

## WPTC CROP UPDATE AS OF 4 OCTOBER 2024

### AMITOM COUNTRIES

#### **BULGARIA**

It is estimated that about 50,000 tonnes of the forecast of 60,000 tonnes have already been processed. Quality is good with an average brix of about 5 and it is a very successful season. The harvest should end around 10 October.

#### **EGYPT**

Due to adverse weather conditions the summer season was ended earlier than expected. Harvesting of Nili crop expected to start by mid of October, and transplanting of the winter crop will be completed by November.

#### **FRANCE**

As of 30 September, a total of about 150,000 tonnes had been processed with an average brix of 5.07 and 7.31% penalties, higher than last year. While in the south-east volumes are now close to 90% of the contracts, in the south-west it is still around 50%. Due to the succession of rains most weeks in the south-west since the spring, it is likely that final production in the region will only be two-thirds of contracts which means that total production will probably not reach 180,000 tonnes but only 165,000 to 170,000 tonnes when harvest ends mid-October. Organic production will notably be less than expected.

#### **GREECE**

The rain which was feared at the time of the last update did not happen and the weather has been nice since. Yields for the late crop has been good so the estimate is raised to 510,000 tonnes. The crop is now finished in the south and will continue this week and maybe one day into next week in the centre. Although now reduced slightly, brix has been good this season with an average of about 5.

#### **HUNGARY**

The end of the season was difficult due to the rain that arrived in mid-September, and the delivery and production were finally completed on 25 September. In the course of the 2024 season, around 120,000 tonnes of tomatoes were processed with an average yield of about 75 t/ha (calculated for the entire area, in which the hailstorms in July were a big blow) and with approximately 5.15% average refraction, a record level.

#### **IRAN**

The processing is now finished in the south but continuing in the west and north, probably until the end of October as the harvest is about 2 to 3 weeks late. Some tomatoes are diverted to the fresh and export markets which command a higher price so the estimation of total volume processed is now reduced to 1.4 million tonnes. Some rains are now affecting the north of the country.

## ITALY

In the north, the last available figures from the IO as of 22 September report a volume processed of 2.2 million tonnes with an average brix of 5.03 and 5.02% of penalties. It can be estimated that a further 100,000 tonnes were processed last week bringing the total to about 2.3 million tonnes at the end of September. Processing will continue at a very slow rate this week and next week, but the expectations are that the final volume should be approximately 2.4 million tonnes, a reduction due to lower farmer yields and rain interruptions during the season.

In the south, on the contrary the season has been going well with over 2.75 million tonnes processed as of 22 September and over 2.8 million tonnes expected in total bringing the total volume expected in Italy to 5.25 million tonnes. Most factories are now closed, and volumes received are small with some factories processing passata for companies from the north. Although the total fresh volume is higher than in 2023, the industrial yield has been low this year due to low brix and a harder selection to maintain the quality high levels in presence of more sunburnt tomatoes. For this reason, the volume of finished products (wholepeel, pulp, passata, ...) will be lower.

## PORTUGAL

It is estimated that about 80% of the total volume had been processed as of 30 September. Two factories closed at the end of last week, a few more are closing this week or early next week. Tomato quality has been good till the end of the season this year, with very few overmature fruits. The weather is changing today, and some rain is forecast but it is the end of the season. The final volume will close to the forecast of 1.5 million tonnes.

## SPAIN

In Andalusia the last factory closed on 20 September and in Extremadura plants started closing a couple of weeks ago with a few factories still processing this week. The weather has remained good throughout September with some rains but no disruption to the harvest and very good fruit quality, even better than for the early crop.

In the North the harvest is very delayed and should continue until early November.

It is estimated that close to 3 million tonnes have already been processed and the total could reach nearly 3.1 million tonnes if conditions in the North remain good.

## TUNISIA

The processed volume reached 958,000 tonnes at the end of September.

## TURKEY

The harvest in the main producing areas is over with most factories shut down. The late Konya region still continues with small delays due to localised showers. The crop overall is around 90% through. We maintain the original forecast.

## OTHER COUNTRIES

### BRAZIL

There is no change as the weather is cooperating and there are no issues with diseases.

### CALIFORNIA

The estimate is to process 535,915 short tons (486,174 metric tonnes) this week. At the end of this week (week ending 5 October) we will have processed 10,420,172 short tons (9,452,865 metric tonnes). Overall, the harvest continues to show some split sets due to the heat earlier in the year. Volumes will continue to decline weekly, and we will continue processing until the

later part of the month. The current estimate for the crop is close to 11 million short tons (just under 10 million metric tonnes).

#### **CHINA**

No changes to report.

#### **JAPAN**

Harvesting in the Hokkaido region will continue until around 10 October, which will mark the end of all harvesting in Japan. The total forecast remains 28,000 tonnes.

#### **OTHER US STATES**

Harvesting should finish by 15 October with volumes are as forecasted. Harvest season weather has been on the drier side for the most part, in the Mid-West.



**CALIFORNIA TOMATO TONNAGE**  
 Week ending September 28, 2024  
 Report released October 2, 2024

To Members:

Following are the certified and paid for tonnage figures by county as shown by certificates for week ending Septmeber 28, 2024

COUNTIES	2023	-----2024 TOMATO SEASON-----		
	Accumulative Total <u>Septmeber 30</u>	Previous Total to <u>September 21</u>	Receipts Week Ending <u>Septmeber 28</u>	Accumulative Total to <u>Septmeber 28</u>
Butte	47,640	61,211	0	61,211
Colusa	597,719	669,503	42,714	712,196
Contra Costa	188,279	196,998	0	196,998
Fresno	3,023,558	2,864,329	46,707	2,911,036
Glenn	21,210	10,782	10,225	21,007
Kern	897,229	574,887	0	574,887
Kings	834,785	1,128,687	58,857	1,187,544
Madera	144,060	283,992	30,055	314,048
Merced	889,935	798,619	92,584	891,204
Monterey	14,743	0	0	0
Sacramento	29,327	82,766	45,640	128,406
San Benito	3,108	22,833	1,889	24,722
San Joaquin	301,253	273,864	148,713	422,578
Santa Clara	33,308	16,130	4,736	20,867
Solano	342,989	297,003	42,013	339,016
Stanislaus	245,232	254,241	59,299	313,540
Sutter	323,786	286,048	32,158	318,205
Tehama	16,062	4,289	0	4,289
Tulare	129,295	126,622	0	126,622
Yolo	1,289,788	1,203,480	107,357	1,310,836
Yuba	0	14,369	0	14,369
<b>Statewide Totals</b>	<b>9,373,306</b>	<b>9,170,653</b>	<b>722,948</b>	<b>9,893,580</b>

Weekly tonnage for week ending September 30, 2023 was 965,758.

Projected weekly tonnage for week ending October 5, 2024 is 535,915.

Information provided by the California Processing Tomato Advisory Board.

**Five Year Average | California Tomato Tonnage**

