

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-	
Nov. 2	21,580	2,160	23,740	21,390	3,640	25,030	---	---	23,740	25,030
9	1,280	190	1,470	1,450	230	1,680	---	---	1,470	1,680
16	1,180	60	1,240	1,090	150	1,240	---	---	1,240	1,240
23	1,380	550	1,930	1,250	190	1,440	---	---	1,930	1,440
30	1,140	490	1,630	1,030	50	1,080	---	100	1,630	1,180
Dec. 7	980	380	1,360	1,180	50	1,230	50	150	1,410	1,380
14	1,070	530	1,600	1,880	100	1,980	50	500	1,650	2,480
21	2,980	640	3,620	1,060	160	1,220	150	---	3,770	1,220
28	1,770	1,000	2,770	2,190	620	2,810	150	200	2,920	3,010
Jan. 4	1,570	390	1,960	810	1,450	2,260	950	3,150	2,910	5,410
11	870	150	1,020	1,030	450	1,480	2,900	4,150	3,920	5,630
18	460	160	620	430	200	630	1,350	1,550	1,970	2,180
Total through Jan. 18	36,260	6,700	42,960	34,790	7,290	42,080	5,600	9,800	48,560	51,880
Jan. 25	410	100	510	510			1,700	2,650	2,210	
Feb. 1	270	---	270	120			2,400	1,050	2,670	
8	80	---	80	60			950	450	1,030	
15	---	---	---	150			700	600	700	
Season to date	37,020	6,800	43,820	35,630			11,350	14,550	55,170	

Plant Development and Progress of Harvest 3/ - February 15, 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	13,320	13,560	11,350	14,550	24,670	28,110
Fruit set						
Early development	9,480	4,210	---	---	9,480	4,210
Har. expected next 2 weeks	1,690	2,160	---	---	1,690	2,160
Times harvested						
Once	2,130	1,590	---	---	2,130	1,590
Twice	1,950	1,630	---	---	1,950	1,630
Three or more	2,760	4,320	---	---	2,760	4,320
Harvest completed	12,390	15,450	---	---	12,390	15,450

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.)

Temperatures in Florida's tomato producing areas averaged below normal for the week and most areas received little or no rainfall. Scattered frost on November 9 and 12 in the north central, Immokalee-Fort Myers, and Manatee-Ruskin-Wauchula areas resulted in limited damage. High winds on February 8 and 9 caused little damage in the vine ripe area but lowered fruit quality in Dade County. In the Pompano vine ripe area, condition of young plants is good. Condition of older plants varied from good to poor depending on age and length of time in production. Size of fruit was normal and yields on the oldest plantings have been good. Condition of the crop in Dade County is fair. Yields are down but should improve when younger acreage comes into production. Plants in the north central areas for spring harvest are making good progress with some fruit set expected this week.

In Texas, warm days and nights prevailed throughout the Valley during the week starting February 9. Below freezing temperatures February 8 damaged some stands in parts of the Valley. Damage from high winds the previous week is showing up on plants at ground level. Plant growth has been slow to date because of cold weather. Largest plants are 4 to 6 inches tall. Planting is still active in the Brownsville area. Seeding is nearing completion in all other areas. A few fields are being replanted where stands are poor.