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On: Texas Grape Production

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Austin . . . Texas grape production for 2005 is expected to total 8,500 tons, down from the August forecast of 10,000 tons. The production was harvested from 2,900 producing acres and yielded an average of 2.93 tons per acre. The total estimated value of the 2005 crop totaled \$10.6 million dollars with an average value per ton of \$1,250. Estimates of 400 non-producing acres were not mature enough to produce during 2005.

Other information asked of grape growers determined the major varieties in production. The breakdown by varieties is as follows: Cabernet Sauvignon, the leading variety, accounted for 690 producing acres and 2,200 tons harvested for an average price per ton at \$1,360. Chardonnay variety totaled 470 producing acres, with 1,100 tons harvested for an average price per ton at \$1,450. Sauvignon Blanc variety totaled 300 producing acres with 600 tons harvested for an average price per ton at \$990. Chenin Blanc with 310 producing acres produced 1,400 tons for an average price per ton at \$860. Merlot variety with 330 acres in production, yielded a total of 900 tons for an average price per ton at \$1,480.

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TEXAS GRAPE PRODUCTION, 2002 AND 2005

Variety	Bearing acreage		Non-bearing acreage		Yield per acre		Utilized production		Price per ton	
	2002	2005	2002	2005	2002	2005	2002	2005	2002	2005
	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
Cabernet Sauvignon	720	690	50	60	1.53	3.19	1,100	2,200	1,110	1,360
Chardonnay	550	470	60	50	.64	2.34	350	1,100	1,130	1,450
Sauvignon Blanc	380	300	0	10	2.24	2.00	850	600	700	990
Chenin Blanc	360	310	20	10	.83	4.52	300	1,400	600	860
Merlot	290	330	20	30	1.90	2.73	550	900	1,010	1,480
Riesling	*	70	*	10	*	1.80	*	100	*	980
Primitivo (Zinfidel)	*	90	*	10	*	3.33	*	300	*	1,350
Muscat Canelli	*	70	*	60	*	2.86	*	200	*	1,120
Syrah	*	70	*	10	*	4.29	*	300	*	1,190
Sangiovese	*	80	*	20	*	4.64	*	400	*	1,390
Black Spanish(Lenoir)	*	60	*	20	*	1.67	*	100	*	1,060
Ruby Cabernet	*	60	*	10	*	3.33	*	200	*	980
All other	600	300	200	100	2.08	2.33	1,250	700	830	1,220
TOTAL	2,900	2,900	350	400	1.86	2.93	4,400	8,500	910	1,250

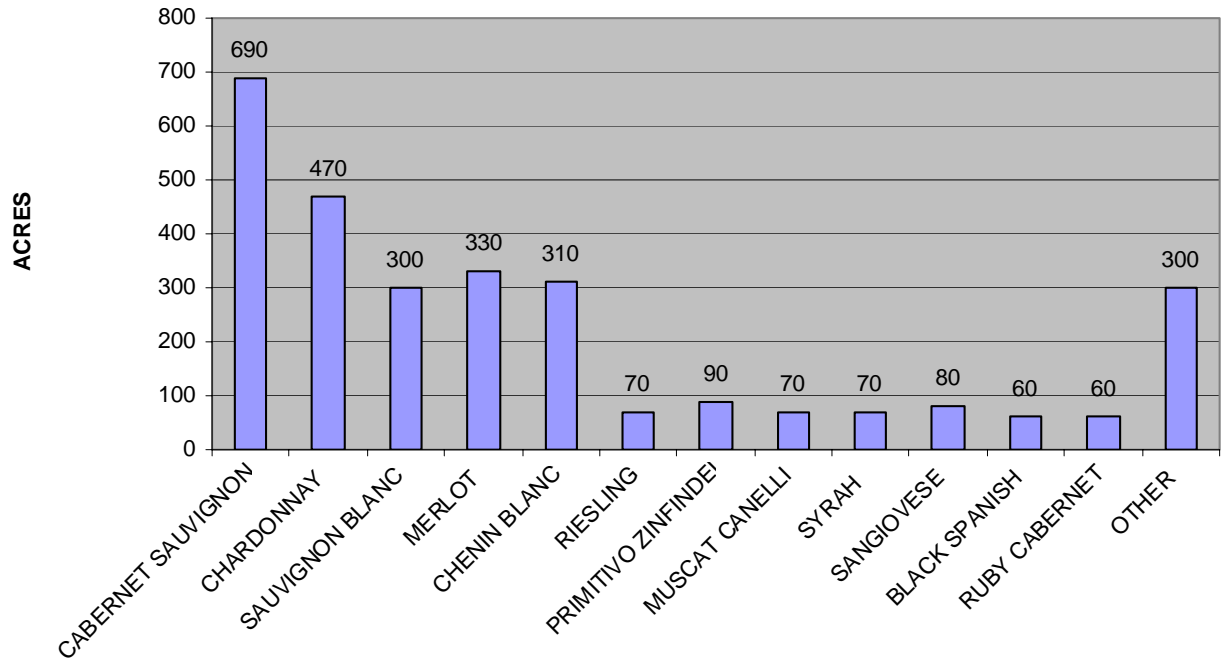
* In 2002, these varieties were listed in the "All other variety total".

TEXAS GRAPES: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND YIELD, 2002-2005

Item	2002	2003	2004	2005
Bearing acreage <i>Acres</i>	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900
Yield per acre ^{1/} <i>Tons</i>	1.62	2.07	3.03	3.34
Utilized yield <i>Tons</i>	1.52	2.0	2.93	2.93
Total production <i>Tons</i>	4,700	6,000	8,800	9,700
Utilized production <i>Tons</i>	4,400	5,800	8,500	8,500
Price per ton <i>Dollars</i>	910	900	919	1,250
Value of utilized production <i>1,000 dollars</i>	4,004	5,220	7,812	10,625

^{1/} Yield is based on total production.

TEXAS WINE VARIETIES BY ACRES
2005



TEXAS WINE VARIETIES BY PRODUCTION
2005

