

Apricot Production Inquiry - Information

Overview

- Project code: 134 – Non-Citrus Fruit Survey
- Mailed out: June 23, 2021
- Data Release: “Crop Production” – July 12, 2021
- Reference Period: Expected 2021 Crop
- Purpose: To collect acreage and expected production data for apricots in California and Washington. Collecting this data provides the industry with a reliable source of information, and growers can use this data to help make informed marketing decisions for their operations.

General Information:

- California produces about 95% of the U.S. apricots
- Only CA and WA are in the apricot survey program
- Apricots are a member of the rose family and are a relative of the peach
- Trees should be at least 3 to 4 years of age to bear fruit (allowing the trees to bear earlier can weaken the rest of the tree’s growth in the first few years)
- Trees can live from 40 to 150 years but typically only bear fruit consistently for 20 to 25 years.

Survey Questions:

- We will ask for total acres of apricots, whether of bearing age or not.
- Then, of these total acres, how many are of bearing age?
 - All acres of bearing age trees should be recorded even if they did not produce a crop during the survey year due to disease, drought, etc.
- Expected total production that will be harvested.
 - A wide variety of units can be reported for quantities harvested. We need the weight of the unit reported so we can calculate total production.
 - For example: an operator may report that he harvested 1,000 boxes of apricots. We then need to know how much one of those boxes weighed so we can calculate total production.
 - Be precise on the weights of the units so we can accurately calculate production (do not round to the nearest pound).

Some things to keep in mind:

- Looking for acres and *expected* production for the 2021 crop - **not** data from the 2020 crop year
- Watch your decimal points on acres and pounds per unit
- There could be a wide range of yields across your area – leave notes if high or low
- Please leave plenty of notes explaining anything you think the statisticians may need to know
- 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 properly update our records.