

2001 California Raisin Grape Objective Measurement Survey Results



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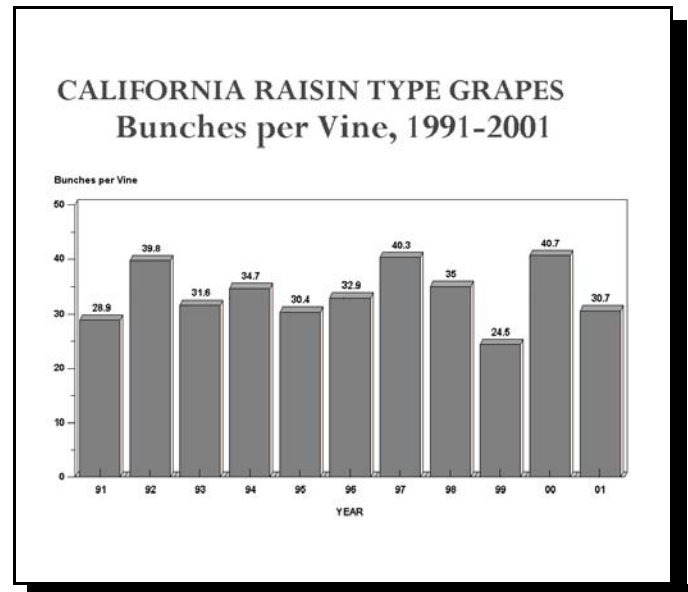


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RAISIN TYPE GRAPE PRODUCTION DOWN

The California raisin type variety grape forecast is 2.00 million tons, down 31 percent from last year. Based on the objective measurement survey, bunches per vine totaled 30.7 compared to 40.7 recorded in 2000. Acreage of bearing age is 280,000; deducting the 41,000 acres in the Raisin Industry Diversion Program (RID) leaves 239,000 acres for harvest. Thompson Seedless variety grapes are currently being picked for fresh use in the San Joaquin Valley. Good quality was reported, but the bunches lacked shoulders and there were also reports of some bunch tips drying.

The forecast is based on the results of the Raisin Grape Objective Measurement (O.M.) Survey conducted in July. The Raisin Administrative Committee provided funding for the 2001 Raisin O.M. Survey.

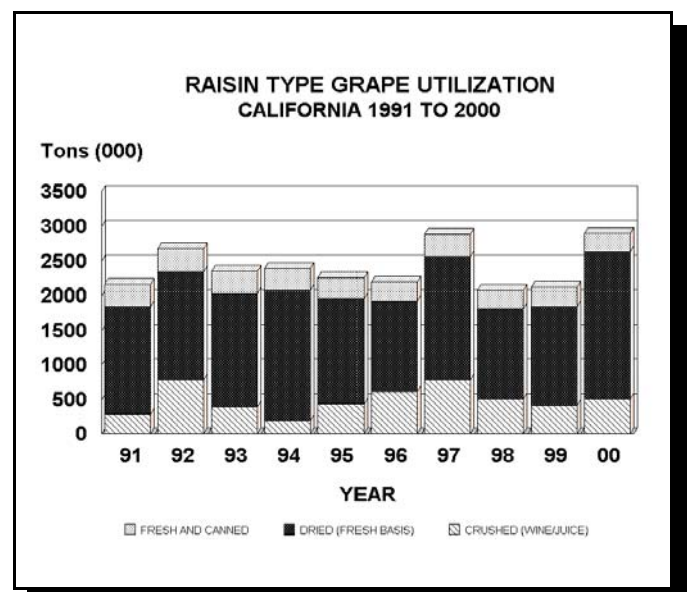


SURVEY HISTORY

The collection of objective measurement data on the California grape crop began in 1956. Grape bunches were counted, measured, and weighed in sample vineyards of raisin, table, and wine type varieties. No Grape O.M. Survey was conducted from 1982 through 1984 due to State budget cuts. The Raisin Administrative Committee has funded the O.M. survey of raisin type variety grapes since 1985.

FIELD SAMPLING ACTIVITIES

Data was collected the first three weeks of July. A total of 294 raisin type variety vineyards was sampled for the 2001 data.



CALIFORNIA RAISIN GRAPE OBJECTIVE MEASUREMENT SURVEY RESULTS AND OFFICIAL ESTIMATES, 1991-01

Year	Vines Sampled	Average Bunches Per Vine	Normal Bunches Measured	Average Normal Bunch			Official Estimate		
				Length	Width	Thickness	Bearing ^{1/}	Yield Per Acre ^{1/}	Production
				<i>mm</i>			<i>Acres</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>1,000 Tons</i>
1991	346	28.9	1,165	217	105	87	266,000	8.80	2,165
1992	317	39.8	1,443	230	116	95	267,000	10.50	2,670
1993	248	31.6	952	222	106	91	266,000	9.57	2,354
1994	330	34.7	1,342	229	105	85	270,000	8.85	2,389
1995	294	30.4	1,054	227	113	87	268,000	9.27	2,252
1996	362	32.9	1,396	217	102	85	270,000	8.12	2,192
1997	376	40.3	1,763	235	104	87	270,000	10.70	2,883
1998	313	35.0	1,245	203	99	82	275,000	7.55	2,077
1999	303	24.5	863	242	120	94	279,000	7.59	2,117
2000	294	40.7	1,341	225	106	83	281,000	10.30	2,892
2001	294	30.7	1,036	199	105	80	280,000	8.37	2,000

^{1/} The following acreage was enrolled in the Raisin Industry Diversion (RID) Program in the year specified: 1991, 20,000 acres; 1992, 12,500 acres; 1993, 20,000 acres; 1995, 25,000 acres; 2001, 41,000 acres. These acres were deducted from bearing acres for yield calculations.