



Dangote to restart Tomato Production by February

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NIGERIA: - The Dangote Tomato Processing Factor in Kadawa, Kura Local Government Area of Kano State is to resume production in February. The Managing Director of the company, Abdulkadir Kaita, made this disclosure, noting that the company, which began production in February 2016, had to suspend operation due to lack of enough raw materials. Mr. Kaita revealed that preparation for production to resume was at an advanced stage. He said the company had to suspend production, when most of the tomato farms in about five states were affected by a pest, which destroyed all the tomato species. He said "We expect that tomato farmers would have produced enough for the company to process, hence our decision to resume production in February." According to him, many tomato farmers at the Kadawa, Kura, Garun-Malam and Hadeja-Jama'are irrigation sites are expected to produce enough for the company to process. Mr Kaita stated "We deliberately decided to resume production in February because we don't want to create scarcity of the commodity. We want to make sure that there is enough to process so that its price will not go up." He said that the company which had the capacity to process 40 trucks or 1,200 tonnes of fresh tomatoes per day, would soon begin recruitment of additional staff. "All our trained staff are still with us and we are paying them salary but if there is need to recruit additional staff, we will do so to ensure effective service delivery," he said. NAN