



WORLD PROCESSING TOMATO COUNCIL

WPTC Crop update as of 11 October 2019

AMITOM members in the EU

In **France**, at the end of last week 142,000 net tonnes had been received by the factories which will continue next week (week 42) and maybe some the week after in the South-West, but all should close this week in the South-East. Weather conditions remain good. The yields are good, and the quality remains good even if brix falls (but the weighted average remains correct at 4.95). About 7,000 additional tonnes are expected to be processed for a final volume of about 150,000 tonnes, close to the contract level.

In **Greece**, the harvest is almost finished with about 390,000 tonnes out of the expected 400,000 tonnes already processed (97-98%). Only one or two factories are still open. Overall 2019 was a good season, with good quality and average brix of over 4.9.

In **Hungary**, the tomato season successfully finished with a one-week delay. The total harvested volume is approximately 100,000 tonnes. Season brix average is nearing 5. The company managed to fulfill all production plans.

In the **North of Italy**, the harvest is almost finished with many factories closing at the end of last week and only low volumes processed this week. As of 29 September, the net volume processed was 2.26 million tonnes with an average brix of 4.76 and penalties of 4.66%. Last week, about 121,000 tonnes were processed with an average brix of 4.5. The final volume will be between 2.3 and 2.4 million tonnes.

In the **South of Italy**, September was very good and enabled to recover some volumes with the late crop and many factories are still running. The final volume will be between 2.35 and 2.4 million tonnes, meaning that for all of Italy the total estimate remains 4.7 million tonnes. The expected final volume in **Italy** remains 4.7 million tonnes.

In **Portugal**, the crop ended in week 40 with the last processing unit closing on 5 October. The last harvested fields were again of very good quality and yields remained high. The weather was good and sunny with temperatures decreasing during the night. Considering the yields as mentioned previously during several weeks in the season, Portugal had a slight increase regarding the initial estimation. Even though the hectares planted did not increase compared to crop 2018, the high yields compensated the growers. The final result for Portugal is 1.41 million tonnes.

In **Spain**, the harvest is already finished in Extremadura with a higher final volume than estimated due to record average yields of over 95 t/ha (last record was 90 t/ha). Fruit quality was also good with an average brix of 4.9. In the North, the harvest will continue for a couple

of weeks. Yields are better for the late crop than they were for the early and mid-season varieties. The total volume is now estimated at 3.2 million tonnes.

Other AMITOM members

In **Egypt**, the last loop of summer season is delayed until the second half of October, and consequently harvesting is slow. There is nothing new from the last situation, all processors are waiting, and it is expected to start processing within a week.

In **Iran**, thanks to the good weather the forecast of 1.5 million tonnes will be met. Tomatoes will be harvested until the end of October.

In **Russia**, current weather in October allows to harvest raw tomatoes that are still in the fields. Harvesting is slowing down with the two plants still open expected to finish on 20th October. Quality is ok, with average brix of 4.5. The estimated volume remains 550.000 tonnes.

In **Tunisia**, the harvest is now finished with a total volume of 807,000 tonnes of tomatoes processed, of which 790,000 tonnes for the production of tomato paste and 17,000 tonnes for canning.

In **Turkey**, the final crop is estimated at 2.2 million tonnes.

In **Ukraine**, the season is running to the very end. By now 710,000 tonnes of tomatoes have been processed. Most processors have closed their doors. A few small processors will work till 15 October. Most likely latest forecast will not be achieved, and final number should be approximately 720,000 tonnes.

Other WPTC members

In **California**, the latest PTAB report states that 775,124 short tons (703,115 metric tonnes) were delivered during week ending 5 October to reach 10,77 million short tons (9,77 million metric tonnes). Another 271,039 short tons (245,859 metric tonnes) were expected to be delivered this week ending 12 October, to reach 11,04 million short tons (10,02 million metric tonnes). Most facilities are expected to close at the end of this week so the additional volume processed next week should be small.

In **Ontario**, overall, harvest conditions were excellent with tomato quality being reported as very good with strong yields achieved. All processing facilities are currently wrapping up the season and will be finished by the end of the week, taking slightly over contracted tonnage.

In **Japan**, the total estimated volume remains 25,000 tonnes from 430 hectares.

In **South Africa**, the season ended two weeks ago in the Winter region with a total tonnage estimated at 100,000 tonnes, slightly up from the previous estimate. Added to 40,000 tonnes processed in the Summer region, the total tonnage is estimated at 140,000 tonnes.

Other countries

The **USA Midwest** continues to experience very good harvesting condition with the exception of a few areas that have received excessive rain. Harvest is expected to be finished on 15 October. Yields have continued to improve and quality at the end of the season is excellent.

Forecast for the 2020 crop

In **Argentina**, the detailed area analysis will be done in November, but it is expected that 5,660 ha will be planted for a production of around 430,000 tonnes. To date, about 2,500 ha have already been planted.

In **Australia** the plan is to process 226,000 tonnes in 2020.

In **Chile**, following the most serious drought in fifty years, farmers want to plant smaller surfaces than usual. Processors are still trying to negotiate contracts but expect a 15 to 20% reduction in surfaces planted, to between 9,600 and 10,100 hectares.

In **Peru**, the plan is to process 110,000 tonnes from 750 hectares.



CALIFORNIA TOMATO TONNAGE

Week ending October 5, 2019
Report released October 8, 2019

To Members:

Following are the certified and paid for tonnage figures by county as shown by certificates for week ending October 5, 2019.

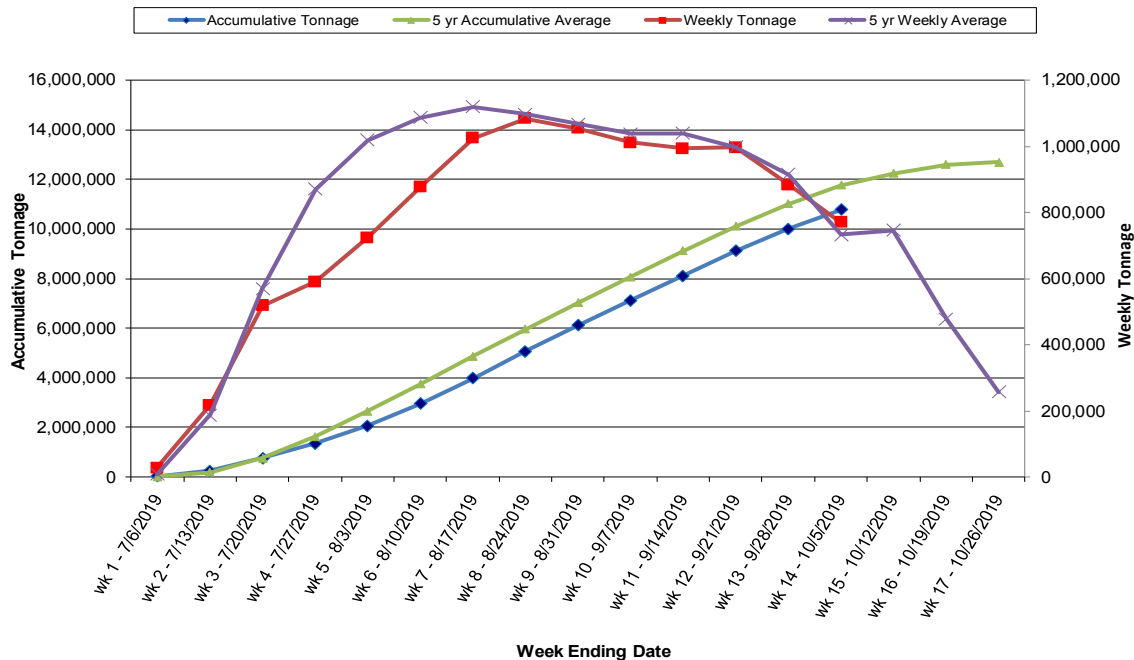
COUNTIES	-----2019 TOMATO SEASON-----			
	2018 Accumulative Total October 6	Previous Total to September 28	Receipts Week Ending October 5	Accumulative Total to October 5
Butte	34,081	30,360	6,654	37,014
Colusa	686,155	527,650	58,788	586,438
Contra Costa	174,227	179,162	0	179,162
Fresno	4,289,725	3,738,806	72,946	3,811,752
Glenn	48,598	18,894	9,664	28,558
Kern	375,075	287,455	0	287,455
Kings	1,592,589	1,328,818	91,252	1,420,071
Madera	311,633	179,454	37,760	217,214
Merced	1,064,959	918,595	77,455	996,051
Sacramento	48,597	21,730	12,705	34,435
San Benito	26,334	10,223	3,098	13,348
San Joaquin	770,538	483,410	143,435	626,845
Santa Clara	12,823	14,289	9,431	23,693
Solano	403,542	335,158	52,188	387,347
Stanislaus	279,496	301,680	58,235	359,915
Sutter	438,307	295,837	25,952	321,790
Tulare	9,221	15,402	0	15,402
Yolo	1,496,785	1,311,157	109,453	1,420,610
Statewide Totals	12,062,685	9,998,080	769,016	10,767,100

~~Weekly tonnage for week ending October 6, 2018 was 434,323.~~

Projected weekly tonnage for week ending October 12, 2019 is 271,039.

Information provided by the California Processing Tomato Advisory Board.

Five Year Average | California Tomato Tonnage





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

Date of last update: 11/10/2019

		2016	2017	2018	2019	AVERAGE	VARIATION	
		FINAL	FINAL	FINAL	FORECAST	2016-2018	2019 vs 2018	
NORTHERN HEMISPHERE*	MEMBERS IN MEDITERRANEAN AREA (AMITOM)	Algeria**	550 Mem.	600 Misc.	500 Est.	800 Mem.	550	60%
		Egypt	350 Misc.	300 Est.	400 Mem.	400 Mem.	350	0%
		France	183 Mem.	195 Mem.	139 Mem.	150 Mem.	172	8%
		Greece	440 Mem.	400 Mem.	320 Mem.	400 Mem.	387	25%
		Hungary**	105 Est.	100 Misc.	106 Mem.	100 Mem.	104	-6%
		Iran**	1 150 Mem.	980 Mem.	750 Mem.	1 500 Mem.	960	100%
		Israel	200 Mem.	200 Mem.	200 Mem.	200 Mem.	200	0%
		Italy	5 180 Mem.	5 200 Mem.	4 650 Mem.	4 700 Mem.	5 010	1%
		Malta**	8 Mem.	8 Mem.	7 Mem.	8 Est.	8	14%
		Portugal***	1 507 Mem.	1 554 Mem.	1 198 Mem.	1 410 Mem.	1 420	18%
		Russia**	145 Mem.	400 Mem.	495 Mem.	550 Mem.	347	11%
		Spain***	2 950 Mem.	3 350 Mem.	2 800 Mem.	3 200 Mem.	3 033	14%
		Syria**	70 Est.	70 Est.	70 Est.	70 Est.	70	0%
		Tunisia	650 Mem.	643 Mem.	618 Mem.	807 Mem.	637	31%
		Turkey	2 100 Mem.	1 900 Mem.	1 300 Mem.	2 200 Mem.	1 767	69%
Ukraine**	550 Mem.	650 Mem.	735 Mem.	730 Mem.	645	-1%		
Subtotal AMITOM		16 138	16 550	14 288	17 225	15 659	21%	
of which members in EU		10 373	10 807	9 220	9 968	10 133	8,1%	
NORTHERN HEMISPHERE*	OTHER MEMBERS	Brazil	1 450 Mem.	1 450 Mem.	1 400 Mem.	1 200 Mem.	1 433	-14,3%
		Canada	456 Mem.	426 Mem.	450 Mem.	465 Mem.	444	3%
		California	11 470 Mem.	9 492 Mem.	11 137 Mem.	10 020 Mem.	10 700	-10%
		China	5 150 Mem.	6 200 Mem.	3 800 Mem.	4 300 Mem.	5 050	13%
		Japan	33 Mem.	30 Mem.	28 Mem.	25 Mem.	30	-11%
		Subtotal Other Members	18 559	17 598	16 815	16 010	17 657	-4,8%
NORTHERN HEMISPHERE*	NON MEMBERS	Bulgaria	40 Misc.	50 Misc.	30 Misc.	40 Misc.	40	33%
		Czech Republic	25 Est.	25 Est.	25 Est.	25 Est.	25	0%
		Morocco	130 Est.	130 Est.	130 Est.	130 Est.	130	0%
		Poland	220 Misc.	200 Misc.	200 Misc.	200 Est.	207	0%
		Slovakia	20 Est.	20 Est.	20 Est.	20 Est.	20	0%
		USA excluding California	476 Misc.	408 Misc.	410 Misc.	360 Misc.	431	-12%
		Subtotal Non Members	911	833	815	775	853	-4,9%
Total Northern Hemisphere		35 608	34 981	31 918	34 010	34 169	6,6%	
of which WPTC members		34 697	34 148	31 103	33 235	33 316	6,9%	
of which European Union		10 678	11 102	9 495	10 253	10 425	8,0%	
SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE*	MEMBERS	Argentina	405 Mem.	488 Mem.	427 Mem.	395 Mem.	440	-7,5%
		Australia	275 Mem.	185 Mem.	228 Mem.	212 Mem.	229	-6,9%
		Chile	800 Mem.	1 080 Mem.	1 211 Mem.	1 100 Mem.	1 030	-9,2%
		Peru	100 Mem.	110 Mem.	100 Mem.	100 Mem.	103	0,0%
		South Africa	145 Mem.	180 Mem.	135 Mem.	140 Mem.	153	3,7%
		Subtotal members	1 725	2 043	2 101	1 947	1 956	-7,3%
	NON MEMBERS	Dominican Republic	210 Est.	220 Est.	258 Misc.	258 Est.	229	0,0%
		India	130 Est.	130 Est.	130 Est.	130 Est.	130	0,0%
		Mexico	40 Misc.	40 Est.	40 Est.	40 Est.	40	0,0%
		New Zealand	51 Est.	50 Misc.	50 Est.	50 Est.	50	0,0%
		Senegal	28 Misc.	53 Misc.	53 Misc.	61 Misc.	45	15,1%
		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	739	773	811	819	774	1,0%		
Total Southern Hemisphere		2 464	2 816	2 912	2 766	2 731	-5,0%	
GENERAL TOTAL		38 072	37 797	34 830	36 776	36 900	5,6%	
of which members of the WPTC		36 422	36 191	33 204	35 182	35 272	6,0%	
WPTC as percentage of total production		96%	96%	95%	96%	96%	0,4%	

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

** AMITOM associate members

*** Tomatoes produced in Portugal but processed in Spain are reported in Spain

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