

# 2023 August Grape Inquiry - Information

## Overview

- Project code: 134 – Non-Citrus Fruit Survey
  - Mailed out around: July 21, 2023
- Reference Period: 2023 Crop
- Purpose: To collect acreage as of August 1<sup>st</sup> and expected production of grapes for the 2023 crop year. 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.

## Screening:

- Did this operation have any grape acres?
    - If “NO”, Has this operation been sold, rented, or turned over to someone else?
- 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:

- 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 to produce well.
    - All acres of bearing age should be recorded even if they did not produce a crop during the survey year due to freeze damage, disease, drought, etc.
- Expected production
  - A wide variety of units can be reported for expected production. If a unit other than tons or pounds are reported, we then need the weight of one of the units reported so we can calculate total production.
    - For example: an operator may report that he expects to harvest 4000 crates of grapes. We then need to know how much one of those crates weigh so we can calculate total production.
- California and Washington ask the same questions, but the grapes are broken out by type.
  - California will ask for acreage and expected production of raisin type, table type, and wine type.
  - Washington will ask for acreage and expected production of juice type and wine type.

- “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

### Some things to keep in mind:

- Looking for 2023 expected production
- Watch your decimal points on acres and pounds per unit
- There could be a wide range of yields across your area
- Please leave plenty of notes explaining anything you think the statisticians may need to know

Average Yield Per Acre (Tons)	
California	6.65
Raisin	7.59
Table	9.33
Wine	5.88
Washington	5.73
Juice	10.10
Wine	4.39
U.S. Avg.	6.58