



WORLD PROCESSING TOMATO COUNCIL

WPTC Crop update as of 2 July 2021

AMITOM countries

Algeria

The processing season started on 25 July in 13 main factories with a daily total capacity of 30,000 tonnes. The surface planted with tomatoes this year is estimated at 26,500 hectares, up from 24,500 hectares in 2020 as the government is giving subsidies to growers and processors to encourage local production to reduce the reliance on imported paste.

Egypt

The weather is favourable and there is no issue with water availability or diseases. The forecast remains unchanged.

France

The total surfaces planted for the 2021 season are 2,555 hectares, 566 of which are organic, of a total volume expected of 185,000 tonnes (26,000 tonnes of organic). Growing conditions have been good in June, except for some localised storms that damaged small surfaces.

Greece

Last week a hailstorm in the centre hit about 100 hectares but no significant damage has been reported. The current heatwave however with peaks of 43-44°C could have some detrimental effect on volumes. The forecast is maintained for the time being but could be reduced. Harvest will start mid-July in the South and at the end of the month in the Centre.

Hungary

The unusually cold April and May was followed by warm records in June, so plants are developing well. The forecast remains 100,000 tonnes.

Italy

North- Transplanting was finished at the end of June on the total surfaces contracted minus 1 or 2% only. The fields have recovered from the early difficult conditions thanks to good weather in June, with right temperatures during the day and the night and crop development is good. Temperatures are currently high. Not many issues are reported in the fields except some red mites and Alternaria but nothing dramatic. Harvest will start mid July for small “datterini” tomatoes and end July for the main crop. There is some concern that there could be large volumes ripening at the same time at the start of August. Average yields of 70 t/ha are expected for the early crop and the forecast remains 2.8 million tonnes.

South- The first results of the satellite survey confirm a surface of 32,000 hectares planted with tomatoes. At a standard yield, it would mean a total production of 2.7 million tonnes approximately. Following low temperatures in March and April, the situation has been good in recent weeks. In recent

days, temperatures have been very high at over 40°C so some flower abortion may happen. The two major issues are the risk of grouped maturation during the first three weeks in August and the availability of packaging materials (cans, plastic) if demand exceeds the standard requirements. The total forecast for Italy is raised from 5.4 to 5.5 million tonnes.

Portugal

The weather in June has been quite stable with some high heat during the last couple of weeks which did not pose any issues. Temperatures are now favourable to good fruit maturation and the fields are looking good. Harvest should start in the last few days of July but mostly during the first week of August. The forecast remains unchanged.

Russia

The weather is favourable at the moment in Astrakhan region with a too rainy week in KBR. Expecting harvesting to start at the beginning of August. The forecast remains 550,000 tonnes.

Spain

Three weeks ago, storms and hail hit Extremadura causing the loss of 150 hectares and damages to a further 300-400 hectares. Some bacteriosis and blight are developing but in general a good crop is still expected. Harvest should start around 10 July in Andalusia and at the end of July in Extremadura. The total forecast remains unchanged at 3.1 million tonnes.

Ukraine

The forecast remains unchanged despite a challenging season so far.

Turkey

It rained several days per week during 2 to 3 weeks. This delayed planting and slowed plant development. Some localised hailstorms in the south did not damage large areas. It is now very hot. The harvest should be slightly late and should start during the first week of August in the north. Overall yields should be better than last year, and the forecast remains 2.1 million tonnes.

Other countries

Brazil

The season is going well with good development and good climate conditions. About 14,500 hectares were planted and an average of more than 90 t/ha is expected which means a total production of 1.3 million tonnes. This year some tomato pulp processors reactivated factories to supply internal market instead importing tomato pulp most because of the Real vs USD exchange rate.

California

Organic started on 24 June and conventional harvest will begin on Monday 5 July. So far this year the crop looks to be on schedule. During the month of June California experienced warmer than historical temperatures.

China

The forecast remains 4.8 million tonnes.

Japan

Growth is going well so far for most areas in Japan. The forecast remains as before at 32,000 tonnes.

South Africa

The forecast has been reduced to 130,000 tonnes, of which 40,000 tonnes in the Lutzville area and 90,000 tonnes in the Musina Area.

USA Outside California

Tomato planting in the Midwest is now complete. We recently had a small amount of crop damage related to thunderstorms. This is normal for our area and at this time too early to adjust previous forecast of 500,000 short tons (453,000 metric tonnes) and 14,700 acres (59,400 hectares).



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

Date of last update: 02/07/2021

		2019		2020		2021		AVERAGE	VARIATION	
		FINAL		FINAL		FORECAST		2018-2020	2021 vs 2020	
NORTHERN HEMISPHERE*	MEMBERS IN MEDITERRANEAN AREA (AMITOM)	Algeria**	800	Mem.	800	Est.	800	Est.	700	0%
		Egypt	400	Mem.	420	Mem.	440	Mem.	407	5%
		France	154	Mem.	136	Mem.	180	Mem.	143	32%
		Greece	400	Mem.	420	Mem.	460	Mem.	380	10%
		Hungary**	100	Mem.	82	Mem.	100	Mem.	96	22%
		Iran**	1 650	Mem.	1 300	Mem.	1 300	Est.	1 233	0%
		Israel	200	Mem.	200	Mem.	200	Est.	200	0%
		Italy	4 801	Mem.	5 166	Mem.	5 500	Mem.	4 872	6%
		Malta**	8	Est.	8	Est.	8	Est.	8	0%
		Portugal***	1 410	Mem.	1 262	Mem.	1 400	Mem.	1 290	11%
		Russia**	552	Mem.	515	Mem.	550	Mem.	521	7%
		Spain***	3 200	Mem.	2 650	Mem.	3 100	Mem.	2 883	17%
		Syria**	42	Mem.	42	Est.	40	Est.	42	-5%
		Tunisia	815	Mem.	961	Mem.	1 000	Mem.	798	4%
		Turkey	2 200	Mem.	2 500	Mem.	2 100	Mem.	2 000	-16%
Ukraine**	720	Mem.	800	Mem.	850	Mem.	752	6%		
Subtotal AMITOM		17 452		17 262		18 028		16 078	4%	
of which members in EU		10 073		9 724		10 748		10 033	10%	
NORTHERN HEMISPHERE*	OTHER MEMBERS	Brazil	1 200	Mem.	1 421	Mem.	1 300	Mem.	1 340	-8,5%
		Canada	434	Mem.	438	Mem.	450	Mem.	441	3%
		California	10 144	Mem.	10 258	Mem.	10 523	Mem.	10 513	3%
		China	4 600	Mem.	5 800	Mem.	4 800	Mem.	4 733	-17%
		Japan	27	Mem.	23	Mem.	32	Mem.	26	39%
		Subtotal Other Members	16 405		17 940		17 105		17 054	-4,7%
NORTHERN HEMISPHERE*	NON MEMBERS	Bulgaria	40	Misc.	40	Est.	40	Est.	37	0%
		Czech Republic	25	Misc.	25	Est.	25	Est.	25	0%
		Morocco	130	Est.	100	Misc.	100	Est.	120	0%
		Poland	175	Misc.	175	Est.	175	Est.	183	0%
		Slovakia	20	Est.	20	Est.	20	Est.	20	0%
		USA excluding California	370	Misc.	463	Misc.	453	Misc.	414	-2%
		Subtotal Non Members	760		823		813		799	-1%
Total Northern Hemisphere		34 617		36 025		35 946		34 178	-0,2%	
of which WPTC members		33 857		35 202		35 133		33 378	-0,2%	
of which European Union		10 333		9 984		11 008		9 937	10,3%	
SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE*	MEMBERS	Argentina	395	Mem.	454	Mem.	595	Mem.	437	31,1%
		Australia	212	Mem.	210	Mem.	230	Mem.	208	9,5%
		Chile	1 100	Mem.	907	Mem.	1 174	Mem.	1 130	29,4%
		Peru	100	Mem.	100	Mem.	120	Mem.	103	20,0%
		South Africa	140	Mem.	150	Mem.	130	Mem.	152	-13,3%
		Subtotal members	1 947		1 821		2 249		1 956	23,5%
	NON MEMBERS	Dominican Republic	258	Est.	181	Misc.	227	Misc.	232	25,4%
		India	154	Misc.	152	Misc.	155	Misc.	150	2,0%
		Mexico	40	Est.	40	Est.	40	Est.	40	0,0%
		New Zealand	50	Est.	50	Est.	50	Est.	50	0,0%
		Senegal	77	Misc.	73	Misc.	73	Est.	68	0,0%
		Thailand	43	Misc.	40	Misc.	40	Misc.	42	0,0%
Venezuela	20	Est.	20	Est.	20	Est.	20	0,0%		
Subtotal non members	642		556		605		601	8,8%		
Total Southern Hemisphere		2 589		2 377		2 854		2 558	20,1%	
GENERAL TOTAL		37 206		38 402		38 800		36 735	1,0%	
of which members of the WPTC		35 804		37 023		37 382		35 335	1,0%	
WPTC as percentage of total production		96%		96%		96%		96%	-0,1%	

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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