



## WORLD PROCESSING TOMATO COUNCIL

WPTC Crop update as of 7 August 2020

### **AMITOM countries**

In **Algeria**, according to data from the Ministry of Agriculture, to date 530,000 tonnes of tomatoes have been processed from the 1.27 million tonnes harvested from 17,000 hectares (average yield of 74.3 t/ha), and about 47,000 tonnes of 36/38 paste and 24,000 tonnes of 28/30 paste produced.

In **Egypt**, harvesting of summer crop has started after Eid El-Adha holidays, but not so heavy as some of the field workers are still in vacation. It is expected to start processing in full capacity by next week. Quality overall looks good (brix, colour & yield) and the forecast remain unchanged.

In **France**, three factories are now open in the south-east and the first one in the south-west will open this week for juice. Only 6% of the total crop has been harvested to date in the south-east, less than 10,000 tonnes. Quality is good with high brix above 5.3, but farm yields are just average. In the south-west, yields could be lowered due to diseases (late blight, pseudomonas) consequent to the bad spring. It is also expected that factories will be running this week and next week but may have to stop until the end of the month as there was a 15 days gap between early and midseason planting, unless last week's heatwave and the new one expected late this week fasten ripening. The forecast remains 155,000 tonnes.

In the south, of **Greece** all factories are open and already about a third of the crop has been harvested. Yields are over 100 t/ha, with good quality and brix. Factories in the central area are starting this week or next week and quantity and quality look promising. The forecast remains 440,000 tonnes.

In the **North of Italy**, rains and thunderstorms in the last few days stopped harvesting from Piacenza to Ferrara and factories are reopening today or tomorrow. Before the rain, field yields were normal at about 75 t/ha and quality was good in terms of brix, but the texture and firmness not so meaning reduced yields for pulp and dice. To date about 15 to 20% of the volume has been processed. Prospects remain the same although there are concerns of ripening concentration after the rain and of a concentration of the crop in August with little volumes for the late crop.

In the **South of Italy**, factories will reach full capacity at the end of this week as Puglia, where harvest started on Monday, will reach full volume. Brix and colour are good but at present firmness is not ideal to produce dice and wholepeel, meaning factory yield is low. Farm yields are good.

Overall forecasts are maintained at 2.55 million tonnes for the north and 2.45 million tonnes for the south.

In **Portugal**, two factories started last week and three this week, and the other two should open in the next few days or next week. No significant volumes have been harvested yet but to date brix is high and colour is good. Yields on the early varieties are not too good but they may change in two weeks time when crop starts harvesting other varieties. The weather has been fairly good during the last two weeks with daily temperatures of about 30°C but windy and cooling at night. The forecast remains 1.3 million tonnes for now.

Harvest is now in its 4<sup>th</sup> week in the **Andalusia region** of **Spain** with about 30% of the crop already harvested. The yield was poor during the first two weeks but is now normal with good quality and brix. The extreme heat is speeding the ripening of the late crop and there should be a big peak in production in the coming weeks with worry as to whether factories will cope. In **Extremadura**, most factories started at the end of last week or early this week but all are running very slowly as most of the surfaces were planted after 22 April. Quality to date is good. In the **North** the harvest has not started yet.

July was very hot, with many days over 40°C and nights at 20-23°C causing flower abortions and speeding the ripening by up to 10 days. This could reduce yields but it is too early to confirm.

The total forecast for Spain remains 2.95 million tonnes.

In **Russia**, the main harvest has just started, with rather small volumes. Full capacity in Astrakhan and KBR regions should be achieved next week. Strong hailstorms in late July caused some losses – almost 300 ha was damaged. The forecast is reduced to 530.000 tonnes.

In **Tunisia**, the total forecast is maintained at 900,000 tonnes, of which 850,000 are for paste production and 50,000 for canned production. Up to 3 August, nearly 700,000 tonnes have been processed. Harvesting and processing have been temporarily stopped since 29 July on the occasion of the Eid El Kebir feast (31 July). 14 units have definitively closed their transformation program, however around ten factories resumed their activity from August 4, sourcing from the North West regions.

Factories in **Turkey** reopened on 5 or 6 August after the religious holiday and should quickly reach full capacity. Weather conditions are fine, and the forecast is maintained. The crop is later than normal, and harvesting will continue to the end of September.

In **Ukraine**, the weather is ok and tomatoes are ripening but slower than the latest three years. There is a normal pressure from diseases and pests. Harvesting and processing should start at the end of next week. The forecast remains 850,000 tonnes.

### **Other countries**

In **California**, the estimate is to process 963,563 short tons (874,130 metric tonnes) this week. At the end of this week (week ending 8 August) we will have processed 3,116,868 short tons. 2,826,788 metric tonnes). Yields in the south continue to be slightly below contract and solids continue to be higher than historical levels. In the Northern part of the state, overall yields are

at contract at this time. Over the last few days we have experienced cooler than normal temperatures and the forecast over the next few days is for temperatures in the mid to upper 90's(°F). This has helped with being able to stay on top of the crop.

In **Canada**, the tomato crop is maturing well. Disease pressure has remained low, although due to high humidity and recent rains some fields are experiencing low levels of bacterial speck and spot. Average yields are anticipated, with harvest set to begin 15-24 August.

In **China**, recently the weather in Xinjiang has been normal, there is sporadic precipitation, crop growth is normal, factories have been started. Low temperatures in Inner Mongolia have delayed harvest. The forecast remains unchanged.

In **Japan**, the forecast remains unchanged at 32,000 tonnes from 450 hectares.

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

In the **US Midwest**, there is no change to report. The harvest should start around 15 August.



# CALIFORNIA TOMATO TONNAGE

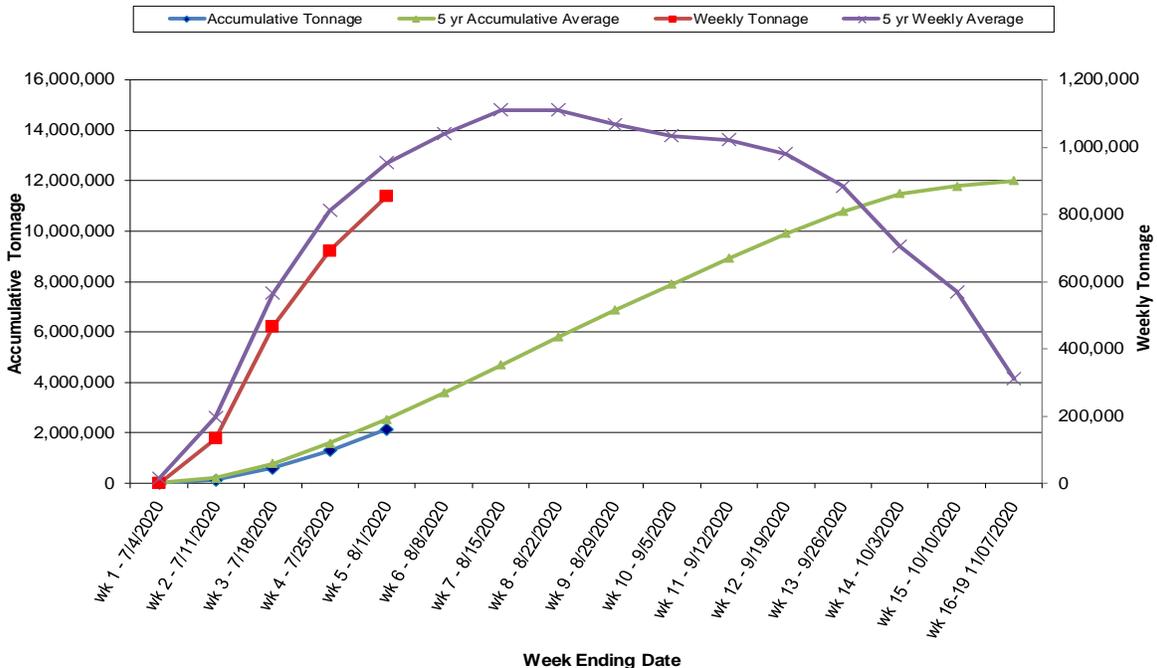
Week ending August 1, 2020  
Report released August 5, 2020

To Members:  
Following are the certified and paid for tonnage figures by county as shown by certificates for week ending August 1, 2020.

COUNTIES	-----2020 TOMATO SEASON-----			
	2019 Accumulative Total August 3	Previous Total to July 25	Receipts Week Ending August 1	Accumulative Total to August 1
Butte	0	0	0	0
Colusa	15,404	49,838	59,696	109,534
Contra Costa	40,521	20,403	24,811	45,214
Fresno	1,224,050	511,502	426,297	937,798
Glenn	0	0	0	0
Kern	257,902	335,294	46,415	381,708
Kings	462,131	326,204	167,046	493,250
Madera	0	0	0	0
Merced	13,806	3,737	9,188	12,931
Sacramento	0	0	0	0
San Benito	0	0	0	0
San Joaquin	0	0	0	0
Santa Clara	0	0	0	0
Solano	2,361	386	10,169	10,555
Stanislaus	8,639	2,577	2,922	5,499
Sutter	0	0	13,924	13,924
Tulare	9,315	0	10,100	10,100
Yolo	41,399	40,365	83,139	123,504
<b>Statewide Totals</b>	<b>2,075,528</b>	<b>1,290,306</b>	<b>853,707</b>	<b>2,144,017</b>

Weekly tonnage for week ending August 3, 2020 was 723,336.  
Projected weekly tonnage for week ending August 8, 2020 is 963,563.  
Information provided by the California Processing Tomato Advisory Board.

### Five Year Average | California Tomato Tonnage





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# ***TOMATO UPDATE***

August 3, 2020

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- 2020 Price Agreement Reached With The Following Processors

***Dear Tomato Grower:***

**2020 Price Agreement Reached With The Following Processors:**

The CTGA has agreed to **\$80 per ton** with the following processors:

- Campbells Soup Company
- Los Gatos Tomato Products
- ConAgra Brands, Inc.
- Stanislaus Food Products
- Del Monte Foods, Inc.

Late Season Premiums are as follows:

9/15 – 9/21	\$0.00	per net ton
9/22 – 9/28	\$4.00	per net ton
9/29 - 10/5	\$8.00	per net ton
10/6 – 10/12	\$12.00	per net ton
10/13 - end	\$16.00	per net ton

The rest of the terms are the same as 2019 Master Agreement.

**The above processors have agreed to pay a price of \$80 per ton for the 2020 season. This agreement is contingent on CTGA getting an industry agreed to price of \$80 per ton with all processors. We will continue to discuss with the other four processors to reach resolution of 2020 pricing.**

Questions or  
comments?

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