

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 LOWER VALLEY		TOTAL 2 STATES	
	1963-64			1964-65			1963-64	1964-65	1963-64	1964-65
	Seeded	Set 2/	Total	Seeded	Set 2/	Total	-Acres Seeded-	-Acres Seeded-	-Total Acres Seeded Basis-	-Total Acres Seeded Basis-
Season through	-Acres-						-Acres Seeded-		-Total Acres Seeded Basis-	
Sept. 5	11,270	1,250	12,520	14,540	1,530	16,070	---	---	12,520	16,070
12	1,210	630	1,840	1,980	60	2,040	---	---	1,840	2,040
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	1,540	280	1,820	---	---	1,800	1,820
17	1,560	210	1,770	1,110	310	1,420	---	---	1,770	1,420
24	1,480	90	1,570	1,850	190	2,040	---	---	1,570	2,040
31	1,170	370	1,540	1,320	260	1,580	---	---	1,540	1,580
Nov. 7	1,450	220	1,670	1,780	320	2,100	---	---	1,670	2,100
14	1,090	140	1,230	2,000	120	2,120	---	---	1,230	2,120
Total through Nov. 14	23,810	4,040	27,850	30,640	3,600	34,240	---	---	27,850	34,240
Nov. 21	1,230	170	1,400	1,270			---	---	1,400	
28	950	40	990	1,370			---	---	990	
Dec. 5	1,160	50	1,210	1,660			150	50	1,360	
12	1,870	80	1,950	1,280			350	0	2,300	
Season to date	29,020	4,380	33,400	36,220			500	50	33,900	

Plant Development and Progress of Harvest 3/ - December 12, 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	13,990	15,320	500	50	14,490	15,370
Fruit set						
Early development	4,220	5,980	---	---	4,220	5,980
Har. expected next 2 weeks	2,500	2,250	---	---	2,500	2,250
Times harvested						
Once	2,050	4,660	---	---	2,050	4,660
Twice	3,940	4,780	---	---	3,940	4,780
Three or more	4,400	3,130	---	---	4,400	3,130
Harvest completed	1,960	3,700	---	---	1,960	3,700

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
Nov. 21	325	573	331	---	---	---	325	573	331
28	562	605	553	---	---	---	562	605	553
Dec. 5	739	758	694	---	---	---	739	758	694
12	387	689	734	---	---	---	387	689	734
19	480	570	---	---	---	---	480	570	---
26	326	434	---	---	---	---	326	434	---

Weather in Florida's tomato producing areas was cool early in the week ending December 12 but turned warmer the latter part of the week. Some areas received light scattered showers. Volume of vine ripe tomatoes increased slightly during the week and is expected to increase again this week. Quality of the fruit in the Pompano area has improved. Fruit quality, size, and yield in the Ft. Myers-Immokalee area are good. Volume of mature green tomatoes from Dade County is fair. Growers are not harvesting much of the smaller fruit. Supplies from the Ft. Pierce area held about steady during the week but are expected to decline next week. Production from the Ft. Myers-Immokalee and Manatee-Ruskin-Wauchula areas is past the peak and shipments are decreasing. Planting for vine ripens and mature green tomatoes continues active in all areas.

The Texas Rio Grande Valley had cold, damp weather last week. Rain and drizzle, which accompanied a cold front, accumulated to over 2 1/2 inches in the Brownsville area, about 1 1/2 inches through the middle section of the Valley, with lesser amounts in the upper section of the Valley. Land preparation and some seeding, which were interrupted by the rain, are expected to resume during the week of December 13-19.