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Dear Tomato Growers:

USDA/NASS Releases Latest Crop Estimate at 12,800,000:

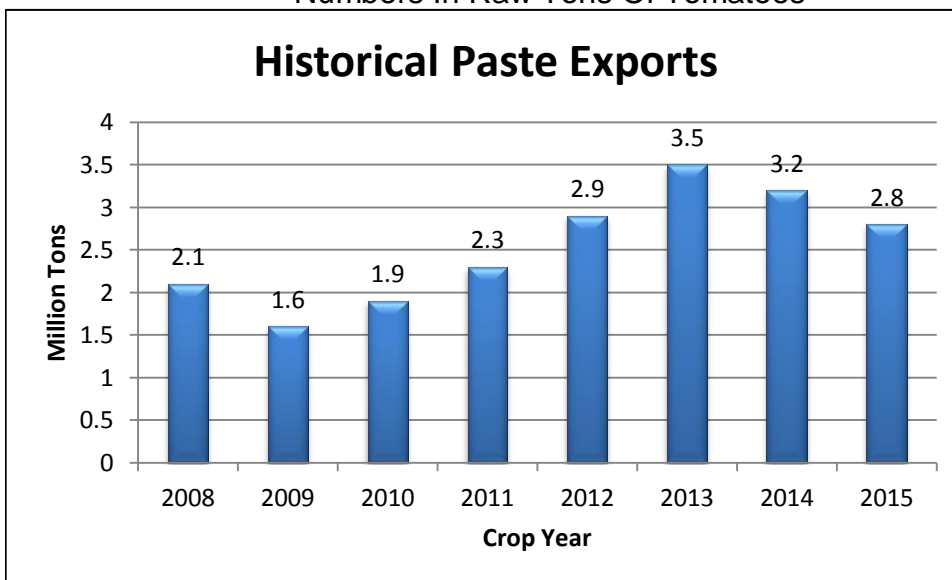
- The USDA announced their latest crop estimate of 12.8mm tons on August 24. This is 200m tons lower than the May forecast of 13.0mm tons and 1.6mm tons below last year's 14.4mm ton crop.
- The reported planted acreage has decreased slightly from 262m acres in May to 261m acres currently. Of the 261m acres that have been planted, 258m acres are expected to be harvested.
- Based on the 261m planted acres the expected yield would be 49.04 TPA (A Record Yield).

Final Paste Export Numbers for 2015 Crop Year:

Paste exports for last year continued to feel the impacts of the strengthened Dollar versus the Euro and a 2015 pack that was above consumption levels. Paste exports were at 2.8mm from June 1, 2015 to May 31, 2016. This is a 12.5% decrease from prior year movement.

The chart below shows historical paste exports:

Numbers In Raw Tons Of Tomatoes

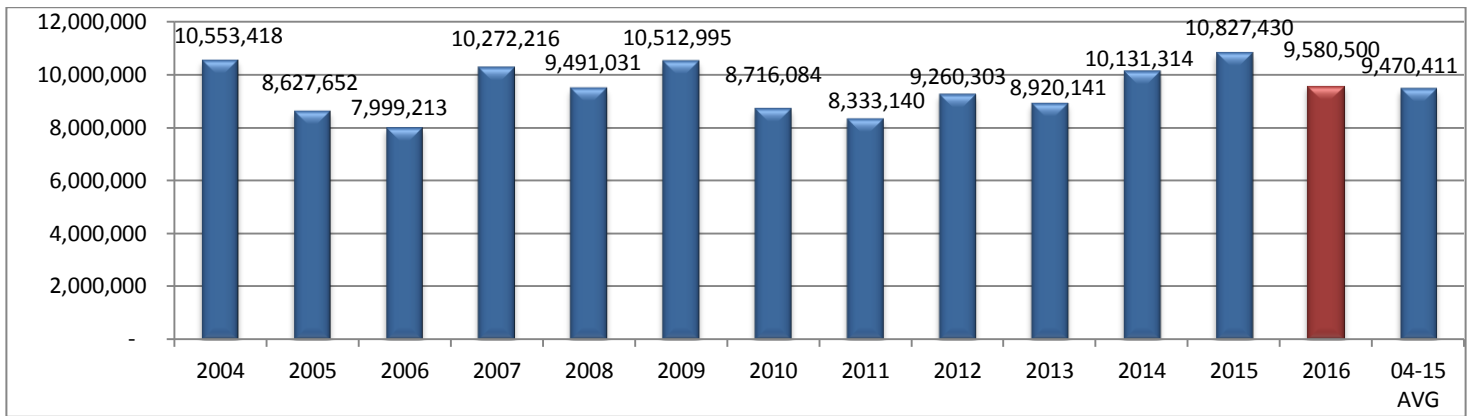


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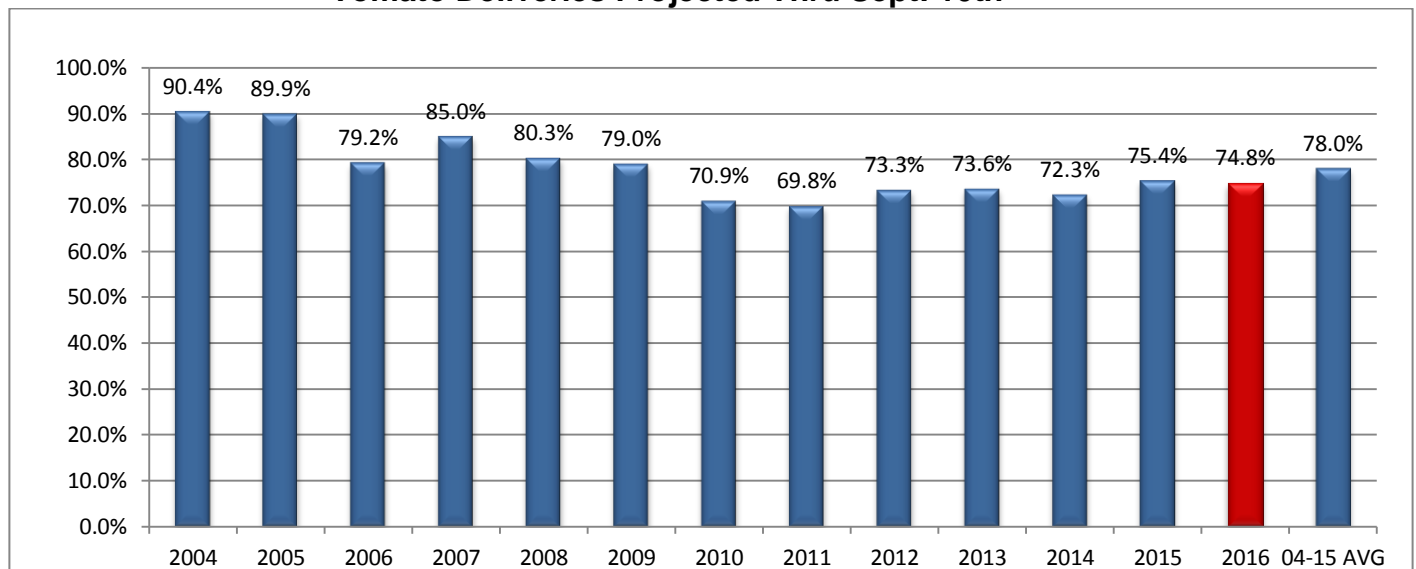
Tomato Deliveries Projected Thru Sept. 10th:



- The average yields for the State are reported to be below contracted levels overall at this time.
- Since week ending July 30, the industry has been processing over a million tons per week.
- The industry is currently 1,246,930 tons behind last year at this point of the season. Given the fact that the contracted volume is 1,600,000 less than last year, this is not completely unexpected. Overall, harvest is a little bit behind schedule in the field, as the cooler temperatures over the last few weeks has slowed down the ripening process.

The following chart takes a historical look at the percent completion of harvest:

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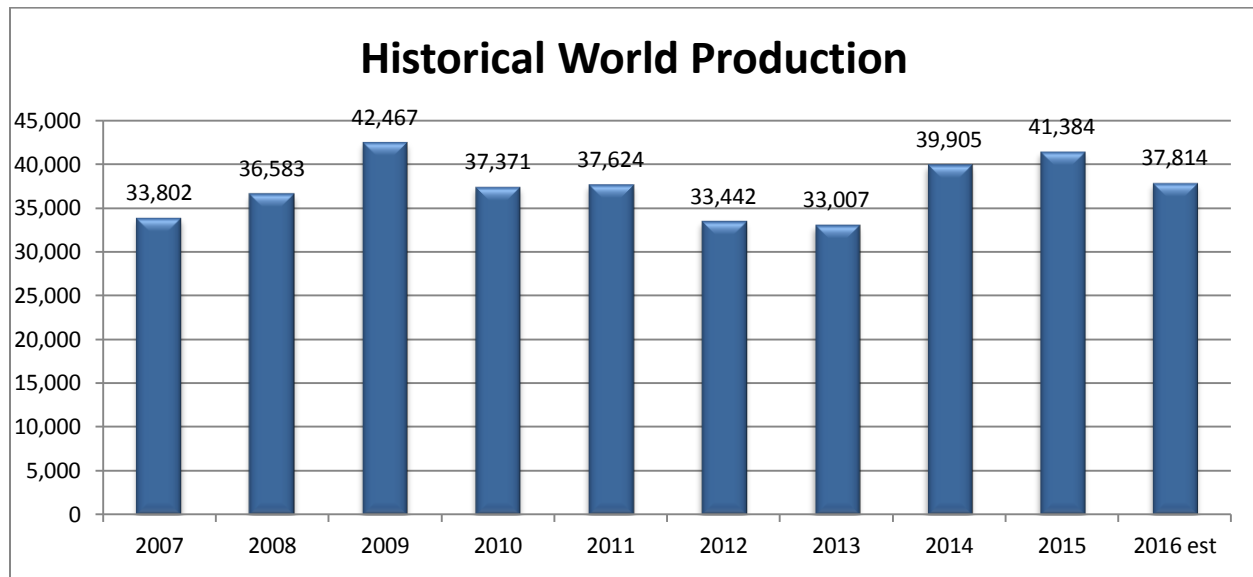


*The 2016 percentage is based on a 12.8mm ton crop.

World Crop Update:

Harvest is currently underway for the majority of the major processing tomato regions around the world. The World Processed Tomato Council's (WPTC) June estimate was for 38.097 mm metric tons. On September 1, the WPTC released a revised estimate that reported a world crop that was just slightly lower at 37.814mm metric tons. This is below the estimated world demand figures of 39m-40m metric tons. Most countries are reporting that field yields are slightly lower than last year at this time.

Historical World Production Figures All Figures In Metric Tons



AB 1066 Ag Overtime Bill:

AB 1066 (Ag Overtime Bill) has now passed both houses of the California State Legislature and awaits a decision by Governor Brown. This bill lowers the current overtime threshold of 10 hours per day and 60 hours per week to 8 hours per day and 40 hours per week by 2022. The Governor has until the end of the month to decide whether or not to sign this bill or veto. There is a website that you can visit that with a few simple inputs will calculate the impact to your operation. The site also allows you to send a message to the Governor along with potential changes you might make to cope with these increased costs. I would encourage each of you take a moment and visit this website as well as share it with friends and let him know your opposition to this becoming law. The website address is www.vetoab1066.org.

Extend Ag Available to CTGA Members:

If you have not done so, it is not too late to sign up for ExtendAg for the 2016 Season. CTGA has an agreement with Cultura Technologies Inc. to provide the ExtendAg Grower Delivery Reporting (GDR) program to CTGA grower members. We provide each member with access to the Platinum Service level, the transaction fee and two concurrent user fees. Our member will be responsible to pay for each additional user license in excess of two that are requested. Please indicate you are a CTGA grower member on the Grade Access Form and **fax to PTAB (530)759-7504**. The form follows on the next page.



2016 GROWER INFO ACCESS

Please fill out one form for each grower entity and mail or fax it back to us at least 7 days before you wish to access information from the grade stations. Thank you.

Grower Name: _____

Grower Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone #: _____ Fax #: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

_____ **Please check here if you are a CTGA member** and want PTAB to share your load information with the California Tomato Growers Association. (By checking here, all pertinent load information associated with the Grower Code listed for the years 2011-2016 will be sent to CTGA.)

I want PTAB to send my grower code and password to the above address or fax number **(PTAB will assign your 2016 password)**.

Print Name of Grower Representative

Signature of Grower Representative

Date

If you have had problems in the past with multiple grower numbers or any other issues, please call us at **(530) 759-7501** as soon as possible so we can try to solve the problem before the season starts. **FAX (530) 759-7504**

PTAB will fill in the following and fax the information back to you:

Grower Code: _____

Password: _____