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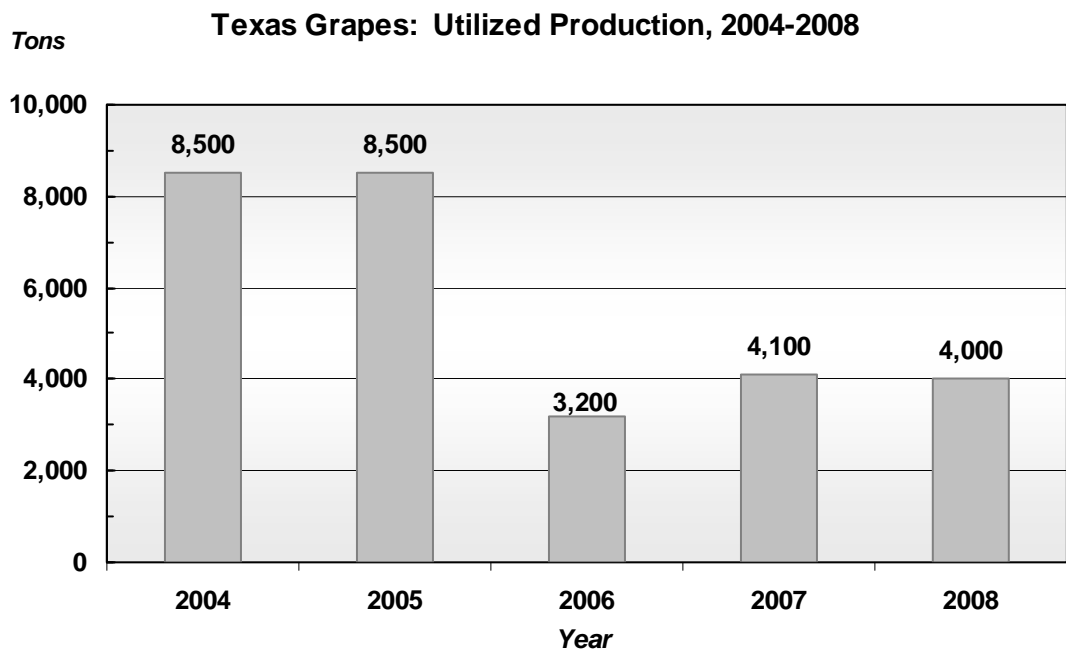
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AUSTIN . . . Texas grape production for 2008 is expected to total 4,000 tons, down from the August forecast of 10,700 tons. The production was harvested from 2,500 producing acres and yielded an average of 1.60 tons per acre. The total estimated value of the 2008 crop totaled \$4.8 million dollars with an average value per ton of \$1,201. Estimates of 450 nonproducing acres were not mature enough to produce during 2008.

Results for the varieties in production will be released later next week.

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Texas Grapes				
Year	Production		Price per Ton	Value of Utilized Production
	Total	Utilized		
	<i>Tons</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
2004	8,800	8,500	919	7,812
2005	9,700	8,500	1,250	10,625
2006	7,100	3,200	1,200	3,855
2007	4,900	4,100	1,160	4,751
2008	4,200	4,000	1,200	4,804