



2015 California Raisin Grape Objective Measurement Report



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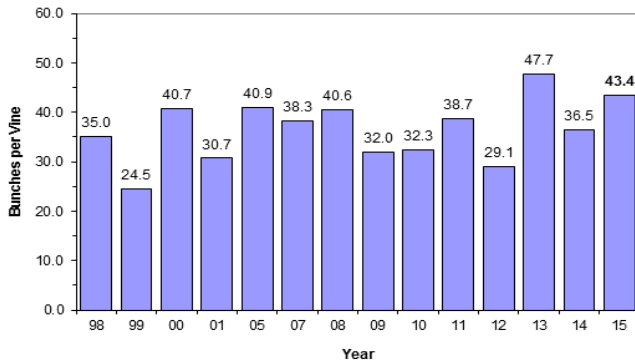
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RAISIN-TYPE GRAPE PRODUCTION UP 13 PERCENT FROM THE 2014 FINAL PRODUCTION

The California raisin-type variety grape forecast is 2.00 million tons, up 13 percent from the 2014 final production. Based on the objective measurement survey conducted by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) in cooperation with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), bunches per vine totaled 43.4, up 19% from the previous year's bunch count of 36.5. Bearing acreage is estimated at 185,000, which results in a yield of 10.8 tons per acre.

Growers continued to face drought conditions and lack of water availability. However, despite the drought many growers reported they were managing their water allocations this year more efficiently than in previous years. In addition, crop development is ahead of last year. 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 2015 Raisin O.M. Survey.

CALIFORNIA RAISIN-TYPE GRAPES, Bunches per Vine, 1998-2001, 2005, 2007-2015



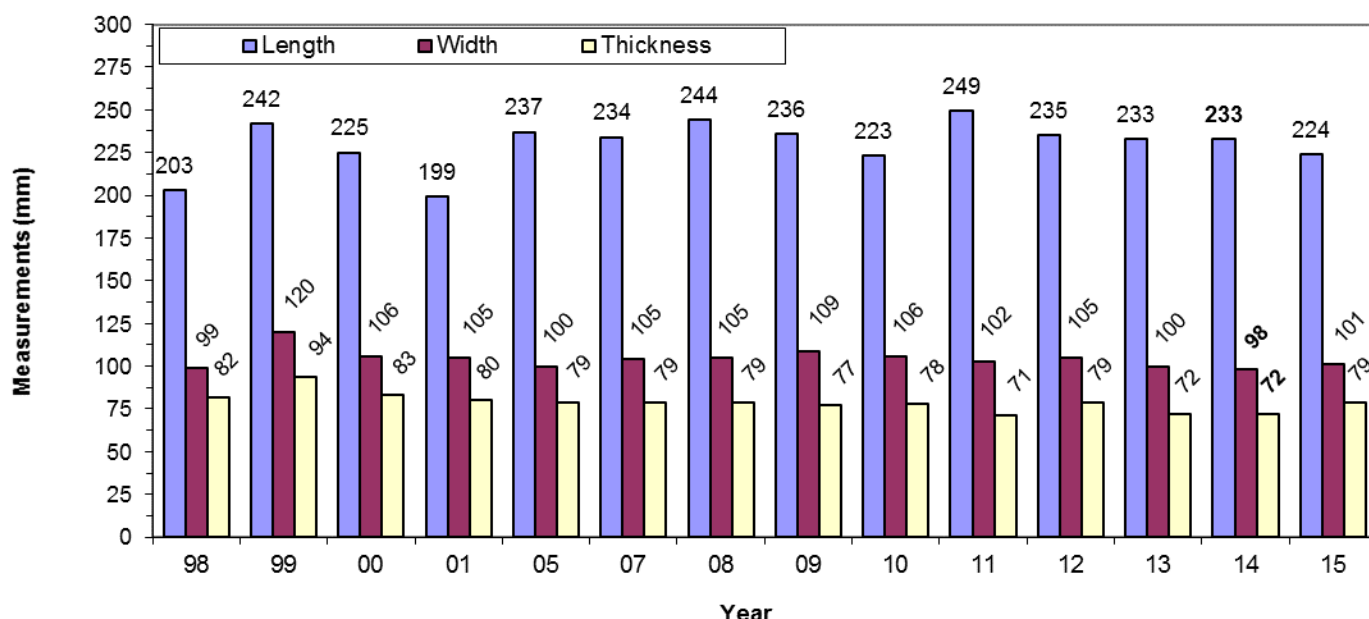
SURVEY HISTORY

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 type varieties. The Raisin Administrative Committee funded the O.M. survey of raisin-type variety grapes from 1985 to 2001, 2005, and from 2007 to this year.

FIELD SAMPLING ACTIVITIES

Data were collected the first three weeks of July. A total of 307 raisin-type variety vineyards were sampled for the 2015 data.

**CALIFORNIA RAISIN-TYPE GRAPES,
Measurements of Normal Bunches, 1998-2001, 2005, 2007-2015**



California Raisin Grape Objective Measurement Survey Results and Official Estimates, 1996-2015

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
				mm			Acres	Tons	1,000 Tons
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	7.61	2,122
2000	294	40.7	1,341	225	106	83	280,000	10.40	2,921
2001	294	30.7	1,036	199	105	80	235,000	9.43	2,215
2002	---	---	---	---	---	---	246,000	11.40	2,804
2003	---	---	---	---	---	---	255,000	8.71	2,220
2004	---	---	---	---	---	---	244,000	8.35	2,038
2005	319	40.9	1,430	237	100	79	240,000	9.52	2,285
2006	---	---	---	---	---	---	234,000	7.83	1,833
2007	298	38.3	1,283	234	105	79	227,000	9.48	2,151
2008	327	40.6	1,471	244	105	79	220,000	11.50	2,520
2009	331	32.0	1,191	236	109	77	215,000	9.01	1,938
2010	319	32.3	1,163	223	106	78	210,000	10.20	2,133
2011	325	38.7	1,403	249	102	71	205,000	11.00	2,263
2012	320	29.1	1,066	235	105	79	200,000	9.05	1,810
2013	328	47.7	1,697	233	100	72	200,000	11.40	2,270
2014	314	36.5	1,329	233	98	72	190,000	9.28	1,763
2015	307	43.4	1,455	224	101	79	185,000	10.80	2,000

1/ The following acreage was enrolled in the Raisin Industry Diversion (RID) Program in the year specified: 2001 – 41,000 acres; 2002 – 27,000 acres. These acres were deducted from bearing acreage for yield calculations.

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