

The 2022 processing season in the AMITOM countries

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Who is AMITOM



AMITOM now has full Members in eight countries, and Associate Members in six countries

What is our Mission

Establish ongoing global and cross-agency relationships

Collect reliable information about the sector

Ensure the flow of information between all players in the sector

Gather with world congresses

Encourage agronomic and technological research

Increase consumption

Participate in international standards

Collect reliable information about the sector

To collect from its members and other sources reliable information on the situation of the tomato processing industry worldwide. For this mission, the collection of crop forecasts, through regular survey amongst members, are **precious** indicators

Ensure the flow of information between all players in the sector

To ensure the exchange of information amongst everyone involved in the industry. Besides the exchange between its members, AMITOM launched the bilingual monthly magazine Tomato News in 1990. It remains the major shareholder of the a free information website launched in 2018 which is recognised as the best source of information for and about the global tomato processing industry. (+1,000 Hits for the Crop Updates)

What use is it?

Let's Look at 2005

Italy	5,300
Spain	2,850
Turkey	1,626
Portugal	1,000
Iran	2,124
Ukraine	
Tunisia	735
Algeria	150
Russia	
Greece	850
Egypt	
Israel	229
France	157
Hungary	71
Syria	110
Malta	10
S/Total AMITOM	15,260

How did we start?

A smaller 2022 crop expected by AMITOM

As of 24 February 2022, AMITOM members estimate that they will process 17.4 million tonnes of tomatoes in 2022, an **8%** reduction from the final volume of 19 million tonnes processed in 2021. For the 7 EU countries, the forecast is just over 10 million tonnes, 13% less than the 11.5 million tonnes processed in 2021.

France

“it is difficult for the processors to contract the higher volumes they would like to process in this part of France this year. Nevertheless, in all the country, it seems to be the same thing because also of the **competitiveness of alternative crops**”

Greece

“The situation is still unclear but while the acreage should be similar to last year in the South there are serious issues in the Centre with farmer **favouring alternative crops**”

Italy

“It is expected that the surfaces will be reduced due to increased costs and **alternative crops**. The current forecast is 2.75 million tonnes, a 10% reduction”

“In the South, there too a 10% reduction in volume is expected”

“The total production for Italy should therefore decrease by **10%** compared to 2021 to 5.4 million tonnes”.

Hungary

“It is difficult for processors to contract all the surface they want due to **alternative crops**”

Portugal

“A slightly lower crop than in 2021 is expected at between 1.4 and 1.5 million tonnes as yields last year were exceptional and it is difficult for processors to get all surfaces required due to **competitive crops**”

Russia

“The current plans are for a surface of up to 7,500 hectares to be planted for 600,000 tonnes of tomatoes to be processed.”

Turkey

“The strong **competition with cotton** is also at play. Consequently, it is expected that the surfaces planted with tomatoes will decrease by 30 to 40% in the south,”

Spain

“At the moment, the expectations are for a dramatic reduction of volumes of - 60 % in Andalusia and - 30% in Extremadura due to the lack of water. There is a high uncertainty regarding the actual surface that will be planted as final decisions will depend on water availability, and this issue is not yet clear. First estimations point to **2.2 million tonnes**,

In Andalusia growers **prefer planting cotton** which represent a lower risk than tomatoes. .”

Ukraine

“The expectation is for a volume of **900,000** tonnes to be processed this season,”

According to information exchanged by its members during its general assembly on 4 April, the 2022 forecast for the AMITOM countries currently stands at 16.8 million tonnes. This forecast represents a reduction of 11% compared with the 19 million tonnes processed in 2021, but it includes **500,000 tonnes to be processed in Ukraine**, which is now in serious doubt, so total production will probably be lowered further.

How did we do

Final 2022 Numbers

	2022 Final	VARIATION 2022 vs 2021
Algeria*	N/A	n/a
Egypt	440	0%
France	142	-13%
Greece	340	-19%
Hungary**	80	-30%
Iran*	N/A	n/a
Israel	200	0%
Italy	5,480	-10%
Malta**	7	0%
Portugal***	1,330	-17%
Russia**	638	22%
Spain***	2,100	-34%
Syria**	40	0%
Tunisia	610	-35%
Turkey	2,350	7%
Ukraine**	120	-85%
Subtotal AMITOM	13,877	-27%

Thank You