

Country Presentation

Tomato production in

Tunisia

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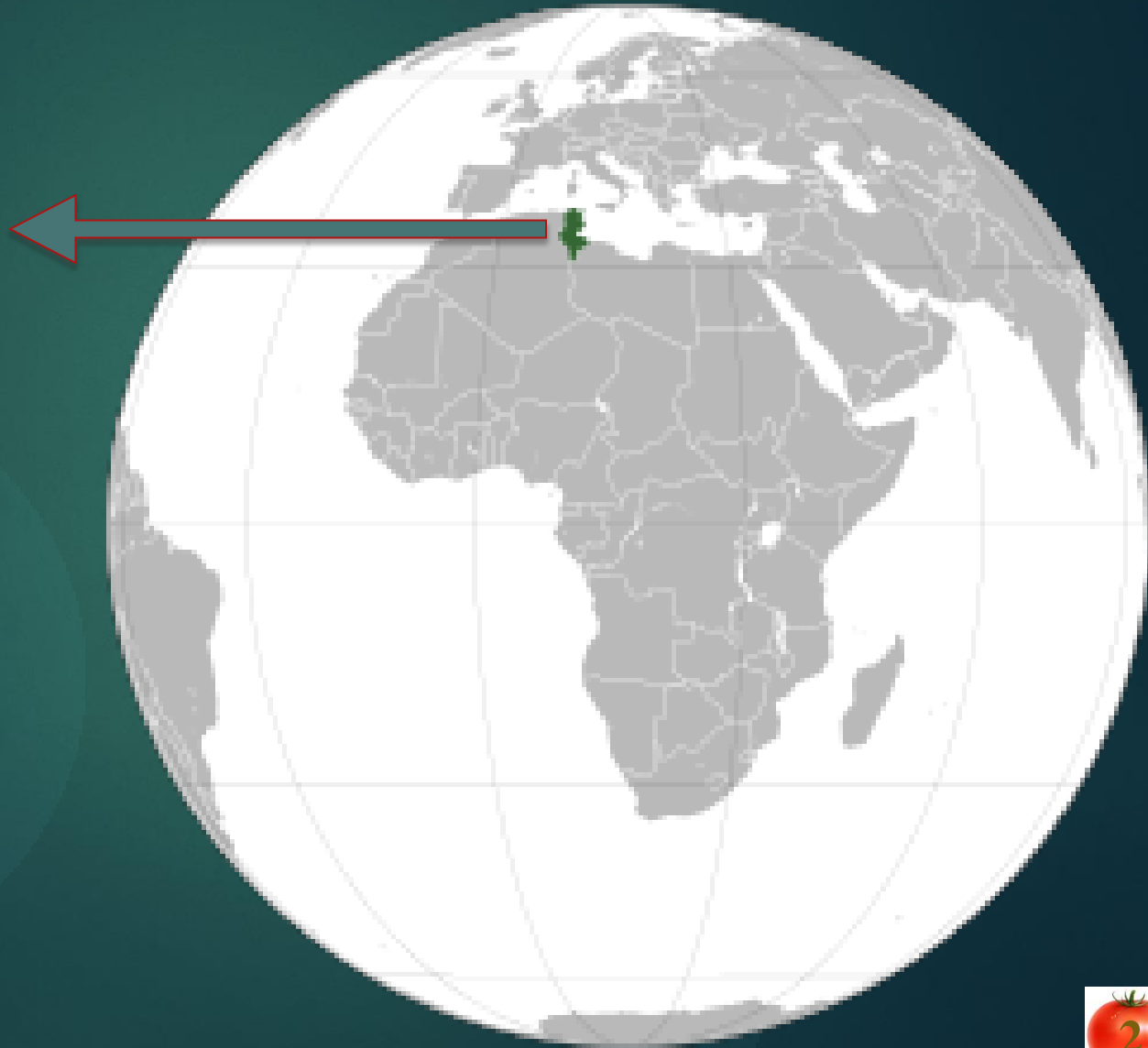
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TUNISIA facts

Total area: 163,610 km² (92th)

Surface of water: 5%

Population: 10,982,754 (79th)

Land used for agriculture: 10 million ha

Average size of farms: 10 ha/farm

Agriculture represents:

- 12% of GDP (PIB)
- 11% of total export products
- 16% of manpower employed



Bioclimatic Regions Of TUNISIA

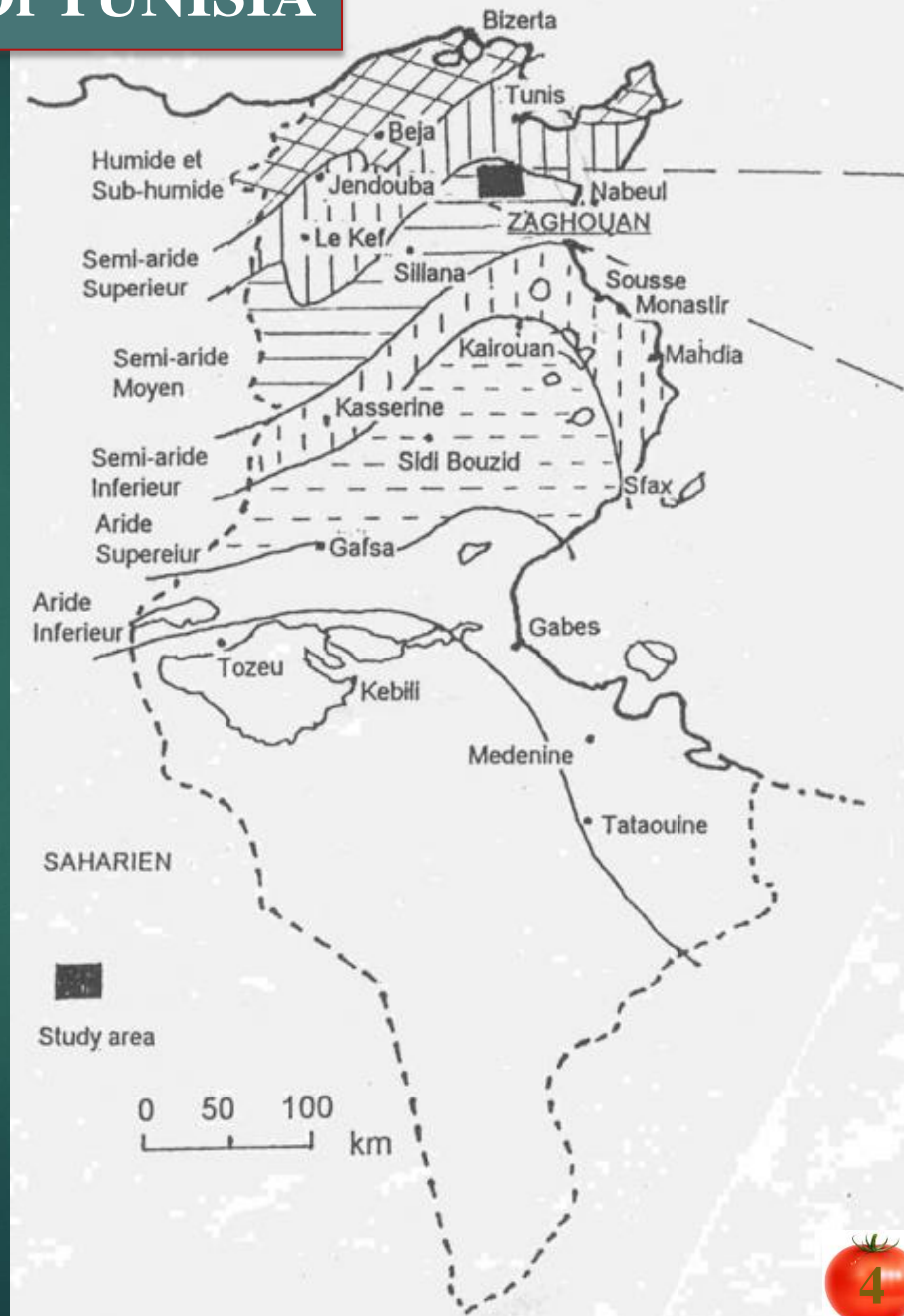
Humid and sub-humid > 600 mm/year $\longrightarrow$

Semi arid superior > 400 mm/year $\longrightarrow$

Semi arid inferior > 200 mm/year $\longrightarrow$

Arid > 50 mm/ year $\longrightarrow$

Saharan < 50 mm/ year $\longrightarrow$



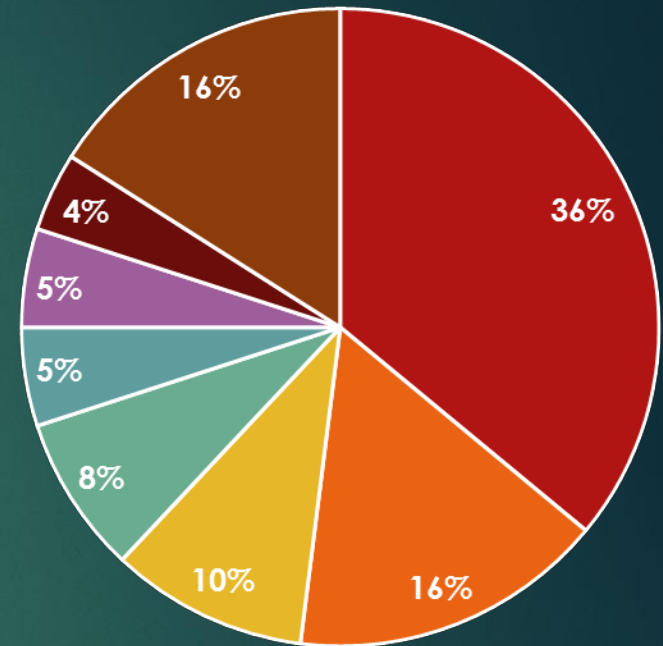
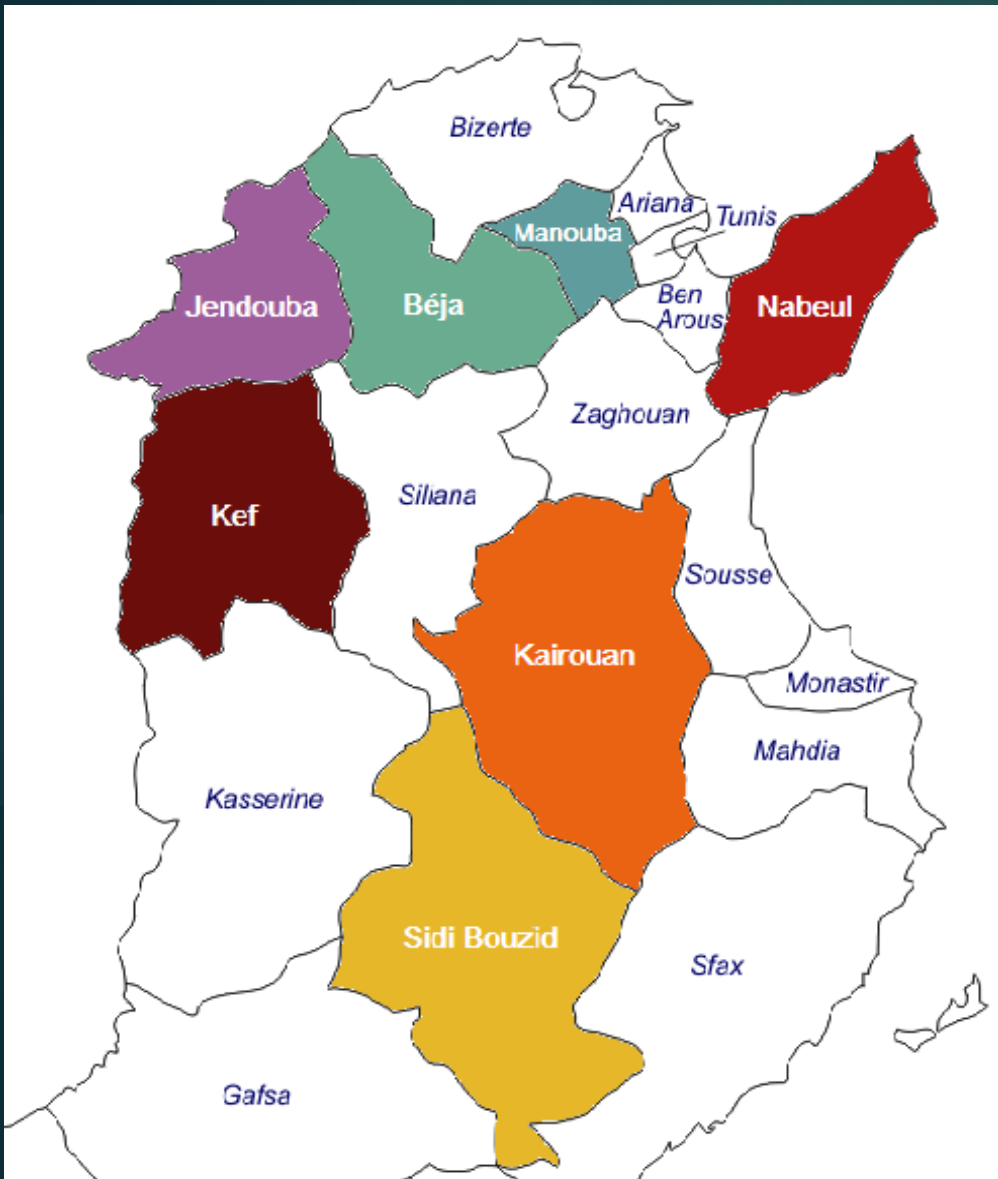
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PRODUCTION			2010	2011	2012
Tomato season	Open field	Area (1000 Ha)	26,2	25,45	20,7
		Production (1000 T)	1050	1100	1040
		Yield (T/Ha)	40,07	43,22	50,24
Tomato off-season	Open field	Area (1000 Ha)	7,4	7,2	7,3
		Production (1000 T)	246	234	300
		Yield (T/Ha)	33,24	32,5	41,09

PRODUCTION		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Destination
Tomato season	Open field													Fresh/Process
Off-season	Open field													Fresh
	Greenhouse (cold)													Fresh
	Greenhouse (Géothermal)													Fresh



Tomato production regions in Tunisia



Tomato production in Tunisian regions

In Tunisia, tomato is grown throughout the year:

- season and late season tomatoes are exclusively grown in open field;
- off-season tomatoes are grown mostly in the tunnels and/or cold greenhouses or greenhouses heated with geothermal water.

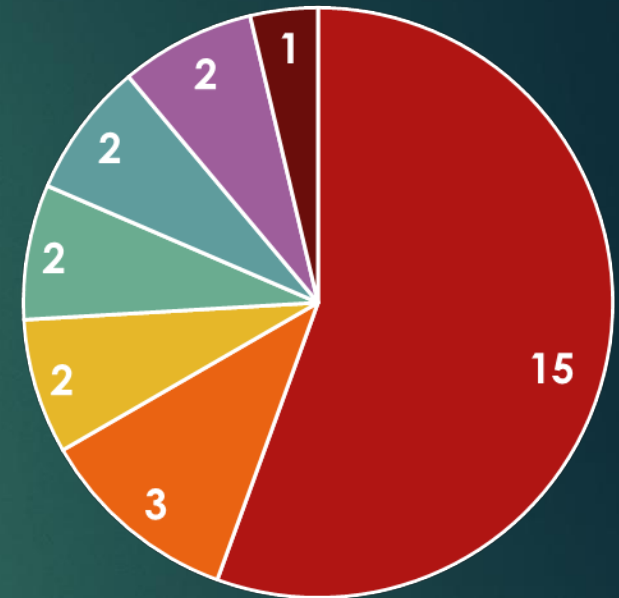
Cultivated areas are about 25 000 hectares / year and total production is on average 1 million tones / year over the past five years.

Export products:

- Processed tomatoes: tomato paste, dried tomatoes ...
- Fresh tomato mainly from geothermal cultures



27 tomato factories in different Tunisian regions



- Nabeul
- Ben Arous
- Kairouan
- Sidi Bouzid
- Béja
- Manouba
- Ariana

Processing tomatoes in Tunisia

Processing sector has now 27 units for a daily processing capacity of 36,000 tons of fresh tomatoes.

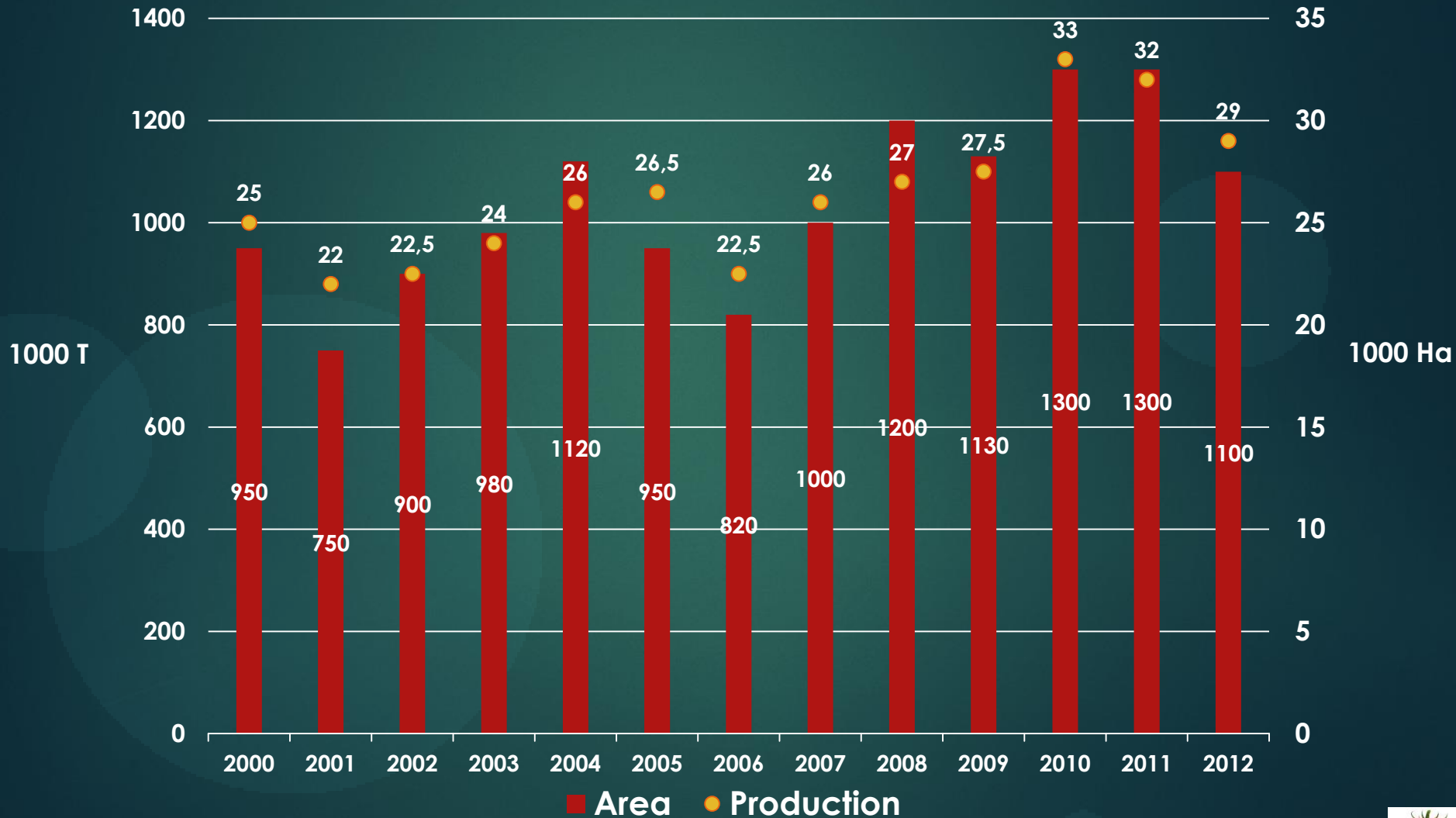
More than 10,000 producers cultivate an area between 20,000 and 26,000 ha.

Between 650,000 and 950,000 tones of fresh tomatoes are processed annually into double and triple tomato paste and other canned tomatoes.

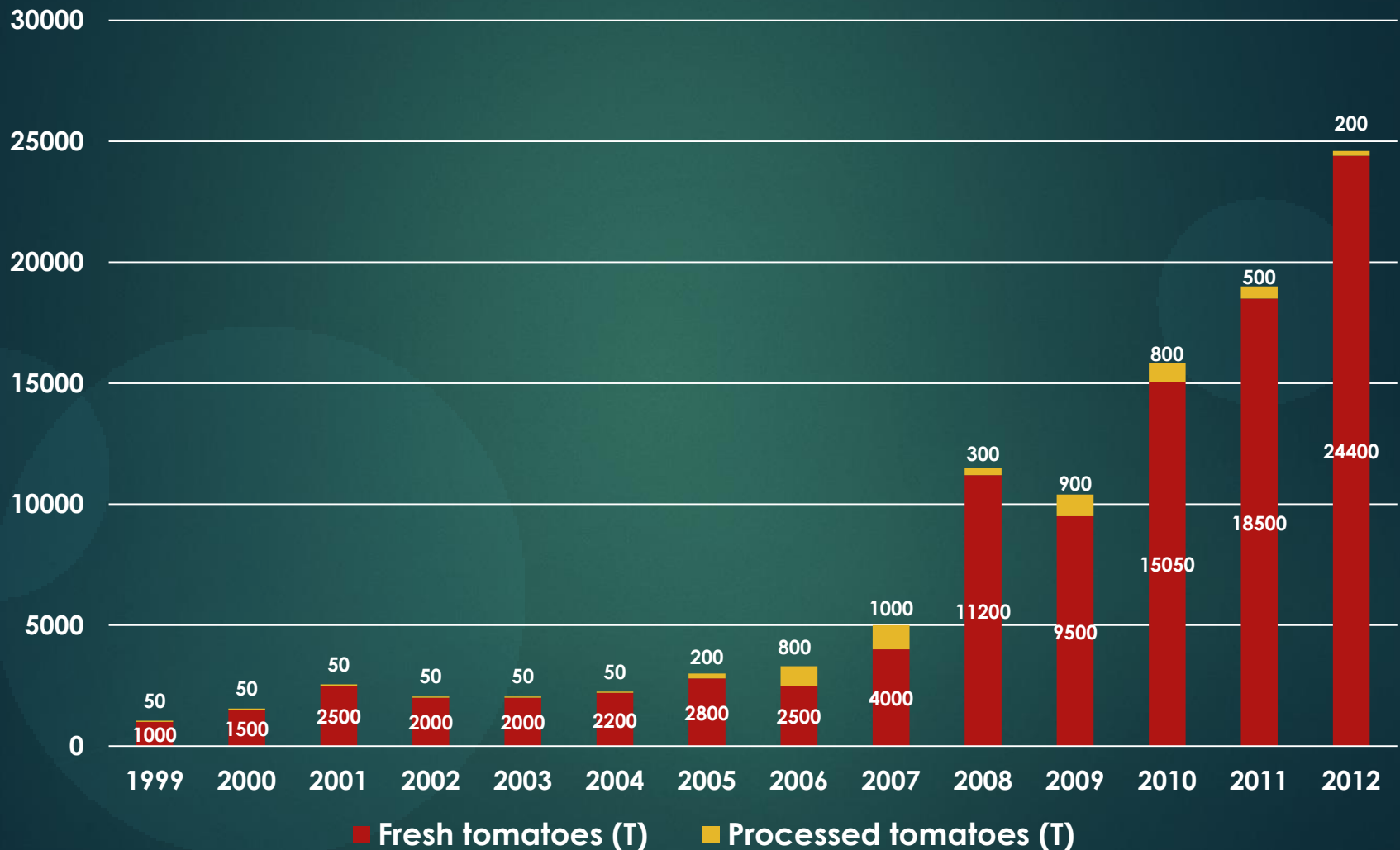
Processing happens from July to September.



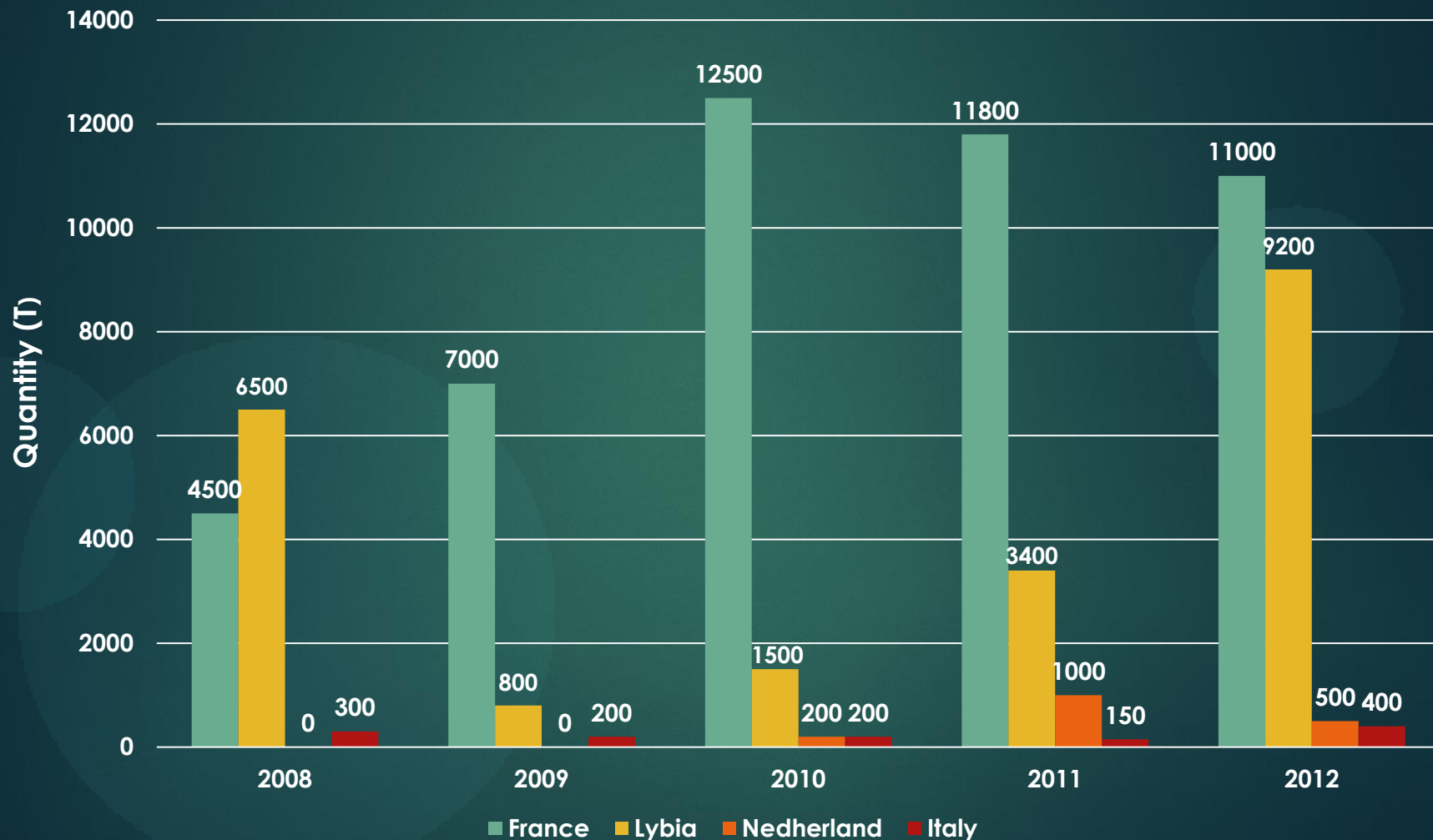
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Export Fresh vs Processed Tomato



Main export destinations (processed tomato)



Tomato field in Tunisia

Processing tomato – Korba



Greenhouse Geothermal Tomato

Gabes region (chemtou)



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