

Grape Production and Disposition Inquiry

Extra Information

Overview

- Project code: 134 – Non-Citrus Fruit Survey
 - Mailed out: January 25, 2021
- Data Release: “Non-Citrus Fruits and Nuts - Annual” – May 5, 2021
- Reference Period: 2020 Crop
- Purpose: To collect acreage, production, and sales data for grape crops. Collecting this data provides the industry with a reliable source of information, and growers can use this data to help make informed decisions for their operations.

NASS waits several months after harvest is complete to collect final marketing and price information because grapes can be placed in cold storage and marketed and priced at a later date.

Screening:

- Did this operation have any grape acres?
 - If NO, “How many total acres of fruit, citrus, grape, berry, and nut crops were on the operation?”
 - If NO, Will this operation have any fruit, berry, or nut crops in the future?
If “0”, will this operation have any of the following in the future?

This is all of the screening there is for the Grape Production and Disposition Inquiry so you will need to leave plenty of notes to explain what the current status of the operation is.

If the operation is completely out of business please leave notes as to what happened to the operation, new operator contact information, etc. This information is needed to update our records.

Survey Questions:

- Survey questions are the same for both juice type and wine type grapes
- We will ask for total acres of each type of grape
- Then, of these total acres, how many were of bearing age?
 - Whether they produced a crop in 2020 or not.
 - May not have produced a crop due to freeze damage, disease, drought, etc.
- A wide variety of units can be reported for quantities harvested and quantities sold. We then need the weight of the unit reported so we can calculate total production and price per pound.
 - For example: an operator may report that he harvested 2000 crates of grapes. We then need to know how much one of those crates weighed so we can calculate his total production.
Then he may say he sold 5,000 boxes of grapes for \$8 per box. We need the weight of one of those boxes so we can calculate the price per pound.
- If any grapes would happen to still be in storage, the operator should estimate how he intends to sell those grapes and include them in that category (fresh or processing) along with the price he expects to get.
- The “harvested but not sold” category is referring to any grapes that will **not** be sold due to poor quality, marketing restrictions, etc.
- We need to account for all grapes harvested, so the sum of all sold plus used to make processed items plus harvested that will not be sold must equal the total harvested.
- Also, record any comments the producer has about the grape crop.

Some things to keep in mind:

- Looking for acres production, and prices from the 2020 crop year
 - Not what they expect to get for the 2021 crop
- Watch your decimal points on acres, weight per unit, and prices
- There could be a wide variety of yields and prices across your area
- Please leave plenty of notes explaining anything you think the statisticians may need to know