



August Grape Inquiry - Information



Overview

- Project code: 134 – Non-Citrus Fruit Survey
 - Mails out around: July 21 each year
- Purpose: To collect acreage as of August 1st and expected production of grapes for the current 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.
- 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 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 current year expected production and not what they produced in the previous year
- 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