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## Virginia Grape Production Increases in 2005

Virginia's grape producers harvested 5,600 tons of commercial grapes in 2005, up 51% from the 3,700 tons produced in 2004. Production of the Vinifera varieties accounted for the majority of the overall production. Producers harvested a crop valued at \$7.6 million, receiving an average price of \$1,360 per ton.

Virginia ranked 9<sup>th</sup> nationally in commercial grape production and 9<sup>th</sup> for bearing acreage.

Virginia bearing acreage has increased from 1,900 acres in 2004 to 2,000 acres in 2005, a 5% increase over that time span.

### Production and Price by Variety, 2005

Variety 1/	Tons Produced	Utilized Tons 3/	Avg. Price Per Ton
Chardonnay	1,145	1,145	\$1,389
Cabernet Franc	751	751	\$1,442
Cabernet Sauvignon	448	448	\$1,619
Chambourcin	192	192	\$916
Merlot	731	731	\$1,613
Norton	173	173	\$1,124
Pinot Noir	61	61	\$1,384
Seyval	152	152	\$938
Vidal blanc	431	431	\$843
Viognier	276	276	\$1,834
White Riesling	103	103	\$1,183
<b>Virginia 2/</b>	<b>5,600</b>	<b>5,600</b>	<b>\$1,360</b>

1/ All other grape varieties were not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

2/ State price and production based on all reported varieties. Price based on all reported sales.

3/ In 2005 there were no significant losses above the normal 2%, therefore tons utilized equal tons harvested.

\*The information reported was obtained from growers who responded to the *2005 Virginia Commercial Grape Survey*. The final publication will be released in the upcoming months.