

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 through	-Acres-						-Acres Seeded-		-Total Acres Seeded Basis-	
Jan. 4	34,930	6,390	41,320	33,040	6,590	39,630	1,350	3,150	42,670	42,780
11	870	150	1,020	1,040	350	1,390	2,900	3,450	3,920	4,840
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	2,200	2,210	2,710
Feb. 1	270	---	270	230	140	370	2,400	800	2,670	1,170
8	80	---	80	50	60	110	950	450	1,030	560
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	6,880	44,280	35,520	7,860	43,380	12,900	12,900	57,180	56,280

Plant Development and Progress of Harvest 3/ - June 20, 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/	---	4/	---
Har. expected next 2 weeks	---	---	4/	1,250	4/	1,250
Times harvested						
Once	---	---	4/	2,200	4/	2,200
Twice	---	---	4/	2,350	4/	2,350
Three or more	---	180	4/	4,000	4/	4,180
Harvest completed	44,280	43,200	4/	3,100	4/	46,300

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	616	441	414	109	632	777	725
13	66	64	190	467	437	225	533	551	415
20	41	14 <u>1/</u>	52	112	216	107	153	230 <u>1/</u>	159

1/ Preliminary.

Tomato shipments from the Texas Rio Grande Valley declined last week with only 107 equivalent carlots moving. Harvest is complete in many fields in the upper and middle sections of the Valley and in a few fields in the lower section. Tomatoes from the remaining acreage are expected to be mostly small in size. Vines are deteriorating rapidly and cullage is running high. Volume is expected to be light the remainder of the season.

The last report for the current season in Florida was issued on June 16.