

VEGETABLES

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WEEKLY TOMATO REPORT 1/ - 1965-66 Season

Weekly Planting in Florida and the  
Spring crop in the Texas Lower Valley

Week Ending	FLORIDA						TEXAS		TOTAL	
	1964-65			1965-66			LOWER VALLEY		2 STATES	
	Seeded	Set 2/	Total	Seeded	Set 2/	Total	1964-65	1965-66	1964-65	1965-66
Season through	- Acres -						-Acres Seeded-		-Total Acres Seeded basis-	
Aug. 28	10,760	1,290	12,050	9,690	950	10,640	---	---	12,050	10,640
Sept. 4	3,580	80	3,660	1,290	440	1,730	---	---	3,660	1,730
11	1,860	60	1,920	1,340	360	1,700	---	---	1,920	1,700
18	1,210	150	1,360	1,670	320	1,990	---	---	1,360	1,990
25	1,760	190	1,950	1,210	520	1,730	---	---	1,950	1,730
Oct. 2	1,520	190	1,710	970	530	1,500	---	---	1,710	1,500
9	1,540	280	1,820	680	640	1,320	---	---	1,820	1,320
16	1,170	280	1,450	450	380	830	---	---	1,450	830
23	1,700	190	1,890	1,340	520	1,860	---	---	1,890	1,860
30	1,330	260	1,590	1,000	480	1,480	---	---	1,590	1,480
Nov 6	1,600	410	2,010	1,450	440	1,890	---	---	2,010	1,890
13	1,680	150	1,830	1,230	320	1,550	---	---	1,830	1,550
Total through Nov. 13	29,710	3,530	33,240	22,320	5,900	28,220	---	---	33,240	28,220
Nov. 20	1,020	180	1,200	940			---	---	1,200	
27	1,360	150	1,510	990			---	---	1,510	
Dec. 4	1,480	730	2,210	1,550			---	---	2,210	
11	1,660	610	2,270	1,620			---	---	2,270	
Season to date	35,230	5,200	40,430	27,420			---	---	40,430	

Plant Development and Progress of Harvest 3/ - December 11, 1965

STAGES	FLORIDA		TEXAS		TOTAL 2 STATES	
	1964-65	1965-66	1964-65	1964-65	1964-65	1965-66
	-Acres-		-Acres-		-Acres-	
Pre-fruit stage	14,260	13,410	---	---	14,260	13,410
Fruit set						
Early development	5,980	3,810	---	---	5,980	3,810
Har. expected next 2 weeks	2,250	2,440	---	---	2,250	2,440
Times harvested						
Once	4,660	3,390	---	---	4,660	3,390
Twice	4,780	4,040	---	---	4,780	4,040
Three or more	3,130	4,510	---	---	3,130	4,510
Harvest completed	3,700	1,720	---	---	3,700	1,720

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.

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Weekly Tomato Shipments 1963-64 through 1965-66  
 Rail and Truck Combined - Equivalent Carlots

	FLORIDA			TEXAS			TOTAL 2 STATES		
	1963-64	1964-65	1965-66	1963-64	1964-65	1965-66	1963-64	1964-65	1965-66
Nov. 20	580	332	276	---	---	---	580	332	276
27	606	578	524	---	---	---	606	578	524
Dec. 4	769	699	629	---	---	---	769	699	629
11	690	744	832	---	---	---	690	744	832
18	575	596		---	---		575	596	
25	435	407		---	---		435	407	

Volume of tomatoes from Florida during the week ending December 11 was the largest so far this season. Shipments are expected to continue heavy during the current week. Supplies of mature greens continue increasing from Dade County and remained heavy from the Fort Myers-Immokalee and Fort Pierce areas. Green volume from the Manatee-Ruskin-Wauchula area is rapidly decreasing as harvest nears completion. Vine ripe supplies from both the Pompano and Immokalee areas continue increasing. Below average temperatures during the past two weeks have been conducive to better fruit sizing.