

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-	
Dec. 28	33,360	6,000	39,360	32,270	5,260	37,530	400	800	39,760	33,330
Jan. 4	1,570	390	1,960	810	1,330	2,140	950	2,950	2,910	5,090
11	870	150	1,020	1,080	350	1,430	2,900	3,950	3,920	5,380
13	460	160	620	480	620	1,100	1,350	1,750	1,970	2,850
25	410	100	510	420	90	510	1,700	2,500	2,210	3,010
Feb. 1	270	---	270	230	140	370	2,400	1,000	2,670	1,370
8	80	---	80	50	60	110	950	500	1,030	610
15	---	---	---	160	---	160	700	600	700	760
22	170	60	230	30	20	50	500	450	730	500
29	210	20	230	---	---	---	600	100	330	100
Mar. 7	---	---	---	10	---	10	350	200	350	210
14	---	---	---	---	---	---	100	---	100	---
Season to date	37,400	6,880	44,280	35,540	7,870	43,410	12,900	14,800	57,180	58,210

Plant Development and Progress of Harvest 3/ - April 11, 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	1,040	1,660	4/	10,500	4/	12,160
Fruit set						
Early development	5,830	7,310	4/	4,300	4/	11,610
Har. expected next 2 weeks	4,680	1,690	4/	---	4/	1,690
Times harvested						
Once	2,190	2,840	4/	---	4/	2,840
Twice	2,290	760	4/	---	4/	760
Three or more	4,850	4,760	4/	---	4/	4,760
Harvest completed	23,400	24,390	4/	---	4/	24,390

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. 4/ Not available.

(See comments on reverse side.)

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Temperatures in Florida's tomato producing areas were warm during the week ended April 11, 1964 with scattered showers occurring late in the period. In the Pompano vine ripe area plant condition continues to decline as the effect of age and hot weather becomes more apparent. Harvest is complete or underway on all but a small acreage. Fruit quality is fair to good. Volume will continue its seasonal decline. Plant condition in Dade County is fair on the remaining acreage. Fruit quality is good. Condition of the plants in the Fort Pierce area is good to excellent in most fields. Some light harvest is expected in the southern section of the area this week. Plant condition, fruit quality and harvest fruit sizes in the Immokalee-Ft. Myers area are good. Volume will increase the week of April 13. Harvest is expected in the Manatee-Ruskin area by early May with good volume by mid-May. Plants in north central Florida have started to set fruit.

Tomato plants in the Texas Rio Grande Valley made good growth during the week with many fields blooming and setting fruit. High winds on April 8 caused leaf damage and fruit scarring. Irrigation water is being used heavily as the Valley experienced the 7th consecutive week without significant rainfall. Approximately 30 percent of the Valley acreage has set fruit. Light harvest is expected early in May. In the upper section of the Valley, plants are looking good. Fruit set is fair to good but much of the fruit is showing wind damage. Condition of plants in the middle section of the Valley is generally good. Many fields are blooming heavily but fruit set thus far is only fair. In the Brownsville area of the lower Valley, plants are making good growth. Early fields are blooming.