Grape Inquiry – August 2021
(GRAPE AP)

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General Survey Information

• “Essentially” an Ag Yield survey for grapes
• Project Code: 134 - Noncitrus Fruit Survey
• Questionnaires:
  – Mailed out July 22nd
  – Web reporting option available
• Release:
  – Crop Production
  – August 12, 2021, 12PM EST
A... bunch... of 2020 Grape Info

- 920,000 bearing acres in the U.S.
  - CA #1 with 860,000
    - Of which 59% were for wine
  - WA #2 with 74,000

- Yield 6.46 tons/acre
  - Or 12,920 lbs./acre

- Total production = 7,018,000 tons
Screening

• Any grape acres?
  – If “No”, Has this operation been sold, rented, or turned over to someone else?
    • Then find out what the operation’s current status is.

• Leave ample notes describing what has happened to the operation if they no longer have grapes.
Additional Screening for CA

• Is this operation a vineyard management firm?
  – If “YES”, Complete this form for all operations managed by this firm.
  – If “NO”, Is this operation managed by a vineyard management firm?
    • If “YES”, What is the name of the firm that manages your grapes?
Survey Questions

• Total acres of grapes
  – Of these, how many were **bearing age** this year
    • (Vines will be about 3 to 4 years of age before they start producing well)

• Expected **total** production for 2021
  – Quantity & unit
    • pounds per unit if not lbs. or tons
  – Raisin and Table type: Is it dried or fresh weight?

• Comments about 2021 crop for their locality
CA & WA Survey Questions

• Same questions but broken out by type
  – California:
    • Raisin type
    • Table type
    • Wine type
  – Washington:
    • Juice type
    • Wine type
Types of Grapes

• “Type” of grapes refers to certain varieties of grapes, not how the grapes were utilized
  – For example: Table type grapes have certain properties that make them very suitable to sell for fresh eating but could be used to make raisins, wine, or juice
  • If they are a “table type” variety they should be reported under “table type” even if they were used for some other purpose
A few Grape Varieties

- **Raisin type varieties:**
  - Black Corinth, Dovine, Fiesta, Selma Pete, Sultana, Thompson Seedless

- **Table type varieties:**
  - Autumn King, Autumn Royal, Crimson Seedless, Fantasy Seedless, Flame Seedless, Luisco, Perlette, Princess, Red Globe, Ruby Seedless, Scarlet, Scarlet Royal, Sugranineteen, Sugraone, Summer Royal, Sweet Celebration, Sweet Scarlet, Vintage Red

- **Wine type varieties:**
  - Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenere, Chardonnay, Gewurztraminer, Grenache, Malbec, Merlot, Muscat Ottonel, Nebbiolo, Pinotage, Pinot Grigio/Gris, Pinot Noir, Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon, Shiraz/Syrah, Tempranillo, Viognier, Zinfandel

- **Juice type varieties:**
  - Concord, Catawba, Niagra, Delaware, Dutchess, Fredonia, Alwood, Beta, Bluebell
[Watch For]:

• Current total acres differs from previous
• Low bearing to total acres ratio
• Yield/production seems high or low
• Units other than what is asked for: leave a note!
Conclusion

• Referring to **2021** crop year *expected* production

• Watch the decimal points:
  – Acres, pounds per unit

• Encounter anything odd or unexpected? Leave a note!

• Practice exercises

• Questions?? Contact your supervisor or RFO