



A Tradition of Stewardship  
A Commitment to Service

**Board of Supervisors**

District 1  
Brad Wagenknecht  
-----

District 2  
Ryan Gregory  
-----

District 3  
Diane Dillon  
-----

District 4  
Alfredo Pedroza  
-----

District 5  
Belia Ramos  
-----

County Executive Officer  
Minh C. Tran

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**May 19, 2020**

**Media Contact:** Humberto Izquierdo, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights & Measures

**Email:** [Humberto.Izquierdo@countyofnapa.org](mailto:Humberto.Izquierdo@countyofnapa.org)

**Phone:** 707-253-4357

**Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer releases 2019 Napa County Agricultural Crop Report**

NAPA – The gross value of all agricultural production in Napa County was \$943,552,800 in 2019 – a 9.6 percent decrease from the previous year.

Agricultural Commissioner Humberto Izquierdo released the 2019 Napa County Agricultural Crop Report during Tuesday’s Board of Supervisors meeting.

**Wine Grape Production**

The total value of the 2019 winegrape crop was \$937,961,800, down 9.7 percent, or \$100,638,300, from the previous record setting year. The 2019 winegrape crop, however, was 45 percent or approximately \$291,067,400 higher than the previous 10-year average of \$646,894,400. Total 2019 winegrape production decreased by approximately 24,851 tons, or 13.5 percent from 2018. The total winegrape tonnage for the 2019 crop (159,722 tons from 44,210 bearing acres) was 3.7 percent higher than the previous 10-year average of 153,987 tons. The average price paid per ton for all winegrapes was \$5,873, a 4.4 percent increase from 2018. In 2019, the highest average price paid for a major Napa County winegrape variety was \$9,259 per ton for Cabernet Franc. There were 1,113 bearing acres of Cabernet Franc in 2019.

**Top Wine Grape Varieties**

In the past several years, the top three varieties in bearing acres planted were Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, and Merlot. In 2019, approximately 81,810 tons of Cabernet Sauvignon (22,504 acres) were harvested and sold at an average price of \$7,941 per ton. Chardonnay (5,950 acres) exceeded Merlot (4,072) acres by 1,878 bearing acres, but Merlot sold at \$1,023 more per ton on average. Merlot production was 12,356 tons, valued at an average of \$4,055 per ton. Chardonnay production of 22,856 tons was valued on average at \$3,032 per ton. These three

varieties together accounted for more than 73 percent of all production and about 82 percent of the total wine grape value.

### **Value of Other Crops and Livestock**

Olive production increased approximately \$288,200 in 2019. Alternate growing year, favorable weather conditions and rainfall patterns, and a decrease in olive fruit fly damage were cited by growers as possible factors for a substantial increase in tons per acre produced in 2019. Livestock and poultry values increased approximately \$823,700 while field crops decreased \$105,900 from the previous year. Vegetable values increased slightly by \$1,000 while harvested acres remained the same. Floral and nursery production decreased in value by \$54,200 while the production area decreased by over 10%.

### **Pest Exclusion Activities**

County staff continued to survey for all life stages of the Glassy-winged sharpshooter (GWSS) in 2019. This year 2,483 plant shipments were inspected and released. Out-of-state nursery shipments, inspection of household goods for gypsy moth, and other “high hazard” shipment inspections continued to be a priority for inspectors.

### **Featured Articles**

This year’s crop report highlights the Ag Commissioner’s office’s mission, commitment and programs to promote and protect a sustainable agricultural industry. It also reports on the important work of the weights and measures team and some of the things they do to protect buyers, sellers and the consumers of Napa County.

### **About the Report**

The Crop Report Cover Artwork Contest, a partnership between the Ag Commissioner’s office and Napa County Farm Bureau’s “Agriculture in Classroom” program, seeks to promote agricultural awareness through student participation in the contest.

This year’s crop report cover art was created by Dominick Mendez, a student at River Middle School. His marker and pencil drawing, titled “Hillside Serenity,” was selected as the winning entry of the 16th annual Crop Report Cover Artwork Contest. Second place went to Chloe Craig and third place is Vincent Herndon. All submissions received for the 2019 Crop Report Cover Artwork Contest are available for viewing on the Ag Commissioner’s website at <https://www.countyofnapa.org/292/Agricultural-Crop-Report-Cover-Contest>.

[The report is available online](#), and in the lobby of the Agricultural Commissioner’s office, 1710 Soscol Ave., Suite 3 in Napa.

###

*The Board of Supervisors and staff of Napa County are dedicated to preserving and sustaining Napa County for present and future generations as a community with generous open space, a thriving agricultural industry and a quality human and natural environment.*