

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. 26	20,220	1,890	22,110	20,100	3,350	23,450	---	---	22,110	23,450
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	190	1,280	---	---	1,240	1,280
23	1,380	550	1,930	1,250	200	1,450	---	---	1,930	1,450
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	120	2,000	50	500	1,650	2,500
21	2,980	640	3,620	1,040	170	1,210	150	---	3,770	1,210
28	1,770	1,000	2,770	2,270	620	2,890	150	200	2,920	3,090
Jan. 4	1,570	390	1,960	840	1,220	2,060	950	3,050	2,910	5,110
11	870	150	1,020	1,010	470	1,480	2,900	4,150	3,920	5,630
Total through Jan. 11	35,800	6,540	42,340	34,430	7,040	41,470	4,250	8,150	46,590	49,620
Jan. 18	460	160	620	430			1,350	1,450	1,970	
25	410	100	510	510			1,700	2,350	2,210	
Feb. 1	270	---	270	120			2,400	800	2,670	
8	80	---	80	40			950	350	1,030	
Season to date	37,020	6,800	43,820	35,530			10,650	13,100	54,470	

Plant Development and Progress of Harvest 3/ - February 8, 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	13,910	13,740	10,650	13,100	24,560	26,840
Fruit set						
Early development	9,780	4,590	---	---	9,780	4,590
Har. expected next 2 weeks	1,280	2,220	---	---	1,280	2,220
Times harvested						
Once	1,590	1,410	---	---	1,590	1,410
Twice	1,990	1,900	---	---	1,990	1,900
Three or more	2,630	3,720	---	---	2,630	3,720
Harvest completed	12,380	14,990	---	---	12,380	14,990

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.)

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Florida's tomato producing areas received moderate to heavy rainfall and high wind late in the week ending February 8. Light scattered frost February 9 in northcentral Florida caused little or no damage. In the Pompano vine ripe area, condition of all plants except the very young declined because of the rain and wind. Rains caused some fruit to become soft but very little cracking occurred. Condition of the young acreage in Dade County not frozen in mid-January is good. Some frost damaged fields have suckered out and are in fair to good condition. Fruit quality is good except for some salvage operations. Total shipments showed a slight increase over the previous week as more acreage came into production. Acreage for spring harvest, although slowed by cool, wet weather, is making favorable progress.

Weather in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas was cool and damp the first part of the week. Mid-week weather was warmer followed by a cold north wind Friday. Saturday morning temperatures were below freezing for up to four hours in most sections except the Brownsville area. Some frost damage to oldest plantings was reported. High winds have weakened many plants at ground level. In all sections, the latest plantings have even stands and a healthy appearance. Planting is practically completed in all sections except the Brownsville area.