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# 2026 California Processing Tomato Report

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As of May 15, California's tomato processors reported they have or will have contracts for 9.9 million tons of processing tomatoes for 2026. This production estimate is 1 percent above the January intentions forecast of 9.8 million tons and 11 percent below the final 2025 contracted production of 11.1 million tons.

The May contracted acreage of 185,000 is unchanged from the January intentions forecast and 15,000 acres less than last year's final contracted planted acreage.

This is the third consecutive years of declining contracted acreage and the lowest in over 30 years.

Fresno County remains the top California county in contracted acreage for 2026 with 49,000 acres. Yolo, Merced, Kings and San Joaquin make up the remaining top five counties, accounting for 70 percent of the 2026 total contracted acreage for California.

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

Year	Total crop			Contract only			
	Planted	Harvested	Production	Planted	Harvested	Production	
	<i>acres</i>		<i>tons</i>	<i>acres</i>		<i>tons</i>	<i>metric tons</i>
2006	283,000	282,000	10,104,000	280,000	279,000	10,024,000	9,094,000
2007	301,000	296,000	12,082,000	298,000	293,000	11,965,000	10,854,000
2008	281,000	279,000	11,822,000	278,000	276,000	11,691,000	10,606,000
2009	312,000	308,000	13,314,000	308,000	304,000	13,148,000	11,928,000
2010	271,000	270,000	12,297,000	269,000	268,000	12,212,000	11,079,000
2011	255,000	250,000	11,941,000	254,000	249,000	11,900,000	10,796,000
2012	260,000	258,000	12,640,000	258,000	256,000	12,540,000	11,376,000
2013	263,000	260,000	12,100,000	259,000	256,000	11,900,000	10,796,000
2014	292,000	289,000	14,010,000	291,000	288,000	13,965,000	12,669,000
2015	299,000	296,000	14,361,000	297,000	295,000	14,307,000	12,979,000
2016	262,000	258,000	12,647,000	260,000	256,000	12,527,000	11,364,000
2017	230,000	222,000	10,464,000	229,000	221,000	10,407,000	9,441,000
2018	241,000	236,000	12,284,000	235,000	230,000	11,994,000	10,881,000
2019	235,000	228,000	11,186,000	234,000	227,000	11,130,000	10,097,000
2020	234,000	228,000	11,312,000	234,000	228,000	11,312,000	10,262,000
2021	230,000	228,000	10,765,000	229,000	227,000	10,730,000	9,734,000
2022	231,000	225,000	10,496,000	230,000	224,000	10,464,000	9,493,000
2023	269,000	255,000	12,805,000	268,000	254,000	12,752,000	11,568,000
2024	228,000	222,000	11,091,000	227,800	221,800	11,081,000	10,053,000
2025	210,000	200,000	11,636,000	200,000	190,000	11,093,000	9,344,000
2026	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	185,000	(NA)	9,900,000	8,981,000

(NA) Not available.

## CALIFORNIA PROCESSING TOMATOES BY COUNTY

County	Contracted and Open Market - 2025 Crop				2026
	Area planted	Area harvested	Yield per acre	Production <sup>1</sup>	Contracted acres
	<i>acres</i>		<i>tons</i>		
Butte	1,110	1,110	54.41	60,400	610
Colusa	12,900	12,700	62.91	799,000	9,300
Contra Costa	4,000	3,900	57.03	222,400	2,900
Fresno	52,700	50,700	61.91	3,139,000	49,000
Glenn	1,630	1,630	63.07	102,800	1,100
Kern	5,200	4,900	60.27	295,300	4,100
Kings	19,000	18,200	67.36	1,226,000	18,000
Madera	5,100	4,600	62.91	289,400	5,800
Merced	23,400	22,700	55.86	1,268,000	21,000
Sacramento	6,000	5,800	50.59	293,400	(D)
San Benito	680	600	40.67	24,400	(D)
San Joaquin	15,100	13,000	54.33	706,300	13,800
Santa Clara	690	670	60.75	40,700	(D)
Solano	9,800	9,000	52.18	469,600	9,000
Stanislaus	7,900	7,200	55.63	400,500	6,700
Sutter	10,800	10,600	54.55	578,200	10,000
Tehama	270	270	68.52	18,500	270
Tulare	1,870	1,870	70.53	131,900	(D)
Yolo	31,400	30,100	51.16	1,540,000	27,000
Yuba	450	450	67.11	30,200	0
Other Counties <sup>2</sup>	0	0	--	0	6,420
<b>Total</b>	<b>210,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>58.18</b>	<b>11,636,000</b>	<b>185,000</b>

<sup>1</sup> On the basis of "paid for tonnage" purchased from growers as reported by processors, dockage not included.

<sup>2</sup> To avoid disclosure of individual operations, "Other Counties" for 2026 contracted acres includes Sacramento, San Benito, Santa Clara and Tulare.

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