

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 LOWER VALLEY		TOTAL 2 STATES	
	1962-63			1963-64			1962-63	1963-64	1962-63	1963-64
	Seeded	Set 2/	Total	Seeded	Set 2/	Total				
Season	-Acres-						-Acres Seeded-		-Total Acres Seeded Basis-	
through										
Jan. 4	34,930	6,390	41,320	33,080	6,590	39,670	1,350	3,600	42,670	43,270
11	870	150	1,020	1,040	350	1,390	2,900	3,850	3,920	5,240
13	460	160	620	490	610	1,100	1,350	1,650	1,970	2,750
25	410	100	510	420	90	510	1,700	2,500	2,210	3,010
Feb. 1	270	---	270	230	140	370	2,400	950	2,670	1,320
8	80	---	80	50	60	110	950	500	1,030	610
15	---	---	---	160	---	160	700	550	700	710
22	170	60	230	40	20	60	500	450	730	510
29	210	20	230	---	---	---	600	100	830	100
Mar. 7	---	---	---	10	---	10	350	150	350	160
14	---	---	---	---	---	---	100	---	100	---
21	---	---	---	40	---	40	---	---	---	40
Season	37,400	6,880	44,280	35,560	7,860	43,420	12,900	14,300	57,180	57,720

Plant Development and Progress of Harvest 3/ - May 23, 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	---	---	4/	400	4/	400
Fruit set						
Early development	---	---	4/	1,950	4/	1,950
Har. expected next 2 weeks	440	200	4/	5,450	4/	5,650
Times harvested						
Once	300	890	4/	4,100	4/	4,990
Twice	1,820	3,930	4/	1,700	4/	5,630
Three or more	3,890	1,960	4/	700	4/	2,660
Harvest completed	37,830	36,440	4/	---	4/	36,440

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.)

Weekly Tomato Shipments 1961-62 through 1963-64  
 Rail and Truck Combined - Equivalent Carlots

Week Ending	FLORIDA			TEXAS			TOTAL 2 STATES		
	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64
May 2	1,002	1,140	1,205	---	---	1	1,002	1,140	1,206
9	957	1,463	1,656	71	---	41	1,028	1,463	1,697
16	981	1,493	1,093	375	2	166	1,356	1,495	1,259
23	666	1,149	1/1,198	847	23	205	1,513	1,172	1/1,403
30	444	621		869	94		1,313	715	
June 6	191	363		441	414		632	777	
13	66	64		112	216		178	280	

1/ Preliminary.

Heavy rains fell in Florida's Pompano area during the week ending May 23 but vine ripe harvest in this area was about complete and damage was not serious. Areas where mature green harvest was underway, received no precipitation. Rail and truck shipments during the week ended May 23 totaled 1,198 equivalent carlots, up 10 percent from the previous week's volume. Mature green tomatoes accounted for practically all of the volume. Shipments during the week ending May 30 will decline as additional acreage goes out of production. In the Immokalee-Fort Myers and Fort Pierce areas, most growers have picked only twice. Only a few acres remain for harvest in the Immokalee-Fort Myers area. Harvest will be complete in this area by the week ending May 30. Last fields in the Fort Pierce area will be harvested for the week ending June 6. Volume from the Manatee-Ruskin-Wauchula and north central areas continues good.

Scattered showers fell almost daily in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas last week, halting picking of tomatoes in all areas by Wednesday, May 20. Rainfall recorded for the week through May 24 includes 2.47 inches at Brownsville, 2.46 at Harlingen, 5.09 at Mercedes, 2.61 at Weslaco, 1.05 at McAllen, and 4.63 at Raymondsville. Harvest during the early week was limited to about 4,600 acres. Shipments for the week totaled 205 rail and truck carlot equivalents, a slight increase over the 166 carlots for the week before. Picking in fields which received lesser amounts of rain was expected to resume early this week. Supplies will remain limited until more fields dry. Heavy cullage of cracked tomatoes will limit yields. Sizes and yields have been running fair to good. Plant condition is good.