

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. 9	22,860	2,350	25,210	22,750	3,870	26,620	---	---	25,210	26,620
16	1,180	60	1,240	1,090	140	1,230	---	---	1,240	1,230
23	1,380	550	1,930	1,230	170	1,400	---	---	1,930	1,400
30	1,140	490	1,630	1,030	60	1,090	---	100	1,630	1,190
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	450	1,650	2,430
21	2,980	640	3,620	1,050	170	1,220	150	---	3,770	1,220
28	1,770	1,000	2,770	2,000	620	2,620	150	200	2,920	2,820
Jan. 4	1,570	390	1,960	810	1,450	2,260	950	3,150	2,910	5,410
11	870	150	1,020	1,020	460	1,480	2,900	4,150	3,920	5,630
18	460	160	620	410	600	1,010	1,350	1,650	1,970	2,660
25	410	100	510	510	90	600	1,700	2,700	2,210	3,300
Total through Jan. 25	36,670	6,800	43,470	34,960	7,780	42,740	7,300	12,550	50,770	55,290
Feb. 1	270	---	270	160	---	---	2,400	1,050	2,670	---
8	80	---	80	60	---	---	950	450	1,030	---
15	---	---	---	150	---	---	700	600	700	---
22	170	60	230	---	---	---	500	600	730	---
Season to date	37,190	6,860	44,050	35,330	---	---	11,850	15,250	55,900	---

Plant Development and Progress of Harvest 3/ - February 22, 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	11,930	13,460	11,850	15,250	23,780	28,710
Fruit set						
Early development	8,990	3,900	---	---	8,990	3,900
Har. expected next 2 weeks	2,630	2,180	---	---	2,630	2,180
Times harvested						
Once	1,820	1,640	---	---	1,820	1,640
Twice	1,890	1,220	---	---	1,890	1,220
Three or more	3,950	4,850	---	---	3,950	4,850
Harvest completed	12,780	15,860	---	---	12,780	15,860

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 light precipitation and below normal average temperatures last week with high gusty winds on February 18. Scattered frost in all areas except the lower east coast caused minor damage. Volume remains down but is expected to increase. In the Pompano vine ripe area, fruit quality and size are declining on older plants. Young plants damaged by cold weather in mid-January have recovered exceptionally well and have a good set of fruit. Fruit quality and size are good on acreage just starting to pick. In Dade County, condition of plants is fair to good. Fruit quality and size are generally good. In the north central area, plants for spring harvest have received some leaf burn from wind and light frost but are mostly in good condition. A small amount of the acreage set fruit last week.

In the Rio Grande Valley of Texas, weather was cool the first part of the week and turned cold with rain on Friday. About one inch of moisture was received throughout the Valley and was beneficial for most fields. Temperatures dropped to freezing February 23 and resulted in light frost but no apparent damage occurred. Wind and insects have damaged some plants but most fields have adequate stands. Planting is practically complete in all sections except the Brownsville area. Most of the acreage in that area is expected to be seeded by March 1.