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2008 CALIFORNIA GRAPE ACREAGE

SACRAMENTO – California's 2008 grape acreage totaled 844,000 acres according to the *California Grape Acreage Report, 2008 Summary* released today.

California's 2008 wine-type grape acreage is estimated at 526,000 acres. Of the total acres, 482,000 were bearing and 44,000 were non-bearing. Table-type grape acreage totaled 93,000 acres with 83,000 bearing and 10,000 non-bearing. Acreage of raisin-type grapes totaled 225,000 acres, of which 221,000 were bearing and 4,000 were non-bearing.

The leading wine-type varieties continued to be Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon. Flame Seedless was the leading table-type grape variety. Thompson Seedless continued to be the leading raisin-type variety and was utilized for raisins, fresh market, concentrate, and wine.

The entire *California Grape Acreage Report, 2008 Summary* may be found online at www.nass.usda.gov/ca. The more detailed *California Grape Acreage Report, 2008 Crop*, which includes acreage by variety and county, will be released April 14, 2009 and will also be available online.

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