

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
	-Acres-						-Acres Seeded-		-Total Acres Seeded Basis-	
Season through										
Aug. 1	420	210	630	390	150	540	---	---	630	540
8	1,390	190	1,580	1,350	580	1,930	---	---	1,580	1,930
15	3,480	110	3,590	3,630	410	4,040	---	---	3,590	4,040
22	2,920	30	2,950	3,440	150	3,590	---	---	2,950	3,590
29	1,670	210	1,880	2,020	50	2,070	---	---	1,880	2,070
Sept. 5	1,390	500	1,890	3,580	90	3,670	---	---	1,890	3,670
12	1,210	630	1,840	1,980	50	2,030	---	---	1,840	2,030
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	210	1,770	---	---	1,800	1,770
Total through Oct. 10	17,060	3,010	20,070	22,470	2,220	24,690	---	---	20,070	24,690
Oct. 17	1,560	210	1,770	1,080			---	---	1,770	
24	1,480	90	1,570	1,840			---	---	1,570	
31	1,170	370	1,540	1,290			---	---	1,540	
Nov. 7	1,450	220	1,670	1,710			---	---	1,670	
Season to date	22,720	3,900	26,620	28,390			---	---	26,620	

Plant Development and Progress of Harvest 3/ - November 7, 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	14,010	15,480	---	---	14,010	15,480
Fruit set						
Early development	5,530	8,660	---	---	5,530	8,660
Har. expected next 2 weeks	3,760	4,750	---	---	3,760	4,750
Times harvested						
Once	1,870	1,550	---	---	1,870	1,550
Twice	480	170	---	---	480	170
Three or more	80	---	---	---	80	---
Harvest completed	---	---	---	---	---	---

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
Oct. 17	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
24	1	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---
31	14	6	5	---	---	---	14	6	5
Nov. 7	61	68	60	---	---	---	61	68	60
14	156	234	---	---	---	---	156	234	---
21	325	573	---	---	---	---	325	573	---

Florida had favorable weather during the week and the tomato crop made good progress. Additional growers began harvesting in the Immokalee-Ft. Myers area and volume increased. Peak production is expected from this area in early December. Harvest started in Dade County and in the Ft. Pierce and Manatee-Ruskin-Wauchula areas the week of November 1-7. Quality and size of the fruit harvested at Ft. Pierce and in Dade County are below average due to earlier hurricanes and rain damage. Volume from these areas will gradually increase. A few vine ripens are being harvested from the Immokalee-Ft. Myers area but harvest at Pompano, where most of the vine ripe acreage is being grown, is not expected until the week of November 15-21. Total volume will continue to increase during the week of November 3-14.