WORLD PROCESSING TOMATO COUNCIL

WPTC Crop update as of 3 June 2022

AMITOM countries

Egypt

The changes in the weather will probably delay the summer harvest but it will be clearer at the end of June. Quality looks good for now.

France

Planting started very early at the end of March and will be finished next week. A total of 2,100 hectares should be planted. Conditions were generally good except for the lack of rain and for a heatwave about 10 days ago when temperatures of up to 34°C burnt some transplants which had to be replanted. Harvest should be early. The forecast is now reduced to 155,000 to 160,000 tonnes. Everyone hopes for a better season than last year.

Greece

Transplanting is now nearly finished, and conditions have been good to date apart from some localized hailstorms in the last few days for which damages are still being assessed, the worry being some disease development. Small areas will be replanted. The forecast remains the already reduced volume of 380,000 tonnes.

Hungary

Transplanting was completed between the end of April till 25 May, with only a small area now remaining due to rains. Some of the areas directly sown were affected by stormy winds during the last two weeks so the sowing had to be repeated (30-35% of the surface is directly sown, mainly in the eastern region under management of a farmers' cooperative). Total yearly forecast remains 100,000 tonnes.

Italy

North- To date about 92% of the expected surfaces have already been planted and operations should end by mid-June. The total surface will be known then but are expected to be lower than last year. The weather in May was unusual with some very hot day at above 30°C which accelerated the crop development meaning that the harvest could start a week early, around 20 July. Some storms and localized hail damaged about 400 hectares, but the full extent is not yet known. The crop looks good for now with no disease but there may be some issue with water availability as rivers are low. Tomato fields will be mainly irrigated by wells and should suffer less than other crops such as corn.
The forecast remains 2.75 million tonnes (3.1 million processed in 2021).
Centre/South – An agreement on the rules and quality requirements was reached yesterday but not on pricing. Contracts need to be signed by 15 June for the coupled aid so negotiations should end

before then. Surfaces should be lower than in 2021, especially in the Foggia area due to competitive crops.
The forecast in the south remains 2.65 million tonnes, maintaining the total forecast for Italy at 5.4 million tonnes.

Portugal

Planting is virtually finished now and has generally gone well despite a few interruptions due to rain. There have been some hot days, but no heatwave and fields are looking good. Surfaces will be measured next week, and we will then know if all the surfaces expected have been planted. Some farmers did not plant this year, but the reduction should not be significant. The forecast of 1.45 million tonnes is unchanged at this stage.

Russia

It is hard to forecast in these environments. On the one hand, there is no reason at the moment to change the forecast of 600,000 tonnes. The transplanting is in progress and about 80% out of 7,500 hectares have been already planted. The weather is favorable, but this is the only one positive aspect for the season. Isolation is already reflected in many areas by the shortages of seeds, equipment and spare parts, specialists and maintenance, plant protection and fertilizers.

Spain

Planting is finishing these days and there are still uncertainties about the total surface. Some rain in Extremadura delayed planting by about a week while in Andalusia the harvest will be starting a month later than usual, in early August. About 10 days ago there was also a heat wave in Extremadura (Up to 34-37°C) and some areas have had to be replanted. More details on surfaces should be available next week and it is expected that the forecast will be reduced from the 2.5 million tonnes current estimate.

Tunisia

As of 30 May, 12,206 hectares have been planted, 35% of which in the Cap Bon region, and the main varieties are Savéra (65%), Heinz, Ercole, Topsport. Due to weather conditions, yields should be lower than expected at 70-80 t/ha (67 t/ha in 2021). A total of 850,000 tonnes is now expected to be processed (with a yield of 70 t/ha).

Turkey

The planting is already finished is the south where competitive crops did not reduce surface planted as much as was expected. Planting is ongoing in the north and some additional late surfaces will be planted after peas, but with lower expected yields and hand harvesting for both fresh and processed market. Consequently, the forecast is upped to 2.1 million tonnes. The weather has generally been cool to date, slowing plant development.

Ukraine

Some planting taking place, but the crop size is now expected to be of 200,000 tonnes at the most.

Other Northern hemisphere countries

Brazil

Transplanting started in February with good climate conditions. The total surface area should be more than 18,000 hectares with more than 1,6 million tonnes of tomatoes. Most of the tomato processors have increased area due to low tomato pulp stocks and increase of the tomato market in Brazil. Tomato prices are around USD 85,00 /metric ton.

California

On May 31st, USDA/NASS released its latest report that states the current projection is for 11,700,000 short tons (10,614,000 metric tonnes) planted on 234,000 acres (94,696 hectares). This would represent a crop averaging 50 t/acre. Over the last three years the industry has averaged 6.9% below the May projection. As we have stated before, the water situation in California continues to be of great concern as the season progresses. Plantings should continue for another few weeks in the state. So far this year we have seen some minor occurrences of curly top, frost, and some heat and windy conditions during planting. Overall, the crop looks ok at this point, but we have a long way to go.

Canada

Planting is well underway and expected to be 100% completed early next week. One area experienced hail earlier in the planting season, but overall, the weather has been favourable to date. Preliminary contract intentions are 544,900 short tons (494,200 metric tonnes).

China

It is estimated that the planting area is 770,000 Mu (51,333 hectares) and the forecast remains 5.8 million tonnes. The price of raw tomato in China is RMB 480-500 yuan/t (67 to 70 euro/t; 72-75 USD/t).

Japan

The estimate has not changed with an expected surface of 470 ha for a volume of tomatoes of 29,000 tonnes.

Other US States

Mid-West production (all canneries) is estimated at around 500,000 short tons (c. 450,000 metric tonnes). In Indiana, planting started on time May 1st, soon got rained out for about 1 week, but with that slower start planting is now at about 60% planted right on schedule with tonnage flow. The first of May was wetter, but the last 3 weeks have been really nice.

Red Gold’s current tonnage volume/planted acres is consistent with last year.

Southern hemisphere

Argentina

The total volume processed was 625,500 tonnes. After rains in South Mendoza at the end of February and some frosts at the end of March, the weather was fair and dry till mid May where the harvest finished. Country yield was 82t/ha and the price around 105 USD/t.

Australia

The Australian processing tomato season finished in the second week of May 2022 and saw a total delivery of approximately 227,214 payable tonnes to processors, of which 3,900 tonnes were organic and 357 tonnes were cherry tomatoes. The early season was disrupted by multiple rain events, resulting in one or more weeks delay for growers by the end of planting. Cool weather in November and December delayed plant maturity for the early part of the season and adding to this, heavy rainfall near the end of January meant that harvest began slightly later than planned, in early February.

Chile

Heavy rain at the end of the season affected the end of the harvest. The exact total volume processed is not yet known but will be around 1 million tonnes.

South Africa

South Africa planned a 2,200-hectare crop for a 166,000 metric tonnes harvest in 2022. About 40% of planned volumes has already been processed. The season will end in October 2022 and currently forecast reduced to 140,000 tonnes crop due to mostly production challenges on the producers' side. The raw tomato price is under pressure to compete with alternative crops in the farming areas.

WPTC World production estimate of tomatoes for processing

(in 1000 metric tonnes)

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Hemisphere	Group	Country	2019 FINAL		2020 FINAL		2021 FINAL		2022 FORECAST		AVERAGE 2019-2021	VARIATION 2022 vs 2021
NORTHERN HEMISPHERE*	MEMBERS IN MEDITERRANEAN AREA (AMITOM)	Algeria**	800	Mem.	800	Misc.	1 000	Misc.	1 000	Est.	867	0%
		Egypt	400	Mem.	420	Mem.	440	Mem.	440	Mem.	420	0%
		France	154	Mem.	136	Mem.	164	Mem.	155	Mem.	151	-5%
		Greece	400	Mem.	420	Mem.	420	Mem.	380	Mem.	413	-10%
		Hungary**	100	Mem.	82	Mem.	115	Mem.	100	Mem.	99	-13%
		Iran**	1 650	Mem.	1 300	Mem.	1 300	Est.	1 300	Est.	1 417	0%
		Israel	200	Mem.	200	Mem.	200	Est.	200	Est.	200	0%
		Italy	4 801	Mem.	5 166	Mem.	6 059	Mem.	5 400	Mem.	5 342	-11%
		Malta**	8	Est.	8	Est.	7	Mem.	7	Mem.	8	0%
		Portugal***	1 410	Mem.	1 262	Mem.	1 596	Mem.	1 450	Mem.	1 423	-9%
		Russia**	552	Mem.	515	Mem.	523	Mem.	600	Mem.	530	15%
		Spain***	3 200	Mem.	2 650	Mem.	3 185	Mem.	2 500	Mem.	3 012	-22%
		Syria**	42	Mem.	42	Est.	40	Est.	40	Est.	41	0%
		Tunisia	815	Mem.	961	Mem.	940	Mem.	850	Mem.	905	-10%
		Turkey	2 200	Mem.	2 500	Mem.	2 200	Mem.	2 100	Mem.	2 300	-5%
		Ukraine**	720	Mem.	800	Mem.	800	Mem.	200	Mem.	773	-75%
		Subtotal AMITOM	**17 452**		**17 262**		**18 989**		**16 722**		**17 901**	**-12%**
		of which members in EU	**10 073**		**9 724**		**11 546**		**9 992**		**10 448**	**-13%**
	OTHER MEMBERS	Brazil	1 200	Mem.	1 421	Mem.	1 525	Mem.	1 600	Mem.	1 382	4,9%
		Canada	434	Mem.	438	Mem.	399	Mem.	494	Mem.	424	24%
		California	10 144	Mem.	10 258	Mem.	9 761	Mem.	10 614	Mem.	10 054	9%
		China	4 600	Mem.	5 800	Mem.	4 800	Mem.	5 800	Mem.	5 067	21%
		Japan	27	Mem.	23	Mem.	28	Mem.	29	Mem.	26	4%
		Subtotal Other Members	**16 405**		**17 940**		**16 513**		**18 537**		**16 953**	**12,3%**
	NON MEMBERS	Bulgaria	40	Misc.	40	Est.	40	Est.	40	Est.	40	0%
		Czech Republic	25	Est.	25	Est.	25	Est.	25	Est.	25	0%
		Morocco	130	Est.	100	Misc.	100	Est.	100	Est.	110	0%
		Poland	175	Misc.	175	Est.	175	Est.	175	Est.	175	0%
		Slovakia	20	Est.	20	Est.	20	Est.	20	Est.	20	0%
		USA excluding California	370	Misc.	463	Misc.	462	Misc.	450	Misc.	432	-3%
		Subtotal Non Members	**760**		**823**		**822**		**810**		**802**	**-1%**
		Total Northen Hemisphere	**34 617**		**36 025**		**36 324**		**36 069**		**35 655**	**-0,7%**
		of which WPTC members	**33 857**		**35 202**		**35 502**		**35 259**		**34 854**	**-0,7%**
		of which European Union	**10 333**		**9 984**		**11 806**		**10 252**		**10 708**	**-13,2%**
SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE*	MEMBERS	Argentina	395	Mem.	454	Mem.	596	Mem.	626	Mem.	482	5,0%
		Australia	212	Mem.	210	Mem.	233	Mem.	227	Mem.	218	-2,6%
		Chile	1 100	Mem.	907	Mem.	1 174	Mem.	1 000	Mem.	1 060	-14,8%
		Peru	100	Mem.	100	Mem.	120	Mem.	125	Mem.	107	4,2%
		South Africa	140	Mem.	150	Mem.	125	Mem.	140	Mem.	138	12,0%
		Subtotal members	**1 947**		**1 821**		**2 248**		**2 118**		**2 005**	**-5,8%**
	NON MEMBERS	Dominican Republic	258	Est.	181	Misc.	227	Misc.	227	Est.	222	0,0%
		India	154	Misc.	152	Misc.	162	Misc.	162	Est.	156	0,0%
		Mexico	40	Est.	40	Est.	40	Est.	40	Est.	40	0,0%
		New Zealand	50	Est.	50	Est.	50	Est.	52	Misc.	50	4,0%
		Senegal	77	Misc.	73	Misc.	73	Est.	73	Est.	74	0,0%
		Thailand	43	Misc.	40	Misc.	40	Misc.	40	Est.	41	0,0%
		Venezuela	20	Est.	20	Est.	20	Est.	20	Est.	20	0,0%
		Subtotal non members	**642**		**556**		**612**		**614**		**603**	**0,3%**
		Total Southen Hemisphere	**2 589**		**2 377**		**2 860**		**2 732**		**2 609**	**-4,5%**
GENERAL TOTAL			**37 206**		**38 402**		**39 184**		**38 801**		**38 264**	**-1,0%**
of which members of the WPTC			35 804		37 023		37 750		37 377		36 859	-1,0%
WPTC as percentage of total production			96%		96%		96%		96%		96%	0,0%

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

** AMITOM associate members

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

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As of May 15, California's tomato processors reported they have or will have contracts for 11.7 million tons of processing tomatoes for 2022. This production estimate is 4.1% lower than the January intentions forecast of 12.2 million tons, but 8.9% above the final 2021 contracted production total. The May contracted acreage of 234,000 is 4.5% below the January intentions forecast of 245,000 acres, but 5,000 acres more than last year's final contracted acreage.

Fresno County remained the top California county in contracted planted acreage for 2022 with 50,000 acres. Yolo, Kings, Merced, and San Joaquin made up the remaining top five counties, accounting for 69.2% percent of the 2022 total contracted planted acreage for California.

Despite low supply and a substantial increase in price, contracted production has dropped significantly compared to the beginning of 2022. Water availability is the main issue facing processing tomato producers, challenged by another year of lower-than-average rainfall and little to no water allocations.

There were a few days of record high temperatures in March, followed by an unexpected freeze in April that hit the northern and central parts of the state. These unusual weather events damaged early plantings in the affected areas. At this point in the season, yield is still projected to be higher than last year, but hot temperatures during the summer months could impact the crop development.

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ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION (CONTRACT AND TOTAL) - CALIFORNIA

Year	Total crop			Contract only			
	Planted	Harvested	Production	Planted	Harvested	Production	
	acres		*tons*	*acres*		*tons*	*metric tons*
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	230,000	228,000	10,775,000	229,000	227,000	10,739,000	9,742,000
2022	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	234,000	(NA)	11,700,000	10,614,000

(NA) Not available.

CALIFORNIA PROCESSING TOMATOES BY COUNTY

County	Contracted and Open Market - 2021 Crop				2022 Crop
	Area planted	Area harvested	Yield per acre	Production [1]	Contracted acres
	acres		tons		
Butte	700	700	26.0	18,200	860
Colusa	13,400	13,200	49.5	652,900	13,300
Contra Costa	2,600	2,600	64.7	168,200	3,000
Fresno	62,900	62,700	45.2	2,832,000	50,000
Glenn	1,100	1,100	46.4	51,000	630
Imperial	300	300	26.2	7,870	0
Kern	8,000	8,000	56.4	451,000	10,200
Kings	29,900	29,800	46.9	1,396,000	27,000
Madera	3,700	3,700	47.2	174,600	5,000
Merced	24,900	24,900	46.5	1,157,000	27,000
Monterey	0	0	--	0	860
Sacramento	4,500	4,500	36.4	163,900	4,100
San Benito [2]	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	760
San Joaquin	16,100	14,900	43.7	650,700	21,000
Solano	9,500	9,500	54.1	513,700	11,700
Stanislaus	7,200	7,000	48.2	337,700	8,600
Sutter	12,000	12,000	45.0	539,400	10,200
Tehama	0	0	--	0	270
Tulare [2]	700	700	71.3	49,900	(D)
Yolo	31,800	31,700	49.7	1,576,000	37,000
Other Counties [2]	700	700	49.7	34,811	2,520
Total	230,000	228,000	47.3	10,774,881	234,000

[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:
2021: San Benito and Santa Clara
2022: Santa Clara and Tulare

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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