

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 <u>2/</u>	Total	Seeded	Set <u>2/</u>	Total				
Season through	-Acres-						-Acres Seeded-		-Total Acres Seeded Basis-	
Oct. 19	18,800	1,740	20,540	18,610	3,250	21,860	---	---	20,540	21,860
26	1,420	150	1,570	1,480	110	1,590	---	---	1,570	1,590
Nov. 2	1,360	270	1,630	1,290	330	1,620	---	---	1,630	1,620
9	1,280	190	1,470	1,450	270	1,720	---	---	1,470	1,720
16	1,180	60	1,240	1,090	200	1,290	---	---	1,240	1,290
23	1,380	550	1,930	1,270	200	1,470	---	---	1,930	1,470
30	1,140	490	1,630	1,040	50	1,090	---	100	1,630	1,190
Dec. 7	980	380	1,360	1,180	40	1,220	50	150	1,410	1,370
14	1,070	530	1,600	1,880	100	1,980	50	500	1,650	2,480
21	2,980	640	3,620	1,050	170	1,220	150	---	3,770	1,220
28	1,770	1,000	2,770	2,310	600	2,910	150	200	2,920	3,110
Jan. 4	1,570	390	1,960	910	940	1,850	950	3,050	2,910	4,900
Total through Jan. 4	34,930	6,390	41,320	33,560	6,260	39,820	1,350	4,000	42,670	43,820
Jan. 11	870	150	1,020	1,020			2,900	4,150	3,920	
18	460	160	620	450			1,350	1,300	1,970	
25	410	100	510	480			1,700	2,000	2,210	
Feb. 1	270	---	270	60			2,400	650	2,670	
Season to date	36,940	6,800	43,740	35,570			9,700	12,100	53,440	

Plant Development and Progress of Harvest 3/ - February 1, 1964

STAGES	FLORIDA		TEXAS		TOTAL 2 STATES	
	1962-63	1963-64	1962-63	1963-64	1962-63	1963-64
	-Acres-		-Acres-		-Acres-	
Pre-fruit stage	15,630	13,660	9,700	12,100	25,330	25,760
Fruit set						
Early development	8,820	5,470	---	---	8,820	5,470
Har. expected next 2 weeks	1,060	1,510	---	---	1,060	1,510
Times harvested						
Once	1,590	2,280	---	---	1,590	2,280
Twice	1,520	1,480	---	---	1,520	1,480
Three or more	2,350	3,090	---	---	2,350	3,090
Harvest completed	12,360	14,340	---	---	12,360	14,340

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.)

Florida tomato producing areas had warm days and cool nights with only a trace of rain during the week ended February 1. In the Pompano vine ripe area, vines, especially the young ones, continue to show recovery from the mid-January freeze. Fruit quality and size are very good. Condition of the crop in Dade County shows considerable variation. Fruit quality and size are fair to good. Volume is down and is expected to remain down for a few weeks. In northern areas of the State, planting for spring harvest is near completion with only a small acreage remaining to be planted.

Weather was favorable during the past week for tomatoes in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. Fog and light drizzle occurred during the week but temperatures remained mild in all sections of the Valley. Tomatoes are coming up rapidly to good stands. Plants made good growth during the week and in many fields are 2 inches tall. In the upper and middle sections of the Valley, planting declined last week. Seeding in the Brownsville area is progressing and will increase during February.