



WORLD PROCESSING TOMATO COUNCIL

Crop update as of 1 June 2017

AMITOM countries

EU countries:

France

Planting should be finished by 10 June both in the south-east and the south-west. Overall, after a few difficult weeks due to unfavourable weather (wind, rain and cold), everything is now in order. The ten days' delay during planting could be compensated by the hot weather experienced now. Some storms in the south-west are still disrupting planting but it should not have much influence. Final surfaces are not yet available but should be close to 2,500 hectares for a contracted volume of 190,000 tonnes.

Greece

The weather so far has been variable with a cold spring, then some rains and hailstorms. Transplanting is now finished. The forecast is reduced to 460,000 tonnes with a higher peak expected. The harvest could start early in the south, probably during the second week of July.

Italy

The forecast is confirmed at 5 million tonnes with 2.5 million tonnes in the south and 2.5 million tonnes in the north where the surfaces planted are slightly higher than initially expected but where average yields could be reduced due to some weather issues.

Portugal

The total planted surface has been reported at 19,200 ha (100 ha less than in 2016, official number to be available in July). A total of 1.7 million tonnes have been contracted, of which 65,000 tonnes with Spanish processors, so the total volume to be processed in Portugal should be c. 1.65 million tonnes. Conditions have generally been good so far, despite some rains, and the crop looks healthy and early meaning that the harvest could start during the third week of July.

Spain

In Extremadura, all plantings were on schedule as there was no interruption due to rain. The weather during all spring was pretty hot with some storms which destroyed 150 hectares, although there were no other big damages. In the last two weeks there were several days of very high temperatures at about 37-38°C but as nights were cool, no damages to flowers have been reported. The harvest should start early, around 15-20 July.

In Andalusia, conditions have remained fine so far with no special issue to report. The harvest should start during the first week of July.

The total forecast is confirmed at 3.2 million tonnes.

Outside the EU:

Tunisia

Transplanting is now nearly finished in all regions with 13,400 hectares out of 13,500 planted as of 30 May (15,400 ha were planted in 2016). Until the end of May, weather conditions have remained favourable for plants and fruits development. The harvest should start during the first week of July 2017 in the Centre and Cap Bon regions, and in the second half of the month in the north-west.

Total production should be 900,000 tonnes of which 630,000 tonnes for paste and 20,000 tonnes for canned production, with a volume of c. 100,000 tonnes of tomato paste and 13,000 tonnes of canned tomatoes expected. Tomato price is 147 TND field gate (54.5 €/t).

Turkey

The planting in Turkey looks slightly higher than previously thought but this is with more tomatoes being planted outside of contracts. This implies the farmers feel they will get a good spot price for the raw material in season. However, the total surface area is still expected to be lower than last year. The development, however, is better than last year despite cool and wet weather. Right now, there is no change from the last forecast of 2 million tonnes.

Ukraine

The weather was good until early May, then became cold with some rain and hail, which fortunately did not cause any damages, and is now good and hot. Transplanting is finishing this week. The forecast is maintained at 650,000 tonnes.

Other WPTC countries

Argentina

The final production in Argentina was 488,000 tonnes with a record yield of 79 t/ha. The final number was the second historic harvest (2014 was 535,000 tonnes). The reason of this was the result of the impact of the transference of technology provided by the Tomato 2000 Association combined with good climatic conditions.

Australia

The final tonnes were 184,695 tonnes. The season came to an abrupt end on 17 May 2017 following rain events. Approximately 111 ha of crop remained unharvested at the end of the season due to the effect of the rain which fell in late April.

California

Planting is basically done at this time with just a few acres left. The southern growing area of the state looks good at this time. The northern part of the state did have some very wet/delayed planting conditions due to the constant rains from Feb-April. We will have to wait and see how this area develops leading up to harvest. NASS released its revised estimate to 11.8 million short tons (10.7 million metric tonnes). This is up 200,000 short tons from the January estimate on the same acreage. The 50.2 tons per acre (112.8 metric tonne per hectare) would be a record yield. Time will tell.

Canada

The crop estimate for 2017 is slightly down from 2016. OPVG has not received all processor's contract tonnage to date, but estimate the total at approximately 490,000 short tons (445,000 metric tonnes). One processor's tonnage is being significantly reduced while all the others individual tonnage is slightly up. There were some delays in planting due to excessive rainfall, but generally a positive outlook for the growing season.

Chile

The Chilean season this year was according our last estimation around 1.08 million tonnes. The factories worked until the end of April, with in general good weather conditions. There was only light rain during at the end of April without any damage in the tomato yields for the farmers. The average yield was around 93 t/ha. Rains started in mid-May, with cold temperatures which was very good for snow accumulations in the Andes (this is earlier than usual).

China

Updated information will be added by 6 June.

Japan

The forecast is 31,000 tonnes for a surface of approximately 450 hectares.

Peru

The harvest ended with a total crop of 110,000 tonnes.

South Africa

The harvesting season in the Western Cape is almost completed. The yields and quality was good. The harvesting in the North Province has just started. The projection for the current crop is about 150,000 tonnes.

Other countries

Other US States

Planting is behind schedule due to a very wet weather pattern in the Midwest and in Pennsylvania/New Jersey also. The forecast for this week is good so hopefully this can get caught up. The crop that is planted looks in good shape. The total acreage should remain as planned with the total volume forecast unchanged at 500,000 short tonnes (450,000 metric tonnes).

Poland

The spring was late, wet and cold with some night frosts which resulted in very limited transplanting until the 10th of May. The weather now is optimal with about 30°C but with small rain every 3 days, so still some risk. The forecast remains 180,000 tonnes from 3,400 hectares.



California Processing Tomato Report



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As of May 15, California's tomato processors reported they have or will have contracts for 11.8 million tons of processing tomatoes for 2017. This production is a 1.7 percent increase from the January intentions forecast and a 5.8 percent decrease from the final contracted production total from last year.

The May contracted acreage of 235,000 is unchanged from the January intentions forecast and 9.6 percent below last year's final contracted acreage.

Fresno County remains the top California County in contracted planted acreage for 2017 with 79,800 acres. Yolo, Kings, San Joaquin, and Merced make up the remaining top five counties for contracted planted acreage. These counties make up 76 percent of the 2017 total contracted planted acreage for California.

After five years of drought, California experienced a wet winter and spring with precipitation ranging between 200% of normal in northern California and 150% of normal in Southern California. The wet weather eased drought concerns and increased available surface water from the state and federal water projects. It did however, lead to rain delays and flooded fields early in the planting season and a lag in crop maturity compared to 2016. Despite these issues, the crop is progressing well and harvest is expected to be on schedule with the San Joaquin Valley starting in early July. The harvest season is expected to last through mid-October.

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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
2000	289,000	271,000	10,286,500	285,000	267,000	10,131,000	9,190,691
2001	258,000	254,000	8,640,140	255,000	251,000	8,563,570	7,768,742
2002	296,000	291,000	11,056,000	290,000	285,000	10,806,400	9,803,404
2003	289,000	274,000	9,252,000	286,000	271,000	9,141,000	8,292,578
2004	301,000	281,000	11,672,000	293,000	273,000	11,000,000	9,979,035
2005	267,000	264,000	9,600,000	263,000	260,000	9,440,000	8,563,826
2006	283,000	282,000	10,104,000	280,000	279,000	10,024,000	9,093,622
2007	301,000	296,000	12,082,000	298,000	293,000	11,965,000	10,854,468
2008	281,000	279,000	11,822,000	278,000	276,000	11,691,000	10,605,900
2009	312,000	308,000	13,314,000	308,000	304,000	13,148,000	11,927,668
2010	271,000	270,000	12,297,000	269,000	268,000	12,212,000	11,078,543
2011	255,000	250,000	11,941,000	254,000	249,000	11,900,000	10,795,501
2012	260,000	258,000	12,640,000	258,000	256,000	12,540,000	11,376,100
2013	263,000	260,000	12,100,000	259,000	256,000	11,900,000	10,795,501
2014	292,000	289,000	14,010,000	289,000	285,000	13,965,000	12,668,839
2015	299,000	296,000	14,361,000	297,000	295,000	14,307,000	12,979,096
2016	262,000	258,000	12,647,000	260,000	256,000	12,527,000	11,364,306
2017	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	235,000	(NA)	11,800,000	10,704,783

(NA) Not available.



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

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		2014	2015	2016	2017	AVERAGE	VARIATION				
		FINAL	FINAL	FINAL	FORECAST	2014-2016	2017 vs 2016				
NORTHERN HEMISPHERE*	MEMBERS IN MEDITERRANEAN AREA (AMITOM)	Algeria**	440 Mem.	500 Mem.	550 Mem.	500 Est.	497	-9%			
		Egypt	250 Est.	250 Est.	350 Misc.	300 Est.	283	-14%			
		France	179 Mem.	170 Mem.	183 Mem.	190 Mem.	177	4%			
		Greece	470 Mem.	500 Mem.	440 Mem.	460 Mem.	470	5%			
		Iran**	2 200 Mem.	1 350 Mem.	1 150 Mem.	1 500 Est.	1 567	-15%			
		Israel	220 Mem.	220 Mem.	200 Mem.	200 Mem.	213	0%			
		Italy	4 914 Mem.	5 393 Mem.	5 180 Mem.	5 000 Mem.	5 162	-3%			
		Malta**	9 Est.	8 Mem.	8 Mem.	8 Est.	8	0%			
		Portugal***	1 197 Mem.	1 660 Mem.	1 507 Mem.	1 650 Mem.	1 455	9%			
		Russia**	83 Mem.	90 Mem.	145 Mem.	250 Mem.	106	72%			
		Spain***	2 700 Mem.	3 028 Mem.	2 950 Mem.	3 200 Mem.	2 893	8%			
		Syria**	50 Mem.	70 Mem.	70 Est.	70 Est.	63	0%			
		Tunisia	720 Mem.	935 Mem.	650 Mem.	650 Mem.	768	0%			
		Turkey	1 800 Mem.	2 700 Mem.	2 100 Mem.	2 000 Mem.	2 200	-5%			
		Ukraine**	470 Mem.	550 Mem.	550 Mem.	650 Mem.	523	18%			
Subtotal AMITOM		15 702	17 424	16 033	16 628	16 386	4%				
of which members in EU		9 469	10 759	10 268	10 508	10 165	2,3%				
NORTHERN HEMISPHERE*	OTHER MEMBERS	Brazil	1 400 Mem.	1 300 Mem.	1 450 Mem.	1 400 Mem.	1 383	-3,4%			
		Canada	337 Mem.	386 Mem.	456 Mem.	445 Mem.	393	-2%			
		California	12 707 Off.	13 025 Off.	11 470 Mem.	10 700 Mem.	12 401	-7%			
		China	6 300 Mem.	5 600 Mem.	5 150 Mem.	5 500 Mem.	5 683	7%			
		Japan	33 Mem.	35 Mem.	33 Mem.	31 Mem.	34	-6%			
		Subtotal Other Members		20 777	20 346	18 559	18 076	19 894	-2,6%		
		NORTHERN HEMISPHERE*	NON MEMBERS	Bulgaria	60 Misc.	60 Misc.	40 Misc.	50 Misc.	53	25%	
				Czech Republic	24 Off.	25 Est.	25 Est.	25 Est.	25	0%	
				Hungary	68 Misc.	105 Est.	105 Est.	100 Est.	93	-5%	
				Morocco	130 Est.	130 Est.	130 Est.	130 Est.	130	0%	
				Poland	157 Misc.	210 Misc.	220 Misc.	180 Misc.	196	-18%	
				Slovakia	20 Est.	20 Est.	20 Est.	20 Est.	20	0%	
				USA excluding California	540 Misc.	350 Misc.	476 Misc.	450 Misc.	455	-5%	
				Subtotal Non Members		999	900	1 016	955	972	-6,0%
				Total Northern Hemisphere		37 478	38 670	35 608	35 659	37 252	0,1%
of which WPTC members				36 479	37 770	34 592	34 704	36 280	0,3%		
of which European Union				9 798	11 179	10 678	10 883	10 552	1,9%		
SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE*	MEMBERS			Argentina	391 Mem.	535 Mem.	405 Mem.	488 Mem.	444	20,5%	
				Australia	223 Mem.	286 Mem.	275 Mem.	185 Mem.	261	-32,7%	
				Chile	810 Mem.	850 Mem.	800 Mem.	1 080 Mem.	820	35,0%	
				Peru	100 Mem.	112 Mem.	100 Mem.	110 Mem.	104	10,0%	
		South Africa	100 Mem.	140 Mem.	145 Mem.	150 Mem.	128	3,4%			
		Subtotal members		1 624	1 923	1 725	2 013	1 757	16,7%		
		SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE*	NON MEMBERS	Dominican Republic	250 Est.	210 Misc.	210 Est.	220 Est.	223	4,8%	
				India	130 Est.	130 Est.	130 Est.	130 Est.	130	0,0%	
				Mexico	40 Est.	40 Misc.	40 Misc.	40 Est.	40	0,0%	
				New Zealand	57 Misc.	51 Misc.	51 Est.	50 Est.	53	-2,0%	
				Senegal	46 Misc.	80 Misc.	28 Est.	80 Misc.	51	185,7%	
				Thailand	260 Est.	260 Est.	260 Est.	260 Est.	260	0,0%	
				Venezuela	20 Est.	20 Est.	20 Est.	20 Est.	20	0,0%	
				Subtotal non members		803	791	739	800	778	8,3%
				Total Southern Hemisphere		2 427	2 714	2 464	2 813	2 535	14,2%
GENERAL TOTAL				39 905	41 384	38 072	38 472	39 787	1,1%		
of which members of the WPTC				38 103	39 693	36 317	36 717	38 038	1,1%		
WPTC as percentage of total production				95%	96%	95%	95%	95%	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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