

# Grape Inquiry – August 2023

## (GRAPE AP)



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# General Survey Information

- Project Code: **134 - Noncitrus Fruit Survey**
- Questionnaires:
  - Mailed out July 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - Web reporting option available
- Release:
  - *Crop Production*
  - August 11, 2023, 12PM EST



# A... cluster... of 2022 Grape Info

- 900,000 bearing acres in the U.S.
  - CA #1 with 828,000
    - Of which 69% were for wine
  - WA #2 with 72,000
- Yield 6.58 tons/acre
  - Or 13,160 lbs./acre
- Total production = 5,922,500 tons

# Screening

- Grow or manage 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 2023
  - Quantity & unit
    - pounds per unit if not lbs. or tons
  - Raisin and Table type: Is it dried or fresh weight?
- Comments about 2023 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, Carmenerere, 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!

**Leave notes explaining any unusual situations. If the data seems odd, but is correct, leave a note explaining why.**

# Conclusion

- Referring to **2023** crop year *expected* production
- Watch the decimal points:
  - Acres, pounds per unit
- Encounter anything odd or unexpected? Leave a note!
- Practice before interviewing
- Questions?? Contact your supervisor or RFO

