

NASS Survey Training

Apricot Production Inquiry (APRICOT AP)



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General Survey Information

- Project Code: **134-Noncitrus Fruit and Nut Surveys**
- Questionnaires :
 - Mailed out around June 23rd
 - Web reporting option available
- Release:
 - *Crop Production*
 - July 12, noon (ET)



Apricot Production Information

- In 2020
 - 33,400 tons were produced
 - 8,860 bearing acres
 - 3.77 tons per acre
 - Or 7540 lbs. per acre
- Most US Apricots are in CA and WA
 - 54% go to fresh market
 - 45% for processing



Survey Information

- Looking for 2021 *expected* production of Apricots
- Like with most fruits and vegetables:
 - A wide variety of units may be reported
 - Sometimes with varying weights



Screening for Apricot Tree Acres

- Any apricot tree acres in **2021**?
 - If “**No**”, will you have any in the future?
 - No additional screening questions at this point, so good notes about the operation’s status are *vital*
 - Any other fruits? Other crops? Livestock?
 - Leave good notes if the operation is completely out of business (no agricultural activity)
 - New operator? Try to collect contact info for that operator.
- Conclusion: Comments related to report – particularly in relation to Apricot industry in their locality



Survey Questions

- Total acres of apricots
 - Of these, how many were bearing age this year
 - Even if limited or no production
- Expected **total** production for 2021
- Quantity, unit, pounds per unit
 - Total production, *not* average per acre
- Comments related to the survey



Things to Watch Out For

- Current total and/or bearing acres differs from previous
- Bearing acres greater than total acres
- Low bearing to total acres ratio
- Bearing acres reported but no production reported
- Yield seems high or low
 - Total production / bearing acres (in pounds)



Things to remember

- Referring to 2021 crop year expected production
- Watch the decimal points: acres, pounds per unit
- Be sure to leave a comment explaining any unusual situations
 - The more you can tell us, the more useful the data will be.



Did you Know?

- Apricots are a type of stone fruit that belong to the rose family
- An apricot tree must be at least 3 to 4 years of age to bear fruit
- Apricots require between 600 and 900 hours below 45 degrees Fahrenheit (chill hours) during the winter to properly produce blooms and fruit
- Apricot trees can live between 40 and 150 years, but consistently only produce fruit for 20 to 25 years



Apricot Production Inquiry

- Call your supervisor or Regional Field Office with any questions or concerns.
- Thank you, and have a *fruitful* survey!

