

# GRAPE, ALMOND, AND WALNUT ACREAGE SURVEY

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The 2016 Grape, Almond, and Walnut Acreage Survey is being conducted by the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Pacific Regional Field Office in cooperation with corresponding industries. In addition to acreage data, the Raisin Committee is interested in collecting information on Harvest Methods used for Raisin-type Grapes. Your help in completing and returning the enclosed parcel record(s) will assist in preparing and publishing a timely report on California acreage for these crops. We will summarize the data and results will be available upon request. **Response is voluntary.**

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Please review the enclosed parcels and make updates as needed, and provide a phone number where you can be reached. Use the table below as an aide for making updates and indicating Harvest Method for Raisin-Type Grapes. Newly planted, pulled or abandoned acres should be noted by location on the enclosed parcel records. Any "new or additional" parcels should be listed on the enclosed **blue** parcel record.

Current Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**If you have any questions, please refer to the "Frequently Asked Questions" on the back or call Jeff Olson or Kelly Albelo at 1-188-851-1127.**

	Grapes (Acres)	Almonds (Acres)	Walnuts (Acres)
Acres in our Database . . . . .	0.0	0.0	0.0
Acres Planted in 2016 . . . . .			
Acres Pulled in 2016 . . . . .			
Acres Abandoned . . . . .			

**Acres by Harvest Method for Raisin-type Grapes: (Descriptions listed on back)**

	Traditional Tray on Ground <b>Acres</b>	Overhead Trellis <b>Acres</b>	Open Gable <b>Acres</b>	Continous Tray <b>Acres</b>	Southside Trellis <b>Acres</b>	Fresh/Wine/ Juice <b>Acres</b>	Other _____ (Specify) <b>Acres</b>
Harvest by Hand. . . . .							
Mechanical Harvest. . . . .							

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## California Grape, Almond and Walnut Acreage Survey --- Frequently Asked Questions

### ➤ What is the plant system notation?

The plant system refers to the way vines are planted relative to each other. Most vineyards are planted in a square or a rectangular pattern, where the plant spacing for the block specifies the feet between rows and between plants within a row. In the plant system column of the parcel record a 10 indicates a square or rectangular system. A 20 is a diamond pattern and a 40 is a hexagonal system. A 50 or 60 refers to an irregular or border pattern.

### ➤ What is the blue “New or Additional Parcel Record” for?

The extra blank form is used when a grower has acquired any additional parcels or properties that are not included with the white pre-printed parcel records. If there are no new parcels to report, the blue sheet can be discarded.

### ➤ I have more than one new parcel. What should I do?

Feel free to make as many copies of the blue “New or Additional Parcel Record” page as you need.

### ➤ How do I report the sale of a parcel?

When a parcel is sold or transferred to another operator, simply cross out the incorrect information and list the information for the new operator as completely as possible.

### ➤ If I have no changes to my parcels, should I send them back?

Yes. If there are no changes to the parcels, just note that on top of the parcel pages and return them so an additional follow-up contact will not be necessary and the acreage will be currently verified as correct.

## Harvest Methods for Raisin-type Grapes

**Traditional Tray** – grapes are harvested by hand and are laid out on thin sheets of paper (known as trays) where they dry in the sun for 2-3 weeks.

**Dehydrator** – grapes are harvested by hand and put into bins. The bins are then taken to the Dehydrator for drying into golden raisins.

**Overhead Trellis (Dried on Vine)** – vines are trained up onto wires stretched overhead. Dried grapes hang from the overhead canopy which allows mechanical grape harvesters to get underneath to harvest the dried fruit.

**Open Gable Trellis** – trellis wires are connected between rows of 6-foot high V-shaped supports. The unique V shape lets in additional sunlight and traps the heat. This greatly improves the ripening and drying. Raisins are harvested with a wine grape harvester that has been modified to place the raisins in bins instead of gondolas

**Continuous Tray** – grapes are shaken from the vine by a machine harvester and conveyed evenly onto a long, continuous paper tray where they will dry in the sun for 7-10 days.

**Southside Trellis** – an angled cross-arm is added to each trellis stake to support two wires on which canes are tied. Renewal shoots are trained to the catch wires above and the southern exposure of the fruit facilities drying. Raisins are harvested mechanically with a south-side harvester.

**Fresh/Juice/Wine** – many varieties of raisin grapes are not harvested for raisins. Some raisin varieties (especially Thompson Seedless) are regularly harvested for table, juice, or wine.

**Other** – please specify other methods of harvest not already listed.

<b>Respondent Name:</b> _____	9911 <b>Phone:</b> _____	9910	MM	DD	YY
		<b>Date:</b>	__	__	__

**This completes the survey. Thank you for your help.**

Response		Respondent		Mode		Enum.	Eval.	Change	Office Use for POID			
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