



WORLD PROCESSING TOMATO COUNCIL

WPTC Crop update as of 23 October 2019

AMITOM members in the EU

In **Greece**, the 2019 season was good, with no excessive rain and no serious heatwave. Yields and quality were good with an average brix of 4.9. This enabled to reach the objective of 400,000 tonnes. The volume processed in 2020 is expected to increase but this will depend on cotton prices.

In **Hungary**, the tomato season started late and was shorter than usual. Farm yields were lower than last year at 80 t/ha which resulted in a reduction of the total volume processed to about 100,000 tonnes. Brix was good at 4.93 on average. Current expectations for 2020 are around 120,000 tonnes, 2019's initial target volume.

In the **North of Italy**, the last factory was due to close on 24 October. The total volume will be approximately 2,370,000 tonnes from 36,600 hectares, and an average yield of 76 t/ha. This is 18% below the volume contracted and about the same as 2018's production. The season was not easy with a lot of rain in May, causing delays in production, coupled with several hailstorms and extreme heats in July and August. Quality was average with an overall brix of 4.76.

In the **South of Italy**, after a bad start of the season, the best September in twenty years enabled to recover volumes to reach a total of 2.4 million tonnes. Farm yields in September was over 100 t/ha, bringing the season's average to 88 t/ha. While fruit quality was very good, colour was poor and there were lots of green tomatoes harvested which reduced factory yields by 5 or 6% compared to 2018. So, while the volume processed this year was higher than in 2018, the volume of finished products is lower.

The final volume in **Italy** is increased to 4.8 million tonnes.

In **Portugal**, the final result 1.41 million tonnes. The 2019 ran smoothly with no special issue. Field yield was very good at 97 t/ha on average with an average brix of 5.2.

In **Spain**, the 2019 was also very good and final production is higher than forecast at 3.2 million tonnes. Extremadura processed a higher volume than expected due to record average yields of 97 t/ha (the previous record was 90 t/ha). Fruit quality was also good with an average brix of 4.9. A similar volume of 3 to 3.2 million tonnes is expected in 2020 unless there is a risk of drought if it does not rain enough during the coming winter.

Other AMITOM members

In **Iran**, the forecast is now increased to 1.6 to 1.7 million tonnes as good weather conditions are enabling factories to continue processing into late October and early November.

In **Russia**, the season started at the middle of August, two weeks later than usual but the estimate of 550,000 tonnes could be achieved due to a good October. The last two factories are closing this week. Average yield was about 80 t/ha and brix 4.7. It is expected that production should increase to 600,000 tonnes in 2020.

In **Tunisia**, the harvest finished with a total volume of 807,000 tonnes, of which 790,000 tonnes for the production of tomato paste and 17,000 tonnes for canning.

In **Turkey**, the final crop is estimated at 2.2 million tonnes following a reasonable season which could continue into early October. Weather throughout the season was not fantastic but there were no serious hails or rain. It is too early to estimate 2020 production.

In **Ukraine**, the final production of 720,000 tonnes is lower than the initial estimate, due largely to unfavourable weather in June and July and a wet beginning of the harvest. Average brix was low at 4.5. Production in 2020 could increase to 800,000 to 850,000 tonnes.

Other WPTC members

In **Argentina**, 395,000 tonnes were processed in 2019, slightly lower than expected due to some rains during the season. The harvest could however continue into May as there were no frosts. It is expected that a total of 5,660 ha will be planted for a production expected to be around 420,000 tonnes in 2020. Planting started in September and will continue into November.

In **Australia** the plan is to process 226,000 tonnes in 2020, up from 212,000 tonnes in 2019.

In **California**, the harvest is finishing this week and the final volume should be close to 11,1 million short tons (10,07 million metric tonnes), nearly a million tons less than expected. The final inventory at the end of the marketing year is projected to be low so it is most probable that production will increase in 2020 to maybe 13 million short tons.

In **Chile**, a total of 1.1 million tonnes were processed in 2019. Following the most serious drought in fifty years, a reduction of 30% of the surfaces planted is expected so production should be around 900,000 tonnes.



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

Date of last update: 23/10/2019

		2016	2017	2018	2019	AVERAGE	VARIATION		
		FINAL	FINAL	FINAL	PRELIMINARY	2016-2018	2019 vs 2018		
NORTHERN HEMISPHERE*	MEMBERS IN MEDITERRANEAN AREA (AMITOM)	Algeria**	550 Mem.	600 Misc.	500 Est.	800 Mem.	550	60%	
		Egypt	350 Misc.	300 Est.	400 Mem.	400 Mem.	350	0%	
		France	183 Mem.	195 Mem.	139 Mem.	150 Mem.	172	8%	
		Greece	440 Mem.	400 Mem.	320 Mem.	400 Mem.	387	25%	
		Hungary**	105 Est.	100 Misc.	106 Mem.	100 Mem.	104	-6%	
		Iran**	1 150 Mem.	980 Mem.	750 Mem.	1 650 Mem.	960	120%	
		Israel	200 Mem.	200 Mem.	200 Mem.	200 Mem.	200	0%	
		Italy	5 180 Mem.	5 200 Mem.	4 650 Mem.	4 800 Mem.	5 010	3%	
		Malta**	8 Mem.	8 Mem.	7 Mem.	8 Est.	8	14%	
		Portugal***	1 507 Mem.	1 554 Mem.	1 198 Mem.	1 410 Mem.	1 420	18%	
		Russia**	145 Mem.	400 Mem.	495 Mem.	550 Mem.	347	11%	
		Spain***	2 950 Mem.	3 350 Mem.	2 800 Mem.	3 200 Mem.	3 033	14%	
		Syria**	70 Est.	70 Est.	70 Est.	70 Est.	70	0%	
		Tunisia	650 Mem.	643 Mem.	618 Mem.	807 Mem.	637	31%	
		Turkey	2 100 Mem.	1 900 Mem.	1 300 Mem.	2 200 Mem.	1 767	69%	
Ukraine**	550 Mem.	650 Mem.	735 Mem.	720 Mem.	645	-2%			
Subtotal AMITOM		16 138	16 550	14 288	17 465	15 659	22%		
of which members in EU		10 373	10 807	9 220	10 068	10 133	9,2%		
NORTHERN HEMISPHERE*	OTHER MEMBERS	Brazil	1 450 Mem.	1 450 Mem.	1 400 Mem.	1 200 Mem.	1 433	-14,3%	
		Canada	456 Mem.	426 Mem.	450 Mem.	465 Mem.	444	3%	
		California	11 470 Mem.	9 492 Mem.	11 137 Mem.	10 070 Mem.	10 700	-10%	
		China	5 150 Mem.	6 200 Mem.	3 800 Mem.	4 500 Mem.	5 050	18%	
		Japan	33 Mem.	30 Mem.	28 Mem.	25 Mem.	30	-11%	
		Subtotal Other Members	18 559	17 598	16 815	16 260	17 657	-3,3%	
NORTHERN HEMISPHERE*	NON MEMBERS	Bulgaria	40 Misc.	50 Misc.	30 Misc.	40 Misc.	40	33%	
		Czech Republic	25 Est.	25 Est.	25 Est.	25 Est.	25	0%	
		Morocco	130 Est.	130 Est.	130 Est.	130 Est.	130	0%	
		Poland	220 Misc.	200 Misc.	200 Misc.	200 Est.	207	0%	
		Slovakia	20 Est.	20 Est.	20 Est.	20 Est.	20	0%	
		USA excluding California	476 Misc.	408 Misc.	410 Misc.	360 Misc.	431	-12%	
		Subtotal Non Members	911	833	815	775	853	-4,9%	
Total Northern Hemisphere		35 608	34 981	31 918	34 500	34 169	8,1%		
of which WPTC members		34 697	34 148	31 103	33 725	33 316	8,4%		
of which European Union		10 678	11 102	9 495	10 353	10 425	9,0%		
SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE*	MEMBERS	Argentina	405 Mem.	488 Mem.	427 Mem.	395 Mem.	440	-7,5%	
		Australia	275 Mem.	185 Mem.	228 Mem.	212 Mem.	229	-6,9%	
		Chile	800 Mem.	1 080 Mem.	1 211 Mem.	1 100 Mem.	1 030	-9,2%	
		Peru	100 Mem.	110 Mem.	100 Mem.	100 Mem.	103	0,0%	
		South Africa	145 Mem.	180 Mem.	135 Mem.	140 Mem.	153	3,7%	
	Subtotal members		1 725	2 043	2 101	1 947	1 956	-7,3%	
	SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE*	NON MEMBERS	Dominican Republic	210 Est.	220 Est.	258 Misc.	258 Est.	229	0,0%
			India	130 Est.	130 Est.	130 Est.	130 Misc.	130	0,0%
			Mexico	40 Misc.	40 Est.	40 Est.	40 Est.	40	0,0%
			New Zealand	51 Est.	50 Misc.	50 Est.	50 Est.	50	0,0%
			Senegal	28 Misc.	53 Misc.	53 Misc.	61 Misc.	45	15,1%
			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		739	773	811	819	774	1,0%		
Total Southern Hemisphere		2 464	2 816	2 912	2 766	2 731	-5,0%		
GENERAL TOTAL		38 072	37 797	34 830	37 266	36 900	7,0%		
of which members of the WPTC		36 422	36 191	33 204	35 672	35 272	7,4%		
WPTC as percentage of total production		96%	96%	95%	96%	96%	0,4%		

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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