

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. 8	1,810	400	2,210	1,740	730	2,470	---	---	2,210	2,470
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	240	1,800	---	---	1,800	1,800
17	1,560	210	1,770	1,110	260	1,370	---	---	1,770	1,370
Total through Oct. 17	18,620	3,220	21,840	23,580	2,510	26,090	---	---	21,840	26,090
Oct. 24	1,480	90	1,570	1,790			---	---	1,570	
31	1,170	370	1,540	1,350			---	---	1,540	
Nov. 7	1,450	220	1,670	1,760			---	---	1,670	
14	1,090	140	1,230	1,350			---	---	1,230	
Season to date	23,810	4,040	27,850	29,830			---	---	27,850	

Plant Development and Progress of Harvest 3/ - November 14, 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	13,430	15,440	---	---	13,430	15,440
Fruit set						
Early development	6,460	7,840	---	---	6,460	7,840
Har. expected next 2 weeks	2,550	5,140	---	---	2,550	5,140
Times harvested						
Once	2,930	2,620	---	---	2,930	2,620
Twice	1,400	1,190	---	---	1,400	1,190
Three or more	260	110	---	---	260	110
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. 24	1	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---
31	14	6	5	---	---	---	14	6	5
Nov. 7	61	68	52	---	---	---	61	68	52
14	156	234	110	---	---	---	156	234	110
21	325	573		---	---		325	573	
28	562	605		---	---		562	605	

Temperatures in Florida during the week were favorable for tomato plant growth and fruit development. Most areas of the State were dry and irrigation was necessary. The small amount of acreage without irrigation facilities needs rain.

Total volume of mature green tomatoes is slowly increasing as additional acreage reaches maturity and more growers begin harvesting. Supply of mature greens from Dade County will continue light for several weeks. Volume from the Ft. Pierce area will be heavier this week and should continue to increase into early December. Shipments from the Immokalee-Ft. Myers area are expected to increase sharply the week of November 15-21 as additional acreage moves into second pick. Peak volume from the Manatee-Ruskin-Wauchula area is expected the week of November 22-28.

Harvest of vine ripens got underway in the important Pompano area the week ending November 14. Picking from a small acreage in the Ft. Myers-Immokalee area continues.