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# 2019 California Processing Tomato Report

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As of May 15, California's tomato processors reported they have or will have contracts for 12.1 million tons of processing tomatoes for 2019. This production is unchanged from the January intentions forecast and 0.8 percent above the final 2018 contracted production total. The May contracted acreage of 235,000 is also unchanged from the January intentions forecast and equal to last year's final contracted acreage.

Rainy weather and cooler temperatures delayed planting and slowed crop growth in the early part of the 2019 season. At this point in time, harvest is expected to be delayed about a week in some areas, but could catch up with enough sun and summer heat. In other areas, the crop was developing on schedule. Crop quality was reported to be normal to very good, with minimal disease or pest issues.

Fresno County remains the top California County in contracted planted acreage for 2019 with 76,700 acres. Yolo, Kings, Merced, and San Joaquin make up the remaining top five counties, accounting for 74 percent of the 2019 total contracted planted acreage for California.

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## ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION (CONTRACT AND TOTAL) - CALIFORNIA

Year	Total crop			Contract only			
	Planted acres	Harvested acres	Production tons	Planted acres	Harvested acres	Production	
						Tons	Metric tons
1995	331,000	317,000	10,606,000	329,000	315,000	10,473,000	9,501,000
1996	318,000	313,000	10,659,000	315,000	310,000	10,540,000	9,562,000
1997	270,000	260,000	9,342,000	267,000	257,000	9,242,000	8,384,000
1998	282,000	280,000	8,893,000	280,000	278,000	8,846,000	8,025,000
1999	337,000	329,000	12,239,000	332,000	324,000	11,990,000	10,877,000
2000	289,000	271,000	10,287,000	285,000	267,000	10,131,000	9,191,000
2001	258,000	254,000	8,640,000	255,000	251,000	8,564,000	7,769,000
2002	296,000	291,000	11,056,000	290,000	285,000	10,806,000	9,803,000
2003	289,000	274,000	9,252,000	286,000	271,000	9,141,000	8,293,000
2004	301,000	281,000	11,672,000	293,000	273,000	11,350,000	9,979,000
2005	267,000	264,000	9,600,000	263,000	260,000	9,440,000	8,564,000
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	289,000	285,000	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	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	235,000	(NA)	12,100,000	10,977,000

(NA) Not available.

**CALIFORNIA PROCESSING TOMATOES BY COUNTY**

County	Contracted and Open Market - 2018 Crop				2019 Contracted acres
	Area planted	Area harvested	Yield per acre	Production <sup>1/</sup>	
	Acres		Tons		
Butte	700	650	52.15	33,900	<sup>2/</sup>
Colusa	13,900	13,900	48.93	680,100	11,800
Contra Costa	3,700	3,700	48.03	177,700	3,600
Fresno	78,300	77,000	55.42	4,267,300	76,700
Glenn	1,200	1,170	42.05	49,200	<sup>2/</sup>
Kern	6,100	6,000	61.72	370,300	5,800
Kings	26,000	25,700	59.93	1,540,200	26,100
Merced	22,300	21,900	52.56	1,151,000	21,200
Sacramento	1,300	1,280	48.20	61,700	1,400
San Joaquin	19,200	18,800	47.88	900,200	18,500
Solano	9,800	9,800	44.79	438,900	9,400
Stanislaus	7,000	6,900	41.88	289,000	7,300
Sutter	10,900	10,900	42.50	463,300	10,500
Yolo	34,000	31,800	47.40	1,507,400	32,100
Other Counties <sup>2/</sup>	6,600	6,500	54.46	353,963	10,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>241,000</b>	<b>236,000</b>	<b>52.05</b>	<b>12,284,163</b>	<b>235,000</b>

<sup>1/</sup> On the basis of "paid for tonnage" purchased from growers as reported by processors, dockage not included.

<sup>2/</sup> To avoid disclosure of individual operations, "Other Counties" includes:  
 2018: Madera, San Benito, Santa Clara and Tulare  
 2019: Butte, Glenn, Madera, San Benito, Santa Clara and Tulare

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