



WORLD PROCESSING TOMATO COUNCIL

Crop update as of 8 June 2014

AMITOM countries

European Union:

France

A surface of 2 450 ha is planned and production is estimated at 190 00 MT. Transplanting will finish this week in the south-east and next week in the south-west. Conditions have been good so far.

Greece

Although more hectares were planted than initially estimated the forecast is maintained at 480 000 MT as some hailstorms and heavy rains have recently damaged some surfaces but the impact on the crop size is not known yet.

Italy

South: There were some delays in transplanting due to some rains in early May and planting continues. ANICAV has carried out a satellite and aerial survey of the fields planted and the total surface will be known around mid-July. Until then the forecast is maintained at 2.4 million MT.

North: No issue to report and the 34 500 hectares planted are developing normally.

The total forecast for Italy is maintained at 4.8 million MT.

Portugal

There is some doubt over the surfaces planted which could be higher than the initial estimate of 17 000 ha – the final figure will be known in mid-June. The weather during the spring was not very good and this could lead to lower yields than the average of 84 MT/ha (78 MT/ha in 2013). The forecast is maintained at 2.2 million MT.

Spain

The surfaces planted are about 29 000 ha (+30% compared with 2013) and the forecast remains unchanged at 2.25 million MT. Planting went on schedule and fields look good.

Non EU-countries:

Iran

The total surface planted with tomatoes is estimated at 170 000 ha of which 2.2 to 2.3 million MT should be processed. Harvest started a month ago and conditions are good so far.

Russia

Planting is finished and the volume to be processed remains 80 000 MT.

Tunisia

Planting started late due to rains in March but finished at the end of May with a total of 70 500 ha planted. The weather has generally been good although a storm in the Kairouan region damaged 100 ha. The harvest should start during the first week in July for a total volume of 800 000 MT.

Turkey

Planting has been very difficult due to terrible weather in May. It is estimated that 28 000 ha have been planted already with another 2 000 ha remaining to be planted. The forecast is 2.2 million MT.

Ukraine

May was colder than normal and there was some hails although no damage is reported. The forecast remains 470 000 MT from 6 000 ha.

Other WPTC countries

Argentina

The Argentina production finally rose to 391.000 MT this last season that finished at the end of May because it finally extended well due to good weather.

Australia

2014 production ended on 23 May after some interruptions due to rain and is estimated at 215 000 MT from 2 330 ha harvested.

Brazil

The forecast is reduced to 1.4 million MT due to rains in March and April which delayed planting which is not allowed after mid-June for diseases control. As a results surfaces planted will be reduced to around 17 600 ha when 18 000 ha were planned (15 000 ha in 2013). It is expected also that yields will be lower than in 2013 (78 MT/ha expected, against 82 MT/ha in 2013).

California

The California Processing Tomato Report released on 24 May reports an increased in the volume of contracts in California to 12.7 million MT. The surface planted is 5000 acres lower than the January estimate but the forecast yield has been increased to 49 ST/acre. The development of the fields looks really good to date as the weather has been ideal and there is a low insect pressure. The majority of the crop will be irrigated from well water as there is a reduced (or no) water allocation for growers who have reduced the surfaces dedicated to other annual crops (-20%) to concentrate on tomatoes which is one of the most profitable crops. Some days were lost during planting which will lead to a late crop and therefore the payment of late-season premiums (+3 USD/ST from 16 September).

Canada

Planting in continuing and the forecast is 350 000 MT.

Chile

The final production was lower than expected at 810 000 MT due to problems with irrigation and severe rains. Contracting has already started for 2015 and production is expected to remain stable or lower.

China

There has been a strange weather pattern in Xinjiang with an alternation of warm and cold: a feet of snow fell during the last week of April which delayed the start of planting from 20 April to early May, and it ended on 5th June.

The surface and production estimate in the different regions is as follows:

- North Xinjiang: 580 000 mu – 3.5 million MT – the weather has warmed up now
- South Xinjiang: 250 000 mu – 1.6 million MT. the region suffered from a lot of wind and sandstorms
- Mongolia & Gansu: 170 000 mu - 800 000 MT. Conditions are now OK but surfaces planted in these regions are reduced as there is always a risk of heavy rain during the harvest and a lack of manpower while the small field size makes mechanisation difficult.

The total surface of 1 million mu is higher than last year (but significantly lower than the 1.9 million mu of 2009) and total production is estimated at 5.75 million MT (although 5.5 to 5.7 million MT is more likely).

South Africa (correction received on 13 June)

We have had frost in the North of South Africa with the result that the processing crop will be affected. Despite this, we also foresee more pressure from the fresh side for procurement of tomatoes that was contracted for processing. The forecast will be down to 100 000 MT.

Peru

The weather is good and the fields are currently being planted. The total production is expected to be 96 000 MT, if the anticipated yield of 120 MT/ha from 800 ha is reached.

Other countries

Poland

No change in the forecast of 220 000 MT, of which 209 000 MT for paste production. Over 95% of the 4 200 ha have been transplanted already and the weather is favourable for growing. Potential risk of flooding and hail.

Hungary

850 ha surfaces planted and we estimate 68 300 MT of production this year. The weather have been good till now, but we are in an early stage of the season now.

Bulgaria

The country suffered from bad weather during planting which could reduce the size of the crop.

New Zealand

The 2013 New Zealand (Heinz Wattie's and Cedenco) was 57 000 MT.

This year's season was unusually warm and dry creating very favourable growing conditions (cumulate heat units were well above the 30 year average). Consequently yields were very good and total production is estimated at 57 000 MT.



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

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		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	AVERAGE	VIARIATION							
		FINAL	FINAL	FINAL	FINAL	FINAL	FORECAST	2011 to 2013	2014 vs 2013							
NORTHERN HEMISPHERE*	MEMBERS IN MEDITERRANEAN AREA (AMITOM)	Algeria**	240	Mem.	400	Mem.	280	Mem.	300	Mem.	260	Mem.	300	Est.	280	15%
		Egypt	150	Mem.	150	Mem.	210	Mem.	255	Mem.	250	Misc.	250	Est.	238	0%
		France	215	Mem.	198	Mem.	192	Mem.	192	Mem.	141	Mem.	190	Mem.	175	35%
		Greece	810	Mem.	640	Mem.	324	Mem.	390	Mem.	425	Mem.	480	Mem.	380	13%
		Iran**	2 400	Mem.	1 400	Mem.	1 850	Mem.	1 750	Mem.	1 900	Mem.	2 200	Mem.	1 833	16%
		Israel	238	Mem.	243	Mem.	218	Mem.	200	Mem.	210	Mem.	210	Est.	209	0%
		Italy	5 747	Mem.	5 080	Mem.	4 950	Mem.	4 500	Mem.	4 080	Mem.	4 800	Mem.	4 510	18%
		Malta**	12	Mem.	9	Mem.	10	Mem.	6	Misc.	9	Mem.	9	Est.	8	6%
		Morocco	160	Mem.	172	Mem.	178	Mem.	130	Mem.	130	Est.	130	Est.	146	0%
		Portugal***	1 242	Mem.	1 280	Mem.	1 065	Mem.	1 190	Mem.	997	Mem.	1 200	Mem.	1 084	20%
		Russia**				58	Misc.	67	Misc.	68	Misc.	80	Mem.	64	18%	
		Spain**	2 700	Mem.	2 375	Off.	1 985	Mem.	1 935	Mem.	1 650	Mem.	2 250	Mem.	1 857	36%
		Syria**	150	Mem.	160	Mem.	160	Est.	50	Mem.	50	Mem.	50	Mem.	87	0%
		Tunisia	750	Mem.	850	Mem.	868	Mem.	840	Mem.	618	Mem.	800	Est.	775	29%
		Turkey	1 800	Mem.	1 280	Mem.	1 940	Mem.	1 750	Mem.	2 150	Mem.	2 200	Mem.	1 947	2%
		Ukraine**	340	Mem.	280	Mem.	440	Mem.	385	Mem.	330	Mem.	470	Mem.	385	42%
		Subtotal AMITOM		16 954		14 517		14 728		13 940		13 268		15 619		13 978
of which members in EU		10 726		9 582		8 526		8 213		7 302		8 929		8 013	22,3%	
OTHER MEMBERS	Brazil	1 150	Mem.	1 796	Mem.	1 590	Mem.	1 294	Mem.	1 500	Mem.	1 400	Mem.	1 461	-6,7%	
	Canada	495	Mem.	466	Mem.	426	Mem.	503	Mem.	322	Mem.	350	Mem.	417	9%	
	California	12 073	Off.	11 155	Off.	11 067	Off.	11 460	Off.	11 020	Mem.	12 700	Mem.	11 182	15%	
	China	8 655	Mem.	6 210	Mem.	6 792	Mem.	3 230	Mem.	3 850	Mem.	5 750	Mem.	4 624	49%	
	Japan	40	Mem.	39	Mem.	27	Mem.	37	Mem.	35	Mem.	39	Mem.	33	10%	
	Subtotal Other Members		22 413		19 666		19 902		16 524		16 727		20 239		17 718	21,0%
NON MEMBERS	Bulgaria	22	Est.	22	Est.	22	Est.	22	Est.	28	Misc.	45	Misc.	24	61%	
	Czech Republic	12	Est.	6	Est.	15	Est.	15	Est.	15	Est.	15	Est.	15	0%	
	Hungary	110	Misc.	35	Misc.	63	Misc.	15	Misc.	32	Misc.	68	Misc.	37	115%	
	Poland	100	Misc.	175	Misc.	210	Misc.	165	Misc.	130	Misc.	220	Misc.	168	69%	
	Slovakia	19	Est.	8	Est.	20	Est.	20	Est.	20	Est.	20	Est.	20	0%	
	USA excluding California	595	Off.	434	Off.	412	Off.	488	Off.	482	Off.	480	Est.	461	0%	
	Subtotal Non Members		858		680		742		725		707		848		725	20,0%
Total Northern Hemisphere		40 225		34 863		35 372		31 189		30 701		36 706		32 421	19,6%	
of which WPTC members		39 367		34 183		34 630		30 464		29 995		35 858		31 696	19,5%	
of which European Union		10 989		9 828		8 856		8 450		7 526		9 297		8 277	23,5%	
SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE*	MEMBERS	Argentina	450	Mem.	390	Mem.	355	Mem.	360	Mem.	415	Mem.	391	Mem.	377	-5,8%
		Australia	270	Mem.	265	Mem.	87	Mem.	185	Mem.	193	Mem.	215	Mem.	155	11,4%
		Chile	619	Mem.	864	Mem.	794	Mem.	668	Mem.	682	Mem.	810	Mem.	715	18,8%
		Peru	70	Misc.	56	Misc.	64	Misc.	80	Misc.	99	Misc.	96	Mem.	81	-3,0%
		South Africa	167	Mem.	140	Mem.	112	Mem.	125	Mem.	115	Mem.	120	Mem.	117	4,3%
	Subtotal members		1 576		1 715		1 412		1 418		1 504		1 632		1 445	8,5%
	NON MEMBERS	Dominican Republic	150	Est.	160	Misc.	280	Misc.	245	Est.	250	Misc.	250	Est.	258	0,0%
		India	130	Est.	130	Est.	130	Est.	130	Est.	130	Est.	130	Est.	130	0,0%
		Mexico	18	Misc.	90	Misc.	40	Misc.	50	Misc.	40	Misc.	40	Est.	43	0,0%
		New Zealand	65	Misc.	58	Misc.	68	Misc.	70	Misc.	58	Misc.	57	Misc.	65	-1,7%
Senegal		70	Misc.	55	Misc.	90	Misc.	40	Misc.	39	Misc.	25	Misc.	56	-35,9%	
Thailand	260	Est.	260	Est.	260	Est.	260	Est.	260	Est.	260	Est.	260	0,0%		
Venezuela	40	Est.	40	Est.	40	Est.	40	Est.	20	Est.	20	Est.	33	0,0%		
Subtotal non members		733		793		908		835		797		782		847	-1,9%	
Total Southern Hemisphere		2 309		2 508		2 320		2 253		2 301		2 414		2 291	4,9%	
GENERAL TOTAL		42 534		37 371		37 692		33 442		33 002		39 120		34 712	18,5%	
of which members of the WPTC		40 943		35 898		36 042		31 882		31 499		37 490		33 141	19,0%	
WPTC as percentage of total production		96%		96%		96%		95%		95%		96%		95%	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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