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Virginia Grape Acreage Increases in 2007

Virginia bearing acreage has increased from 2,100 acres in 2006 to 2,400 acres in 2007, a 14% increase over that time span. Total acres have increased from 2,680 acres in 2006 to 2,790 acres in 2007. This marks a 4% increase in total acres from 2006 to 2007.

Virginia's grape producers harvested 5,600 tons of commercial grapes in 2007, down 10% from the 6,200 tons produced in 2006. Production of the Vinifera varieties accounted for the majority of the overall production. Producers harvested a crop valued at \$7.8 million, receiving an average price of \$1,400 per ton.

Virginia ranked 8th nationally in commercial grape production and 8th for bearing acreage.

Production and Price by Variety, 2007

Variety 1/	Tons Produced	Utilized Tons 3/	Avg. Price Per Ton
Chardonnay	822	708	\$1,516.00
Cabernet Franc	815	783	\$1,497.00
Cabernet Sauvignon	493	448	\$1,653.00
Chambourcin	174	168	\$1,029.00
Merlot	646	600	\$1,681.00
Norton	178	175	\$1,272.00
Petit Verdot	159	150	\$1,790.00
Traminette	155	151	\$979.00
Vidal Blanc	475	446	\$941.00
Viognier	287	277	\$1,939.00
Virginia 2/	5,600	5,400	\$1,400.00

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 2007 an average of 4% of production was unutilized above the normal 2%.

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