

VEGETABLES

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WEEKLY TOMATO REPORT 1/ - 1963-64 Season

Weekly Planting in Florida and the
Spring Crop in the Texas Lower Valley

Week Ending	FLORIDA						TEXAS LOWER VALLEY		TOTAL 2 STATES	
	1962-63			1963-64			1962-63	1963-64	1962-63	1963-64
	Seeded	Set 2/	Total	Seeded	Set 2/	Total				
Season through	-Acres-						-Acres Seeded-		-Total Acres Seeded Basis	
Oct. 5	15,920	1,390	17,310	15,480	2,810	18,290	---	---	17,310	18,290
12	1,670	180	1,850	1,580	240	1,820	---	---	1,850	1,820
19	1,210	170	1,380	1,560	210	1,770	---	---	1,380	1,770
26	1,420	150	1,570	1,480	110	1,590	---	---	1,570	1,590
Nov. 2	1,360	270	1,630	1,310	330	1,640	---	---	1,630	1,640
9	1,280	190	1,470	1,500	270	1,770	---	---	1,470	1,770
16	1,180	60	1,240	1,110	200	1,310	---	---	1,240	1,310
23	1,380	550	1,930	1,350	200	1,550	---	---	1,930	1,550
30	1,140	490	1,630	1,090	50	1,140	---	100	1,630	1,240
Dec. 7	980	380	1,360	1,200	50	1,250	50	150	1,410	1,400
14	1,070	530	1,600	1,910	110	2,020	50	550	1,650	2,570
21	2,980	640	3,620	1,130	160	1,290	150	---	3,770	1,290
Total through Dec. 21	31,590	5,000	36,590	30,700	4,740	35,440	250	800	36,840	36,240
Dec. 28	1,770	1,000	2,770	2,530			150	200	2,920	
Jan. 4	1,570	390	1,960	890			950	3,150	2,910	
11	870	150	1,020	1,090			2,900	3,800	3,920	
18	460	160	620	420			1,350	1,150	1,970	
Season to date	36,260	6,700	42,960	35,630			5,600	9,100	48,560	

Plant Development and Progress of Harvest 3/ - January 18, 1964

STAGES	FLORIDA		TEXAS		TOTAL 2 STATES	
	1962-63	1963-64	1962-63	1963-64	1962-63	1963-64
Pre-fruit stage	-Acres-		-Acres-		-Acres-	
Fruit set	19,770	13,520	5,600	9,100	25,370	22,620
Early development	4,200	5,920	---	---	4,200	5,920
Har. expected next 2 weeks	1,730	2,530	---	---	1,730	2,530
Times harvested						
Once	1,200	2,830	---	---	1,200	2,830
Twice	1,370	1,920	---	---	1,370	1,920
Three or more	3,900	2,950	---	---	3,900	2,950
Harvest completed	9,090	10,700	---	---	9,090	10,700

1/ Excludes acreage contracted for processing. 2/ The acreage set is shown as planted 4 weeks earlier to make crop development comparable to that on the acreage seeded. 3/ For fresh market. Does not include harvest for processing.

(See comments on reverse side.)

Freezing temperatures prevailed in Florida tomato producing areas January 14-15. All areas escaped with relatively minor damage except Dade County where temperatures fell to 28 degrees and remained below freezing for 11 hours. Damage in Dade County ranged from light in the northern section to medium and complete acreage loss in other sections. Production from the remaining acreage is expected to be reduced. Salvage operations are underway. In the Pompano vine ripe area, young plants suffered from wind burn. Bloom drop was the major damage on older plants. Damage to young plants in all areas was not severe although some replanting will be necessary. Shipments were reduced last week due to cold weather but were well above the same period last year.

Weather in the Texas Rio Grande Valley was mostly cold and clear during the week ending January 18. Light frosts occurred Monday and Friday with some mist and high winds at mid-week. Damage was light and maximum temperatures were back in the 70's at the end of the week. The rate of planting for the week decreased seasonally in the Valley. However, cold weather caused additional delay in seeding in the lower section. The unfavorable weather continued to slow seed germination and plant growth.