

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

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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 through	-Acres-						-Acres Seeded-		-Total Acres Seeded Basis-	
Jan. 4	34,930	6,390	41,320	33,040	6,590	39,630	1,350	3,500	42,670	43,130
11	870	150	1,020	1,040	350	1,390	2,900	3,750	3,920	5,140
18	460	160	620	490	610	1,100	1,350	1,650	1,970	2,750
25	410	100	510	420	90	510	1,700	2,450	2,210	2,960
Feb. 1	270	---	270	230	140	370	2,400	850	2,670	1,220
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	400	730	460
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	6,830	44,280	35,520	7,860	43,380	12,900	13,900	57,180	57,280

Plant Development and Progress of Harvest 3/ - June 6, 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/	---	4/	---
Fruit set						
Early development	---	---	4/	800	4/	800
Har. expected next 2 weeks	---	---	4/	4,350	4/	4,350
Times harvested						
Once	270	---	4/	4,100	4/	4,100
Twice	240	160	4/	2,800	4/	2,960
Three or more	970	2,950	4/	1,500	4/	4,450
Harvest completed	42,800	40,270	4/	350	4/	40,620

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	1,190	847	23	205	1,513	1,172	1,395
30	444	621	962	869	94	27	1,313	715	989
June 6	191	363 <u>1/</u>	600	441	414	109	632	777 <u>1/</u>	709
13	66	64		112	216		178	280	

1/ Preliminary.

Heavy rains in late May caused severe loss of mature fruit in the Texas Rio Grande Valley. Rain on Sunday, May 31, covered most of this area with amounts up to one inch or more. Harvest of tomatoes during the week ending June 6 was delayed in many fields. Shipments totaled only 109 carlot equivalents compared with over 400 during the same week last year. Movement of tomatoes is expected to remain light the remainder of the season. Most of the acreage has a fair set on last hands. Vines that have been picked more than once are going down. Vines in most other fields are still in good condition but may not hold up long enough to furnish late June production.

Heavy rain fell in all of Florida's tomato producing area on June 5 temporarily halting harvesting operations. Volume continued to decrease as additional growers finished harvesting for the season. Rail and truck shipments during the week of May 31-June 6 totaled 600 equivalent carlots compared to 962 the week before. Mature green tomatoes accounted for practically all of this volume. A few vine ripers were still being harvested from the Pompano, Martin County, and Immokalee-Ft. Myers areas during the week but the heavy rain caused growers to abandon most of the remaining acreage. Harvest of mature greens was completed in the Ft. Pierce area during the week and will be complete in the Manatee-Ruskin-Wauchula area by June 13. Fields in north central Florida will provide all of the mature green supply after June 13.