

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