

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. 12	17,590	1,570	19,160	17,060	3,050	20,110	---	---	19,160	20,110
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	1,300	330	1,630	---	---	1,630	1,630
9	1,280	190	1,470	1,460	270	1,730	---	---	1,470	1,730
16	1,180	60	1,240	1,110	200	1,310	---	---	1,240	1,310
23	1,380	550	1,930	1,270	200	1,470	---	---	1,930	1,470
30	1,140	490	1,630	1,090	50	1,140	---	100	1,630	1,240
Dec. 7	980	380	1,360	1,180	40	1,220	50	150	1,410	1,370
14	1,070	530	1,600	1,900	100	2,000	50	500	1,650	2,500
21	2,980	640	3,620	1,110	160	1,270	150	---	3,770	1,270
28	1,770	1,000	2,770	2,310	380	2,690	150	200	2,920	2,890
Total through Dec. 28	33,360	6,000	39,360	32,830	5,100	37,930	400	950	39,760	38,880
Jan. 4	1,570	390	1,960	910			950	3,050	2,910	
11	870	150	1,020	1,010			2,900	3,800	3,920	
18	460	160	620	430			1,350	1,150	1,970	
25	410	100	510	500			1,700	1,750	2,210	
Season to date	36,670	6,800	43,470	35,680			7,300	10,700	50,770	

Plant Development and Progress of Harvest 3/ - January 25, 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	18,060	13,950	7,300	10,700	25,360	24,650
Fruit set						
Early development	6,440	5,530	---	---	6,440	5,530
Har. expected next 2 weeks	1,660	1,280	---	---	1,660	1,280
Times harvested						
Once	1,390	3,180	---	---	1,390	3,180
Twice	1,240	1,880	---	---	1,240	1,880
Three or more	2,930	3,500	---	---	2,930	3,500
Harvest completed	10,950	11,460	---	---	10,950	11,460

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 scattered showers last week. Damage from the mid-January freeze is now more apparent. In the Pompano vine ripe area, bloom drop was especially heavy on the first three hands indicating reduced yields for later harvest. Young plants, although receiving severe leaf burn, will recover. Condition of the crop in Dade County ranges from good to very poor. A minimum amount of acreage that had not reached harvest stage was lost while about 10 percent of the acreage in harvest will be picked only 1 or 2 times. In both Dade County and the Pompano area, quality and size of fruit are fair to good but volume is down. In North Florida, some reseeding was necessary.

Weather in the Texas Rio Grande Valley was favorable last week as warm days and nights prevailed until Friday when temperatures were slightly lower. Oldest plantings are beginning to show some growth. Most of the recent plantings are sprouting rapidly and good stands are in prospect. Seeding in the lower section of the Valley is expected to increase. Planting in the upper and middle sections of the Valley are decreasing seasonally.