

GRAPE AND ALMOND ACREAGE AND RAISIN HARVEST METHOD

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The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is asking for your help in completing the 2020 Grape and Almond Acreage Survey, in cooperation with corresponding industries. Growers would normally be contacted in person to update their Acreage data, however NASS understands that personal contacts are not advisable at this time. Instead, we have the following options to update your Acreage safely and efficiently. You can:

- 1) Return your updates in the Business Reply envelope provided.
- 2) FAX to 1-855-270-2722.
- 3) E-mail to nassrfopcr@nass.usda.gov
- 4) Call Kelly Albello at 1-916-738-6606.

If the enclosed parcel records are not a convenient way to update your Acreage, ***we will gladly accept electronic files of planting records in any format.*** You may e-mail files to the above address. Please review the enclosed parcels and make updates as needed. Newly planted, pulled, or abandoned acres should be noted by location on each parcel. Record any new or additional parcels on the **blue** parcel record.

We look forward to your response, and your assistance in capturing a complete picture of Grape and Almond Acreage in California. All responses will be summarized and available online and by mail in April 2021.

Your response is requested by November 16, 2020.

Current Phone Number(s): _____

	Grapes (Acres)	Almonds (Acres)
Acres in our Database		
Acres Planted in 2020		
Acres Pulled in 2020		
Acres Abandoned		

Harvest Methods for Raisin-type Grapes

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 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 facilitates drying. Raisins are harvested mechanically with a south-side harvester.

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

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

The information you provide will be used for statistical purposes only. Your responses will be kept confidential and any person who willfully discloses ANY identifiable information about you or your operation is subject to a jail term, a fine, or both. This survey is conducted in accordance with the Confidential Information Protection provisions of Title V, Subtitle A, Public Law 107-347 and other applicable Federal laws. For more information on how we protect your information please visit: <https://www.nass.usda.gov/confidentiality>. Response is **voluntary**.

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