

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 LOWER VALLEY		TOTAL 2 STATES	
	1963-64			1964-65			1963-64	1964-65	1963-64	1964-65
	Seeded	Set 2/	Total	Seeded	Set 2/	Total				
Season through	-Acres-						-Acres Seeded-		-Total Acres Seeded Basis-	
Sept. 19	13,360	2,200	15,560	17,750	1,740	19,490	---	---	15,560	19,490
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	1,540	280	1,820	---	---	1,800	1,820
17	1,560	210	1,770	1,110	310	1,420	---	---	1,770	1,420
24	1,480	90	1,570	1,870	190	2,060	---	---	1,570	2,060
31	1,170	370	1,540	1,320	260	1,580	---	---	1,540	1,580
Nov. 7	1,450	220	1,670	1,780	360	2,140	---	---	1,670	2,140
14	1,090	140	1,230	1,940	170	2,110	---	---	1,230	2,110
21	1,230	170	1,400	1,250	120	1,370	---	---	1,400	1,370
28	950	40	990	1,380	110	1,490	---	---	990	1,490
Total through Nov. 28	25,990	4,250	30,240	33,240	3,920	37,160	---	---	30,240	37,160
Dec. 5	1,160	50	1,210	1,700			150	100	1,360	
12	1,870	80	1,950	1,670			350	0	2,300	
19	1,090	170	1,260	2,110			0	350	1,260	
26	2,150	780	2,930	760			200	1,300	3,130	
Season to date	32,260	5,330	37,590	39,480			700	1,750	38,290	

Plant Development and Progress of Harvest 3/ - December 26, 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	14,170	15,970	700	1,750	14,870	17,720
Fruit set						
Early development	5,140	5,760	---	---	5,140	5,760
Har. expected next 2 weeks	2,110	2,490	---	---	2,110	2,490
Times harvested						
Once	2,510	2,420	---	---	2,510	2,420
Twice	2,550	2,480	---	---	2,550	2,480
Three or more	5,760	3,640	---	---	5,760	3,640
Harvest completed	4,270	10,640	---	---	4,270	10,640

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
Dec. 5	739	758	694	---	---	---	739	758	694
12	387	689	740	---	---	---	387	689	740
19	480	570	591	---	---	---	480	570	591
26	326	434	399	---	---	---	326	434	399
Jan. 2	350	450		---	---		350	450	
9	335	751		---	---		335	751	

Temperatures in Florida during Christmas week were favorable for tomato plant growth. Showers were received over most of the areas near the weekend. Volume of vine ripe tomatoes from the Ft. Myers-Immokalee area is at peak while production from the Pompano area continues to increase. Quality of fruit and yields have been good. Mature green tomato volume declined during the week. Harvest of the fall planted acreage is about complete in the Ft. Myers-Immokalee and Manatee-Ruskin-Wauchula areas. Production in the Ft. Pierce area is declining while volume from Dade County is expected to increase. Plantings for vine ripe and mature green tomatoes for spring harvest continue active.

Texas Rio Grande Valley weather was favorable for field activity during most of the week. No measurable moisture was recorded. Valley growers seeded 1,300 acres of tomatoes during the week bringing the total planted this season to 1,750 acres. Growers have been reluctant to plant December acreage this season although water supplies have been adequate with mostly mild weather. Most active seeding usually occurs during January.