

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. 22	8,210	540	8,750	8,940	1,290	10,230	---	---	8,750	10,230
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	280	1,840	---	---	1,800	1,840
17	1,560	210	1,770	1,110	310	1,420	---	---	1,770	1,420
24	1,480	90	1,570	1,840	190	2,030	---	---	1,570	2,030
31	1,170	370	1,540	1,320	260	1,580	---	---	1,540	1,580
Total through Oct. 31	21,270	3,680	24,950	26,870	3,050	29,920	---	---	24,950	29,920
Nov. 7	1,450	220	1,670	1,780			---	---	1,670	
14	1,090	140	1,230	1,980			---	---	1,230	
21	1,230	170	1,400	1,140			---	---	1,400	
28	950	40	990	1,230			---	---	990	
Season to date	25,990	4,250	30,240	33,000			---	---	30,240	

Plant Development and Progress of Harvest 3/ - November 28, 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	13,780	15,560	---	---	13,780	15,560
Fruit set						
Early development	3,370	6,230	---	---	3,370	6,230
Har. expected next 2 weeks	2,570	2,940	---	---	2,570	2,940
Times harvested						
Once	4,020	5,900	---	---	4,020	5,900
Twice	4,590	3,810	---	---	4,590	3,810
Three or more	1,290	1,590	---	---	1,290	1,590
Harvest completed	50	20	---	---	50	20

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.)

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
Nov. 7	61	68	52	---	---	---	61	68	52
14	156	234	112	---	---	---	156	234	112
21	325	573	331	---	---	---	325	573	331
28	562	605	552	---	---	---	562	605	552
Dec. 5	739	758		---	---	---	739	758	
12	387	689		---	---	---	387	689	

Florida's tomato growing area had variable weather during the week of November 22-28. Light to heavy rains fell in the Pompano, Dade County, and Immokalee-Ft. Myers areas. The Ft. Pierce and Manatee-Ruskin-Wauchula areas had little or no rainfall.

Shipments climbed sharply during the week to 552 equivalent carlots compared with 331 the week before and 605 the same week a year earlier. Vine ripe volume from the Pompano and Immokalee-Ft. Myers area continues to increase as additional acreage reaches maturity. Mature green tomato supplies from Dade County increased during the week but volume is not heavy. Volume from the Ft. Pierce area will soon reach peak levels. Shipments from the Immokalee-Ft. Myers area are expected to be heavy for the next few weeks. Production from the Manatee-Ruskin-Wauchula area is expected to peak the week of November 29-December 5.