

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		TOTAL	
	1962-63			1963-64			LOWER VALLEY		2 STATES	
	Seeded	Set 2/	Total	Seeded	Set 2/	Total	1962-63	1963-64	1962-63	1963-64
Season through	-Acres-						-Acres Seeded-		-Total Acres Seeded Basis	
Sept. 28	14,560	1,210	15,770	13,820	2,440	16,260	---	---	15,770	16,260
Oct. 5	1,360	180	1,540	1,660	370	2,030	---	---	1,540	2,030
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	1,540	270	1,810	---	---	1,470	1,810
16	1,180	60	1,240	1,140	200	1,340	---	---	1,240	1,340
23	1,380	550	1,930	1,370	180	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	1,860	110	1,970	50	550	1,650	2,520
Total through Dec. 14	28,610	4,360	32,970	29,610	4,560	34,170	100	800	33,070	34,970
Dec. 21	2,980	640	3,620	1,140	---	---	150	---	3,770	---
28	1,770	1,000	2,770	2,530	---	---	150	200	2,920	---
Jan. 4	1,570	390	1,960	870	---	---	950	3,150	2,910	---
11	870	150	1,020	800	---	---	2,900	3,800	3,920	---
Season to date	35,800	6,540	42,340	34,950	---	---	4,250	7,950	46,590	---

Plant Development and Progress of Harvest 3/ - January 11, 1964

STAGES	FLORIDA		TEXAS		TOTAL 2 STATES	
	1962-63	1963-64	1962-63	1963-64	1962-63	1963-64
Pre-fruit stage	-Acres-					
Fruit set	19,920	14,280	4,250	7,950	24,170	22,230
Early development	3,740	5,260	---	---	3,740	5,260
Har. expected next 2 weeks	1,270	3,080	---	---	1,270	3,080
Times harvested	-Acres-					
Once	1,740	2,120	---	---	1,740	2,120
Twice	1,330	2,780	---	---	1,330	2,780
Three or more	3,090	2,870	---	---	3,090	2,870
Harvest completed	9,070	9,120	---	---	9,070	9,120

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's tomato producing areas received above normal temperatures and scattered showers most of last week. Plant condition improved with warmer weather. Fruit quality down early in the week, as most of the previously damaged fruit was harvested, improved near the end of the week. Shipments increased sharply last week because of warmer weather but may drop sharply this week as a result of the cold. Planting for spring harvest was active in the north-central area last week but other areas tapered off. Plants, although growing slowly, are in fair to good condition.

Texas Rio Grande Valley weather was favorable for planting during the week. Temperatures ranged mostly in the 40's, minimum, and 70's, maximum. Freezing temperatures expected last Thursday did not materialize but caused some growers to postpone seeding. No rain was received during the week. This was the heaviest week of seeding to date. Some growers are replanting acreages lost in the last week of December. Cold weather has slowed plant growth and seed germination. Many fields show poor stands. Temperatures dropped below freezing Monday morning, January 13. Plant loss, if any, has not yet been determined. Freezing temperatures were again forecast for Tuesday, January 14.