



# 2018 California Processing Tomato Report

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## 2018 PROCESSING TOMATO PRODUCTION

Contracted production for California processing tomatoes is forecasted at 11.8 million tons, averaging 50.4 tons per acre. The current forecasted production is 13.4 percent above the 2017 crop, and 0.8 percent below the May forecast. The projected harvested acreage of tomatoes grown under contract is 234,000 acres, an increase of 5.9 percent compared to 2017.

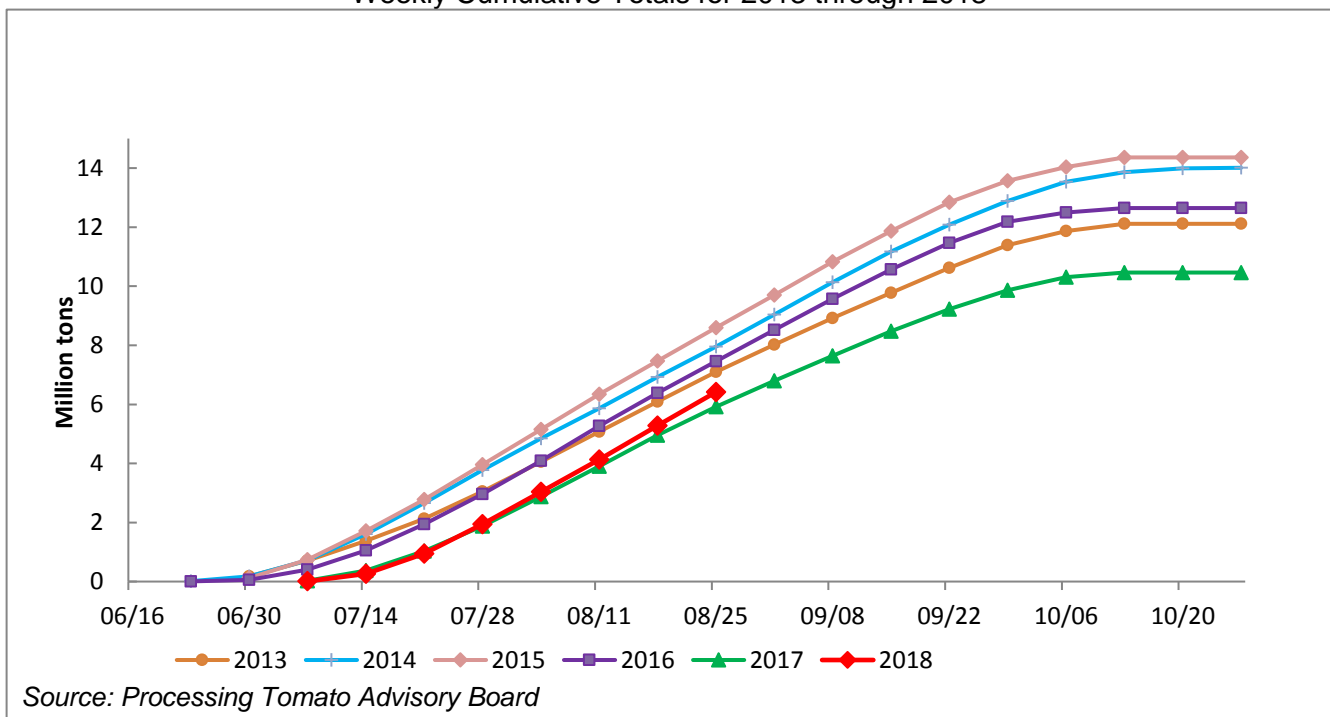
High summer temperatures resulted in the crop developing sooner than planned in some areas of the state. Harvest began in early July, with a slightly slower start than in 2017, but caught up by the third week. Yields were reported to be good and above contracted levels.

With a larger crop, sugars are expected to be lower compared to last season. Water availability has not been an issue and there were minimal concerns about disease and pest pressure reported.

The shipping reports published by the Processing Tomato Advisory Board showed that shipments through August 25, 2018 were running 8.5 percent above those of 2017.

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### California's Harvested Processing Tomatoes Weekly Cumulative Totals for 2013 through 2018



**ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION (CONTRACT AND TOTAL) - CALIFORNIA**

Year	Total crop				Contract only				
	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production	Production
	acres	acres	tons/acre	tons	acres	acres	tons/acre	tons	metric tons
1991	322,000	312,000	31.7	9,893,520	320,000	310,000	31.7	9,820,000	8,908,557
1992	242,000	240,000	33.1	7,932,000	238,600	236,600	33.1	7,830,140	7,103,386
1993	282,000	274,000	32.7	8,951,707	280,000	272,000	32.7	8,890,240	8,065,092
1994	318,000	311,000	34.6	10,745,560	315,000	308,000	34.5	10,632,160	9,645,336
1995	331,000	317,000	33.5	10,605,787	329,000	315,000	33.3	10,472,980	9,500,930
1996	318,000	313,000	34.1	10,658,741	315,000	310,000	34.0	10,540,000	9,561,730
1997	270,000	260,000	35.9	9,342,309	267,000	257,000	36.0	9,241,720	8,383,950
1998	282,000	280,000	31.8	8,892,800	280,000	278,000	31.8	8,845,960	8,024,922
1999	337,000	329,000	37.2	12,239,300	332,000	324,000	37.0	11,990,270	10,877,393
2000	289,000	271,000	38.0	10,286,500	285,000	267,000	37.9	10,131,000	9,190,691
2001	258,000	254,000	34.0	8,640,140	255,000	251,000	34.1	8,563,570	7,768,742
2002	296,000	291,000	38.0	11,056,000	290,000	285,000	37.5	10,806,400	9,803,404
2003	289,000	274,000	33.8	9,252,000	286,000	271,000	33.7	9,141,000	8,292,578
2004	301,000	281,000	41.5	11,672,000	293,000	273,000	41.6	11,000,000	9,979,035
2005	267,000	264,000	36.4	9,600,000	263,000	260,000	36.3	9,440,000	8,563,826
2006	283,000	282,000	35.8	10,104,000	280,000	279,000	35.9	10,024,000	9,093,622
2007	301,000	296,000	40.8	12,082,000	298,000	293,000	41.0	11,965,000	10,854,468
2008	281,000	279,000	42.4	11,822,000	278,000	276,000	42.0	11,691,000	10,605,900
2009	312,000	308,000	43.2	13,314,000	308,000	304,000	43.3	13,148,000	11,927,668
2010	271,000	270,000	45.5	12,297,000	269,000	268,000	45.6	12,212,000	11,078,543
2011	255,000	250,000	47.8	11,941,000	254,000	249,000	47.8	11,900,000	10,795,501
2012	260,000	258,000	49.0	12,640,000	258,000	256,000	49.0	12,540,000	11,376,100
2013	263,000	260,000	46.5	12,100,000	259,000	256,000	48.8	11,900,000	10,795,501
2014	292,000	289,000	48.5	14,010,000	289,000	285,000	49.0	13,965,000	12,668,839
2015	299,000	296,000	48.5	14,361,000	297,000	295,000	48.5	14,307,000	12,979,096
2016	262,000	258,000	49.0	12,647,064	260,000	256,000	48.9	12,527,000	11,364,306
2017	230,000	222,000	47.1	10,464,054	229,000	221,000	47.1	10,407,000	9,441,074
2018	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	236,000	234,000	50.4	11,800,000	10,704,783

Source: USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service

(NA) Not available.

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