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2020 PROCESSING TOMATO PRODUCTION

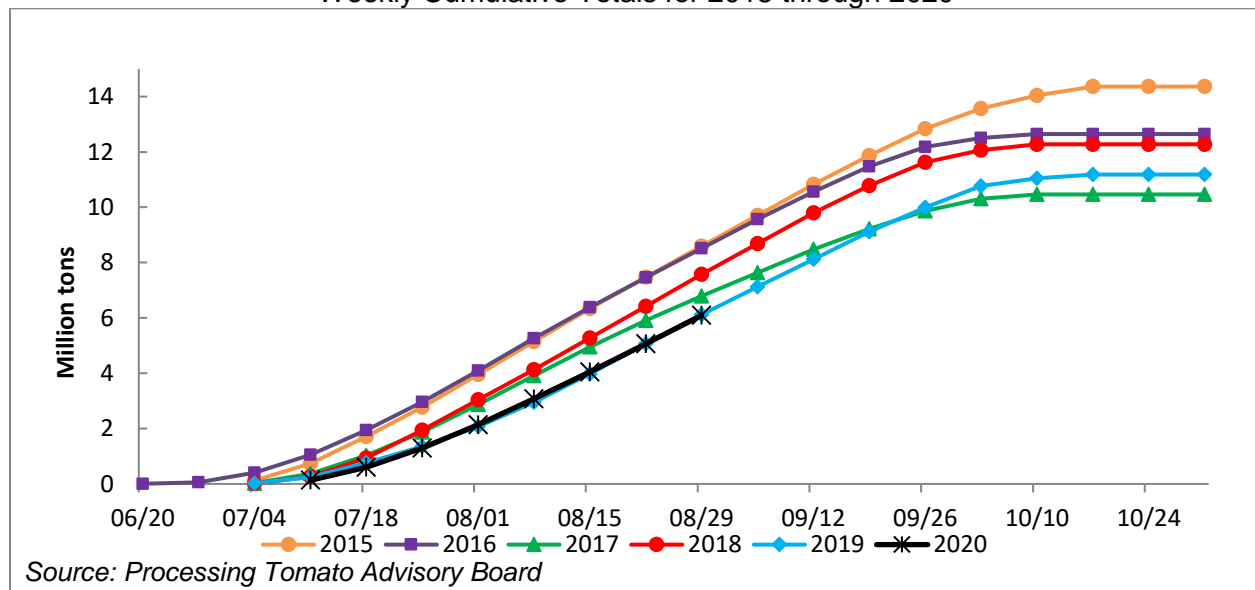
Contracted production for California processing tomatoes is forecast at 11.4 million tons, averaging 49.6 tons per acre. The current forecasted production is 2.4 percent above last year's contracted production, and 5.0 percent below the May forecast. The projected harvested acreage of tomatoes grown under contract is 230,000 acres, an increase of 1.3 percent compared to 2019.

There were no significant issues with planting, but higher than average temperatures through most of summer have lowered expected yields, especially in the early crop. Inconsistent weather patterns during the growing season caused short interruptions in the flow of ripe tomatoes to the processor. Reports on crop quality varied by region. Due to a lack of rain this year, water availability continues to be a concern. However, pest and disease pressure was low.

Harvest began the second week of July with a slow start, but caught up by early August. The Processing Tomato Advisory Board has published shipments through August 22, 2020, which were running about the same as those of 2019. Since then, wildfires across the State have impacted harvest activities and transportation at a critical point in the season.

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California's Harvested Processing Tomatoes
Weekly Cumulative Totals for 2015 through 2020



ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION (CONTRACT AND TOTAL) - CALIFORNIA

Year	Total crop				Contract only				
	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production	Production
	acres	acres	tons/acre	tons	acres	acres	tons/acre	tons	metric tons
2006	283,000	282,000	35.8	10,104,000	280,000	279,000	35.9	10,024,000	9,094,000
2007	301,000	296,000	40.8	12,082,000	298,000	293,000	41.0	11,965,000	10,854,000
2008	281,000	279,000	42.4	11,822,000	278,000	276,000	42.0	11,691,000	10,606,000
2009	312,000	308,000	43.2	13,314,000	308,000	304,000	43.3	13,148,000	11,928,000
2010	271,000	270,000	45.5	12,297,000	269,000	268,000	45.6	12,212,000	11,079,000
2011	255,000	250,000	47.8	11,941,000	254,000	249,000	47.8	11,900,000	10,796,000
2012	260,000	258,000	49.0	12,640,000	258,000	256,000	49.0	12,540,000	11,376,000
2013	263,000	260,000	46.5	12,100,000	259,000	256,000	48.8	11,900,000	10,796,000
2014	292,000	289,000	48.5	14,010,000	291,000	288,000	49.0	13,965,000	12,669,000
2015	299,000	296,000	48.5	14,361,000	297,000	295,000	48.5	14,307,000	12,979,000
2016	262,000	258,000	49.0	12,647,000	260,000	256,000	48.9	12,527,000	11,364,000
2017	230,000	222,000	47.1	10,464,000	229,000	221,000	47.1	10,407,000	9,441,000
2018	241,000	236,000	52.1	12,284,000	235,000	230,000	52.1	11,994,000	10,881,000
2019	235,000	228,000	49.1	11,186,000	234,000	227,000	49.0	11,130,000	10,097,000
2020	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	234,000	230,000	49.6	11,400,000	10,342,000

(NA) Not available.

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