

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-	
July 25	200	50	250	60	100	160	---	---	250	160
Aug. 1	220	160	380	330	50	380	---	---	380	380
8	1,390	190	1,580	1,350	580	1,930	---	---	1,580	1,930
15	3,480	110	3,590	3,630	410	4,040	---	---	3,590	4,040
22	2,920	30	2,950	3,440	150	3,590	---	---	2,950	3,590
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	1,510	210	1,720	---	---	2,010	1,720
Total through Oct. 3	15,480	2,790	18,270	20,900	2,030	22,930	---	---	18,270	22,930
Oct. 10	1,580	220	1,800	1,640			---	---	1,800	
17	1,560	210	1,770	1,260			---	---	1,770	
24	1,480	90	1,570	1,830			---	---	1,570	
31	1,170	370	1,540	1,320			---	---	1,540	
Season to date	21,270	3,680	24,950	26,950			---	---	24,950	

Plant Development and Progress of Harvest 3/ - October 31, 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	13,870	16,270	---	---	13,870	16,270
Fruit set						
Early development	4,980	7,590	---	---	4,980	7,590
Har. expected next 2 weeks	3,660	4,860	---	---	3,660	4,860
Times harvested						
Once	1,320	260	---	---	1,320	260
Twice	230	---	---	---	230	---
Three or more	---	---	---	---	---	---
Harvest completed	---	---	---	---	---	---

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
Oct. 10	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
17	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
24	1	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---
31	14	6	6	---	---	---	14	6	6
Nov. 7	61	68	---	---	---	---	61	68	---
14	156	234	---	---	---	---	156	234	---

Florida's tomato acreage in the Pompano area and in Dade, Martin and Palm Beach Counties had heavy rainfall the week of October 25-31. These areas received 4-6 inches of rain which caused considerable damage. Acreage in the Ft. Pierce area escaped all but light showers. The Ft. Myers-Immokalee area received only scattered showers. Acreage in the Manatee-Ruskin-Wauchula area was not affected.

Growers in all areas had planted or set 28,980 acres to October 31 this year, 20 percent above the acreage for the same date last year. These figures do not include acreage abandoned prior to harvest.

Harvest got underway the week of October 25-31 in the Ft. Myers-Immokalee area. Volume will gradually increase. Picking should begin in Dade County and the Manatee-Ruskin-Wauchula area the week of November 1-7. First harvest in the Ft. Pierce area is expected to take place the week of November 8-14. Volume from this area will be light until the last half of the month.