

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-	
Sept. 21	13,150	1,010	14,160	13,360	2,200	15,560	---	---	14,160	15,560
28	1,410	200	1,610	460	240	700	---	---	1,610	700
Oct. 5	1,360	180	1,540	1,660	310	1,970	---	---	1,540	1,970
12	1,670	180	1,850	1,580	190	1,770	---	---	1,850	1,770
19	1,210	170	1,380	1,560	170	1,730	---	---	1,380	1,730
26	1,420	150	1,570	1,480	110	1,590	---	---	1,570	1,590
Nov. 2	1,360	270	1,630	1,370	290	1,660	---	---	1,630	1,660
9	1,280	190	1,470	1,590	270	1,860	---	---	1,470	1,860
16	1,180	60	1,240	1,170	220	1,390	---	100	1,240	1,490
23	1,380	550	1,930	1,370	160	1,530	---	---	1,930	1,530
30	1,140	490	1,630	1,090	30	1,120	---	100	1,630	1,220
Dec. 7	980	380	1,360	1,240	---	1,240	50	300	1,410	1,540
Total through Dec. 7	27,540	3,830	31,370	27,930	4,190	32,120	50	500	31,420	32,620
Dec. 14	1,070	530	1,600	1,860			50	700	1,650	
21	2,980	640	3,620	1,140			150	---	3,770	
28	1,770	1,000	2,770	2,510			150	50	2,920	
Jan. 4	1,570	390	1,960	710			950	2,600	2,910	
Season to date	34,930	6,390	41,320	34,150			1,350	3,850	42,670	

Plant Development and Progress of Harvest 3/ - January 4, 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	19,000	14,760	1,350	3,850	20,350	18,610
Fruit set						
Early development	4,150	4,980	---	---	4,150	4,980
Har. expected next 2 weeks	1,450	3,040	---	---	1,450	3,040
Times harvested						
Once	1,400	1,710	---	---	1,400	1,710
Twice	1,180	2,690	---	---	1,180	2,690
Three or more	2,510	4,820	---	---	2,510	4,820
Harvest completed	9,070	6,340	---	---	9,070	6,340

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.)

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Florida's tomato producing areas received light to heavy rain on December 30 and 31 followed by below normal temperatures. The rains caused a considerable amount of damage to older fruit with splitting and black shoulder severe in some areas. The Pompano vine ripe area had 4 to 6 inches of rain. Beds were washed and fertilizer was leached but plant condition remained good. Rains of 2 to 3 inches in Dade County were beneficial to younger plantings. Shipments during the week ending January 4 were above the previous week and the same week a year ago. Spring plantings are declining. Stands are good but growth has been slow.

The Rio Grande Valley of Texas had cool temperatures the first half of the week with some light rain on Monday, December 30. Scattered frosts occurred Tuesday and Wednesday. The weather was mild under clear skies the remainder of the week. Planting was active in most areas throughout the week. An estimated 2,600 acres were seeded during the week of January 4--twice the total acreage planted for the season through December 28. Heaviest plantings have been in the upper and middle sections of the Valley. Seeding in the lower section of the Valley is expected to be active by mid-January. Plant growth has been slowed by the unfavorable weather.