countries

In **Egypt**, the harvest is now at the peak of the summer season with factories running at full capacity in the north, while they are only working small volumes in the Upper Valley as it is too far to transport tomatoes there. Colour and brix are very good. Tomatoes suffered from high humidity last week but quality is now very good.

Paste & Juice recently signed a protocol with local government to plant thousands of acres next year and total production should thus increase next year.

In **France**, as of August 30, around 60,000 tonnes, 40% of the expected volume, has been processed, with an average brix of 4.94. While the season is progressing normally in the south-east with good quality and good yields, in the south-west only 10,000 tonnes have been harvested. The season is restarting this week as the gap between early and late plantings due to the catastrophic spring is coming to an end and the weather forecast for the next two weeks is good, however with cool nights that could delay ripening. The harvest of organic crops starts this week in the region. Harvest is expected to continue until October 15-20, and a good September is needed to reach the target.

In **Greece** it is a very good season with already 275,000 tonnes processed (63% of forecast). Average yield is over 100 t/ha. Quality and colour are very good with an average brix just below 5. Harvest will finish at the end of the week in the south where 93% of the target has already been processed.

In **Hungary**, over 50 % of the quantity has been processed to date. Some rain caused short stop of processing. Yields are below the expectations but Brix is good. Total forecast for Hungary is decreased to 85,000 tonnes.

In **Iran**, the last estimate is about 1.3 million tonnes. Moreover, the main harvesting season began a week ago.

In the **North of Italy**, as of 23 August, 1.5 million tonnes had been processed with an average brix of 4.96. There was a lot of rain last weekend and factories stopped for a few days, restarting today or by the end of the week. Till now farm yields have been good. If the weather in September is good and all the tomatoes can be harvested, total production can exceed the 2.55 million tonnes expected and for this reason we increase the forecast to 2.6 million tonnes. Companies are running at full capacity but it will however be difficult to fulfil contracts for dice and pulp due to poor processing yield for these destinations. The government compensation program granted last week for tomatoes not being harvested or processed

(measure foreseen in the operational programs within the CMO for fruit and vegetables) will only apply to a few hundred hectares.

In the **South of Italy**, there was a peak in production during week 34, with more than 400,000 tonnes processed. At the end of August week, about 1.75 million tonnes had already been processed and there are 9,000 hectares left to harvest, this means a possible final target of 2.5 million tonnes. Consequently, the total forecast for **Italy** is increased to 5.1 million tonnes but depending on good weather.

Rains last weekend, however, stopped the harvest from Monday until probably tomorrow in Toscana and Lazio but smaller rainfall had no impact on the harvest in Puglia. Production this year concentrates mainly on small packaging, cans and bottles for the consumer market, due to shortages, with a smaller production of 3 kg cans. Quality is now better for the production of wholepeel. Prices paid for tomatoes are sometimes higher than contract at 115 to over 125 euros/t for long tomatoes hand harvested to have good quality for producing wholepeel.

In **Portugal**, the harvest started slowly with only just over 40% of the target achieved by the end of August. Most factories reached full capacity last week and hope to continue for 3 or 4 weeks, while the harvest could last until mid-October. The weather is good now and the next two weeks look favourable. Farm yields so far have been about 20% lower than usual. Quality is generally good with good colour and average brix of 5.3-5.4. It is difficult to give an accurate forecast but it is likely the total harvest will be lower than expected and probably about 1.2 million tonnes.

In **Spain**, the harvest is nearly finished in Andalusia with about 90% of the production done and the factories will all close by next week. The first third of the season was very poor but yield was good thereafter but not enough to compensate earlier loss. In Extremadura, the volume is now 57% of the total expected, 65% in Vegas Altas and 45% in Vegas Baja. The harvest is difficult with low yields and many factories have not reached full capacity a single day this season to date, but fruit quality is good, with good colour and brix. Processing will continue during all of September and probably early October. In the North, full capacity will be reached this week and all is going well although yields are a bit lower than expected. The forecast for Spain is revised down from 2.9 million tonnes to 2.8 million tonnes.

In **Tunisia**, the processing season is now over with a total of 915,000 tonnes of tomatoes processed, of which 880,000 tonnes for the production of tomato paste and 35,000 tonnes for canning.

In **Turkey**, the harvest is now wrapping up in the south area with only small volumes left. It is in full flow in the north and will continue for another month if the weather is favourable. While it tails off, small additional volume will come from the region of Ankara which mainly produces tomatoes for the fresh market. Tomatoes on the spot market are bought at similar prices as contracts. In August there was a high peak when tomatoes from the south and north overlapped, it has now stabilised. The forecast remains unchanged at 2.3 million tonnes.

In **Ukraine**, by 1st September only 30% of the total forecast has been processed, a smaller proportion than usual. Tomatoes are in the fields to achieve the 850,000 tonnes forecast but a good weather is needed until the end of September to mid-October. Fruit quality is good with brix just below 5.

Other countries

In **Brazil**, more than 50% has been harvested to date with good yield and quality. The total volume is estimated at 1.18 million tonnes. There are no issues with climate or other external issue.

In **California**, the estimate is to process 1,017,511 short tons (923,070 metric tonnes) this week. At the end of this week (week ending 5 September) we will have processed 7,126,195 short tons (6,464,775 metric tonnes). Over the next 3-4 days California will experience another heat spell throughout the state. As we have reported earlier, yields in the South continue to perform below contracted levels. In the North, yields continue to perform at contract at this time. The current estimate is for 11.4 million short tons (10.34 million metric tonnes) as reported in the NASS estimate last week.

In **Canada**, the harvest is approximately 20% complete, with good quality reported. There were some heavy rains this past weekend but good temperatures were expected for the coming week.

In **China**, at present, 78 companies have started processing. On August 29, the northern part of Xinjiang stopped processing due to rainfall, but processing resumed this week. On August 30, China's inner Mongolia stopped processing due to rainfall and on September 1st, some towns were affected by hail; the disaster losses are still under investigation. To date, the rainfall in China's tomato planting areas is more than that of the previous year. According to the medium and long-term forecast of China Weather, there will still be precipitation in Xinjiang in the future, which is expected to have a certain impact on production. So far, China has completed 45% of the processing volume. The forecast is adjusted to 5.5 million tonnes, but the overall production will be clearer in the next 15 days. It will not be lower than last year (4.6 million tonnes).

In **Japan**, the total harvest may decrease to about 25,000 tonnes due to long rain and the lack of sunlight in July.

In **South Africa**, the estimate for the total tomato production remains the same at 140,000 tonnes for the 2020 season.

In the **US Midwest**, production is in full gear heading into September. The crop continues to be strong as expected and maturities have continued to advance which has filled in the expected processing gaps from the planting delays in the spring. Cooler weather though is expected for the first half of September which will slow development. Harvest weather has generally been dry allowing for no delays due to weather.



WPTC World production estimate of tomatoes for processing
(in 1000 metric tonnes)

Date of last update: 04/09/2020

		2017		2018		2019		2020		AVERAGE	VARIATION	
		FINAL		FINAL		FINAL		FORECAST		2017-2019	2020 vs 2019	
NORTHERN HEMISPHERE*	MEMBERS IN MEDITERRANEAN AREA (AMITOM)	Algeria**	600	Misc.	500	Est.	800	Mem.	1 000	Mem.	633	25%
		Egypt	300	Est.	400	Mem.	400	Mem.	420	Mem.	367	5%
		France	195	Mem.	139	Mem.	154	Mem.	155	Mem.	163	1%
		Greece	400	Mem.	320	Mem.	400	Mem.	440	Mem.	373	10%
		Hungary**	100	Misc.	106	Mem.	100	Mem.	85	Mem.	102	-15%
		Iran**	980	Mem.	750	Mem.	1 650	Mem.	1 300	Mem.	1 127	-21%
		Israel	200	Mem.	200	Mem.	200	Mem.	200	Mem.	200	0%
		Italy	5 200	Mem.	4 650	Mem.	4 801	Mem.	5 100	Mem.	4 884	6%
		Malta**	8	Mem.	7	Mem.	8	Est.	8	Est.	8	0%
		Portugal***	1 554	Mem.	1 198	Mem.	1 410	Mem.	1 200	Mem.	1 387	-15%
		Russia**	400	Mem.	495	Mem.	552	Mem.	530	Mem.	482	-4%
		Spain***	3 350	Mem.	2 800	Mem.	3 200	Mem.	2 800	Mem.	3 117	-13%
		Syria**	42	Mem.	42	Mem.	42	Mem.	42	Est.	42	0%
		Tunisia	643	Mem.	618	Mem.	815	Mem.	915	Mem.	692	12%
		Turkey	1 900	Mem.	1 300	Mem.	2 200	Mem.	2 300	Mem.	1 800	5%
Ukraine**	650	Mem.	735	Mem.	720	Mem.	850	Mem.	702	18%		
Subtotal AMITOM		16 522		14 260		17 452		17 345		16 078	-1%	
of which members in EU		10 807		9 220		10 073		9 788		10 033	-3%	
NORTHERN HEMISPHERE*	OTHER MEMBERS	Brazil	1 450	Mem.	1 400	Mem.	1 200	Mem.	1 180	Mem.	1 350	-1,7%
		Canada	426	Mem.	451	Mem.	434	Mem.	426	Mem.	437	-2%
		California	9 492	Mem.	11 137	Mem.	10 144	Mem.	10 342	Mem.	10 258	2%
		China	6 200	Mem.	3 800	Mem.	4 600	Mem.	5 500	Mem.	4 867	20%
		Japan	30	Mem.	28	Mem.	27	Mem.	25	Mem.	28	-7%
		Subtotal Other Members	17 598		16 816		16 405		17 473		16 940	6,5%
NORTHERN HEMISPHERE*	NON MEMBERS	Bulgaria	50	Misc.	30	Misc.	40	Misc.	40	Est.	40	0%
		Czech Republic	25	Est.	25	Est.	25	Est.	25	Est.	25	0%
		Morocco	130	Est.	130	Est.	130	Est.	100	Misc.	130	-23%
		Poland	200	Misc.	200	Misc.	175	Misc.	175	Est.	192	0%
		Slovakia	20	Est.	20	Est.	20	Est.	20	Est.	20	0%
		USA excluding California	408	Misc.	410	Misc.	370	Misc.	450	Misc.	396	22%
		Subtotal Non Members	833		815		760		810		803	6,6%
Total Northern Hemisphere		34 953		31 891		34 617		35 628		33 820	2,9%	
of which WPTC members		34 120		31 076		33 857		34 818		33 018	2,8%	
of which European Union		11 102		9 495		10 333		10 048		10 310	-2,8%	
SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE*	MEMBERS	Argentina	488	Mem.	427	Mem.	395	Mem.	454	Mem.	437	14,9%
		Australia	185	Mem.	228	Mem.	212	Mem.	210	Mem.	208	-0,9%
		Chile	1 080	Mem.	1 211	Mem.	1 100	Mem.	907	Mem.	1 130	-17,5%
		Peru	110	Mem.	100	Mem.	100	Mem.	100	Mem.	103	0,0%
		South Africa	180	Mem.	135	Mem.	140	Mem.	150	Mem.	152	7,1%
		Subtotal members	2 043		2 101		1 947		1 821		2 030	-6,5%
	NON MEMBERS	Dominican Republic	220	Est.	258	Misc.	258	Est.	181	Misc.	245	-29,8%
		India	130	Est.	130	Est.	130	Misc.	130	Est.	130	0,0%
		Mexico	40	Est.	40	Est.	40	Est.	40	Est.	40	0,0%
		New Zealand	50	Misc.	50	Est.	50	Est.	50	Est.	50	0,0%
Senegal	53	Misc.	53	Misc.	61	Misc.	61	Est.	56	0,0%		
Thailand	260	Est.	260	Est.	260	Est.	260	Est.	260	0,0%		
Venezuela	20	Est.	20	Est.	20	Est.	20	Est.	20	0,0%		
Subtotal non members	773		811		819		742		801	-9,4%		
Total Southern Hemisphere		2 816		2 912		2 766		2 563		2 831	-7,3%	
GENERAL TOTAL		37 769		34 803		37 383		38 191		36 652	2,2%	
of which members of the WPTC		36 163		33 177		35 804		36 639		35 048	2,3%	
WPTC as percentage of total production		96%		95%		96%		96%		96%	0,2%	

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

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*** Tomatoes produced in Portugal but processed in Spain are reported in Spain

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CALIFORNIA TOMATO TONNAGE

Week ending August 29, 2020

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To Members:

Following are the certified and paid for tonnage figures by county, as shown by certificates for week ending August 29, 2020

COUNTIES	-----2020 TOMATO SEASON-----			
	2019 Accumulative Total August 31	Previous Total to August 22	Receipts Week Ending August 29	Accumulative Total to August 29
Butte	0	0	0	0
Colusa	325,497	313,307	60,124	373,431
Contra Costa	158,623	133,134	26,305	159,440
Fresno	2,972,886	2,262,668	370,976	2,633,614
Glenn	2,403	2,112	8,826	10,938
Kern	285,933	398,652	0	398,652
Kings	952,157	931,571	97,806	1,029,378
Madera	32,099	6,481	10,909	17,390
Merced	363,300	125,063	120,128	245,219
Sacramento	142	0	3,209	3,209
San Benito	0	0	0	0
San Joaquin	38,660	10,347	19,540	29,887
Santa Clara	0	0	0	0
Solano	123,246	91,336	45,970	137,305
Stanislaus	105,495	26,165	18,510	44,705
Sutter	70,587	130,675	74,341	205,016
Tulare	15,402	48,152	0	48,152
Yolo	668,331	581,142	175,489	756,631
Statewide Totals	6,114,761	5,060,805	1,032,133	6,092,967

Weekly tonnage for week ending August 31, 2019 was 1,054,056.
 Projected weekly tonnage for week ending September 5, 2020 is 1,017,511.
 Information provided by the California Processing Tomato Advisory Board.

Five Year Average | California Tomato Tonnage

