



Tomato

# TOMATO BULLETIN

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**Dear Tomato Grower:**

**2019 Tomato Crop Will End Close to 11,150,000 tons:**

- The harvest ended for processing tomatoes last week, and there were just a few dry yards left before the final numbers will be released.
- The original intentions were for 12,100,000 tons in February. This crop comes in approximately 950,000 tons short, with a TPA of 47.44.

This year will be the second of the last three years, that the crop has been short of the original estimate by a significant amount. This in turn has helped lower the excess inventory that the industry has had to deal with. For 2020, inventories will be very close to a balanced position. When the 2019 final numbers are released, we will update you on the current industry position.

**Olam Exits Tomato Processing Business:**

Over the course of the last month, Olam has announced that it will no longer be in the tomato processing business in California. On October 11<sup>th</sup> they announced the closure of their Williams facility, at that time it was their intention to continue to process tomatoes in their Lemoore facility. On November 4<sup>th</sup>, it was announced that the Lemoore Plant would also be shutting down operations and not be doing fresh pack for the 2020 season. These two facilities will continue to be open in the short term to fulfill customer orders from the 2019 pack. Olam acquired those two facilities from the SK Bankruptcy in 2009, and have operated them since then. Following this industry realignment, it is our expectation that we will continue to be able to meet all market demands. Olam has been a good industry partner and will be missed.

Questions or comments?

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