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WPTC CROP UPDATE AS OF 27 JANUARY 2023

AMITOM COUNTRIES

ALGERIA

The current estimate is for about a total of 2.5 to 2.7 million tonnes of tomatoes to be grown with 50 to 60% of the total volume to be processed, thus a volume of approximately 1.35 million tonnes.

EGYPT

The harvest is at the peak of the winter crop and processing is in full capacity, now the supply comes from the upper Egypt governorates. Quality looks good in terms of brix and colour. The forecast for 2023 is 500,000 tonnes.

FRANCE

The current estimate is for about 150,000 tonnes to be processed in 2023 but more information will be available after a first meeting on 10 February.

GREECE

As alternative crops were not as profitable as expected in 2022, processors hope to be able to contract larger surfaces in 2023 to achieve a production of 420,000 tonnes. Current offers are for guaranteed price of 130 to 140 euros per tonne delivered.

HUNGARY

The current expectations are for 100,000 tonnes. The price will be higher than in 2022.

ITALY

The current estimate is for 5.7 million tonnes to be contracted. In the South, the reservoirs are full so everyone is optimistic there will be enough water while in the North more snow is still needed to guarantee there will be enough water for the season. Price negotiations have started but there are no agreements yet: the initial offer by processors 126 euros per tonne ex field was rejected by POs who requested 155 euros.

PORTUGAL

There was a lot of rain so water should not be an issue for this crop. Despite limited cost increases, growers want to benefit from the good market conditions and are asking for higher contract prices. There is no price agreement yet and the deadline for reporting contracts is being extended to mid-March probably (mid-February before). The current estimate is between 1.4 and 1.5 million tonnes.

RUSSIA

The surface planted could be up to 8,000 hectares in the traditional tomato regions of Nalchik KBR, Astrakhan, Volgograd and 650,000 tonnes of tomatoes processed, a repeat of the previous result. These plans could however be changed.

SPAIN

The water availability has improved in Extremadura although it remains lower than in previous years, probably at 80% of needs if it rains. In Andalusia however, the situation is worst than last year with even less water in the reservoirs than in 2022. It is therefore difficult to make a forecast now but if Andalusia remains down a production of about 2.6 million tonnes can be expected. Prices should be known by 14 February when contracts must be reported. Farmers are asking for a price increase (165 euros currently).

TUNISIA

Due to the very serious drought the Ministry of Agriculture has forbidden the planting of seasonal vegetable crop to favour arable crop on most irrigated land, except for some large private land in the North and Centre of the country. The current estimate of planting 12,000 hectares to process 600,000 tonnes seems highly optimistic.

TURKEY

As farmers in the south did not get the return they expected from cotton in 2022, they are more keen to plant tomatoes so the region should recover the volumes lost. Negotiations will start when the large processing companies have given their price offers.

	2021 FINAL	2022 forecast (15 March 2022)	2022 FINAL	2023 forecast (23 January 2023)
Algeria*	1 000	1 000	1 200	1 350
Egypt	440	440	456	500
France	164	170	142	150
Greece	420	380	340	420
Hungary	115	100	80	100
Iran*	1 300	1 300	1 300	1 300
Israel	200	200	200	200
Italy	6 059	5 400	5 476	5 700
Malta	7	8	5	8
Portugal	1 596	1 450	1 414	1 450
Russia	523	600	638	650
Spain	3 185	2 500	2 125	2 600
Syria	40	40	40	40
Turkey	940	870	689	600
Turkey	2 200	1 950	2 350	2 350
Ukraine	800	500	120	120
Subtotal AMITOM	18 989	16 908	16 575	17 538

OTHER NORTHERN HEMISPHERE COUNTRIES

CALIFORNIA

According to the 2023 California Processing Tomato Report released by NASS on 25 January (see attachment), as of January, California's tomato processors reported they have, or will have, contracts for 12.4 million short tons (11.249 million metric tonnes) in 2023, which is an increase of 18% compared to 10.5 million contracted short tons (9.5 million metric tonnes) forecast in the August 2022 California Processing Tomato Report. Processors estimate that the contracted production for 2023 will come from 248,000 acres, generating an average yield of 50.0 short tons per acre (c.113 t/ha). The contracted planted acreage forecast is 8% higher than the 2022 acreage of 229,000 reported under contract in August.

SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE COUNTRIES

ARGENTINA

The harvest in San Juan has started on 3-5 January with acceptable yields around 100 t/ha. The crops look good in a dry season.

The total area of the country is 8,200 ha with an initial forecast of 665,000 tonnes.

AUSTRALIA

Australia has experienced a difficult season so far, with consistent rainfall affecting every growing region. Some early season plantings were wiped out by flooding events in October and the early season weather has been cold, with several intense wind and rain events further causing delays in the planting schedule.

National volumes have been significantly reduced, with a total of 1,631 ha planted for an estimated 139,400 tonnes of processing tomatoes.

The estimated starting date for harvest is the 15th of February.

CHILE

The harvest started this week, a few days before normal. The new forecast is 1.15 million tonnes, lower than the previous forecast from last October. This reduction is mainly due to the heat waves which occurred during last December.

SOUTH AFRICA

A harvest of 152 000 tonnes on 2,000 ha is planned in 2023.

The summer production already started in January and will end in April. The crop yields are currently set for 100 t/ha. Currently a positive season with dry field conditions, which is good for harvesting.

The winter production areas are 25% in the planting phase and the winter season will start in April and end in September 2023. The average winter production yield expected is about 70-75 t/ha.

There are also processors who did not contract and thus risk the raw supply requirement to the open market availability.



2023 California Processing Tomato Report

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The USDA-NASS Pacific Regional Office surveyed California’s tomato processors for their intended contract acreage and tonnage for the upcoming 2023 season. The data reported by processors was either tonnage with derived acreage, or acreage with derived tonnage.

This early processing tomato estimate is funded by the California League of Food Producers.

INTENDED AND FINAL HARVESTED CONTRACTED PRODUCTION

Year	January 1	Final	Difference
	Thousand tons		
2006	11,600	10,024	-1,576
2007	12,000	11,965	-35
2008	11,800	11,691	-109
2009	13,300	13,148	-152
2010	12,600	12,212	-388
2011	12,600	11,900	-700
2012	12,700	12,540	-160
2013	13,000	11,900	-1,100
2014	13,500	13,965	+465
2015	15,000	14,307	-693
2016	13,200	12,527	-673
2017	11,600	10,407	-1,193
2018	12,000	11,994	-6
2019	12,100	11,130	-970
2020	12,000	11,312	-688
2021	12,100	10,739	-1,361
2022 ¹	12,200	(NA)	(NA)
2023	12,400	(NA)	(NA)

¹ Final production will be released in the Vegetables Annual Summary on February 15, 2023.
(NA) Not available.

California Tomato Acreage and Production

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 ^{1 2}	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	229,000	224,000	10,500,000	9,525,000
2023	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	248,000	(NA)	12,400,000	11,249,000

¹ Data for 2022 was carried forward from the California Processing Tomato Report, published on August 30, 2022.

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