

VEGETABLES

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WEEKLY TOMATO REPORT 1/ - 1964-65 Season

Weekly Planting in Florida and the
Spring Crop in the Texas Lower Valley

| Week Ending | FLORIDA | | | | | | TEXAS | | TOTAL | |
|----------------------------|---------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|----------------|---------|-------------------------------|---------|
| | 1963-64 | | | 1964-65 | | | LOWER VALLEY | | 2 STATES | |
| | Seeded | Set 2/ | Total | Seeded | Set 2/ | Total | 1963-64 | 1964-65 | 1963-64 | 1964-65 |
| Season through | -Acres- | | | | | | -Acres Seeded- | | -Total Acres Seeded Basis- | |
| Aug. 29 | 9,880 | 750 | 10,630 | 10,960 | 1,440 | 12,400 | --- | --- | 10,630 | 12,400 |
| Sept. 5 | 1,390 | 500 | 1,890 | 3,580 | 90 | 3,670 | --- | --- | 1,890 | 3,670 |
| 12 | 1,210 | 630 | 1,840 | 1,980 | 60 | 2,040 | --- | --- | 1,840 | 2,040 |
| 19 | 880 | 320 | 1,200 | 1,220 | 150 | 1,370 | --- | --- | 1,200 | 1,370 |
| 26 | 460 | 240 | 700 | 1,780 | 190 | 1,970 | --- | --- | 700 | 1,970 |
| Oct. 3 | 1,660 | 350 | 2,010 | 1,520 | 190 | 1,710 | --- | --- | 2,010 | 1,710 |
| 10 | 1,580 | 220 | 1,800 | 1,560 | 280 | 1,840 | --- | --- | 1,800 | 1,840 |
| 17 | 1,560 | 210 | 1,770 | 1,110 | 310 | 1,420 | --- | --- | 1,770 | 1,420 |
| 24 | 1,480 | 90 | 1,570 | 1,840 | 190 | 2,030 | --- | --- | 1,570 | 2,030 |
| 31 | 1,170 | 370 | 1,540 | 1,320 | 260 | 1,580 | --- | --- | 1,540 | 1,580 |
| Nov. 7 | 1,450 | 220 | 1,670 | 1,780 | 320 | 2,100 | --- | --- | 1,670 | 2,100 |
| Total through Nov. 7 | 22,720 | 3,900 | 26,620 | 28,650 | 3,480 | 32,130 | --- | --- | 26,620 | 32,130 |
| Nov. 14 | 1,090 | 140 | 1,230 | 1,960 | | | --- | --- | 1,230 | |
| 21 | 1,230 | 170 | 1,400 | 1,270 | | | --- | --- | 1,400 | |
| 28 | 950 | 40 | 990 | 1,370 | | | --- | --- | 990 | |
| Dec. 5 | 1,160 | 50 | 1,210 | 1,610 | | | 150 | 50 | 1,360 | |
| Season to date | 27,150 | 4,300 | 31,450 | 34,860 | | | 150 | 50 | 31,600 | |

Plant Development and Progress of Harvest 3/ - December 5, 1964

| STAGES | FLORIDA | | TEXAS | | TOTAL 2 STATES | |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
| | 1963-64 | 1964-65 | 1963-64 | 1964-65 | 1963-64 | 1964-65 |
| | -Acres- | | -Acres- | | -Acres- | |
| Pre-fruit stage | 14,060 | 15,810 | 150 | 50 | 14,210 | 15,860 |
| Fruit set | | | | | | |
| Early development | 3,360 | 6,220 | --- | --- | 3,360 | 6,220 |
| Har. expected next 2 weeks | 2,200 | 2,060 | --- | --- | 2,200 | 2,060 |
| Times harvested | | | | | | |
| Once | 2,550 | 5,290 | --- | --- | 2,550 | 5,290 |
| Twice | 5,010 | 6,010 | --- | --- | 5,010 | 6,010 |
| Three or more | 3,370 | 2,450 | --- | --- | 3,370 | 2,450 |
| Harvest completed | 500 | 500 | --- | --- | 500 | 500 |

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.)

Weekly Tomato Shipments 1962-63 through 1964-65
 Rail and Truck Combined - Equivalent Carlots

| Week Ending | FLORIDA | | | TEXAS | | | TOTAL 2 STATES | | |
|----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|---------|
| | 1962-63 | 1963-64 | 1964-65 | 1962-63 | 1963-64 | 1964-65 | 1962-63 | 1963-64 | 1964-65 |
| Nov. 14 | 156 | 234 | 112 | --- | --- | --- | 156 | 234 | 112 |
| 21 | 325 | 573 | 331 | --- | --- | --- | 325 | 573 | 331 |
| 28 | 562 | 605 | 553 | --- | --- | --- | 562 | 605 | 553 |
| Dec. 5 | 739 | 758 | 686 | --- | --- | --- | 739 | 758 | 686 |
| 12 | 387 | 689 | | --- | --- | | 387 | 689 | |
| 19 | 480 | 570 | | --- | --- | | 480 | 570 | |

All of Florida's tomato producing areas had favorable weather during the week ended December 5. Most areas received rain on Saturday.

Shipments during the week ended December 5 totaled 686 equivalent carlots compared to 553 the week before and 758 for the same week last year.

Vine ripe production from the important Pompano area and the Immokalee-Ft. Myers area is becoming heavier. Volume will continue to increase as additional acreage reaches maturity.

Harvest of mature green tomatoes from Dade County held about steady during the week. Growers are leaving much of the smaller fruit in the fields. Volume from the Ft. Pierce area increased during the week. Volume of mature greens from the Immokalee-Ft. Myers area decreased slightly but is still heavy. Volume from the Manatee-Ruskin-Wauchula area is expected to decline the week of December 6-12.

Texas Rio Grande Valley weather was warm most of the week with cooler temperatures over the weekend. Early morning temperatures Sunday, December 6, dipped to the middle and high 30's at some Valley points. About 50 acres of tomatoes for early spring harvest were seeded last week in the upper section of the Valley. This start is noticeably behind last season. Rainfall has been short making land preparation difficult but water for irrigation is adequate.