CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD & AGRICULTURE
Karen Ross, Secretary

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MODERNIZATION OF THE CALIFORNIA GRAPE CRUSH REPORT: INPUT SOUGHT TO IDENTIFY PRIORITIES

California Winegrape Industry:

The Clare Berryhill Grape Crush Act of 1976 established the legal mandate for the California Grape Crush Report under Section 55601.5 of the California Food and Agricultural Code (FAC). For nearly 50 years, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) has worked with USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to annually conduct a grape crush survey to fulfill the reporting requirements of Section 55601.5. The Grape Crush Act mandates that every processor who crushes grapes must furnish to CDFA, prior to January 31 each year, all grape tonnage purchased or crushed in California during the crop year season within each grape pricing district, broken down by variety and price, including bonuses or allowances, and sugar calculations. The final Grape Crush Report released by CDFA includes all grape tonnage crushed during a crop season, including purchased tonnage and pricing information for grapes, and includes details of the crushed tonnage, degrees Brix, and weighted average prices, reported by grape type and variety within grape pricing districts.

Over the years, CDFA and NASS have received several questions and feedback regarding various reporting requirements of the Grape Crush Act. Many questions reflect the changing industry practices, outdated requirements of the Act, and/or new challenges not addressed in the Act, such as smoke taint. Additionally, CDFA and NASS are currently undergoing a process to modernize the Grape Crush database used to produce the report. Therefore, CDFA would like to initiate a formal process for industry members to gather and provide feedback and suggest potential changes or priorities to the Grape Crush Report. The technical approaches available to make the changes (legislative, regulations, and/or policy modifications) will also be discussed. Staff from NASS will be in attendance to answer questions. Accordingly, all members of the California winegrape industry, including custom processors, brokers of winegrapes, wine brokers, and trade associations, are invited to attend the following meeting:

Date:	**Monday, November 30, 2026**
Time:	**1:00 pm – 4:00 pm**
Location:	**CDFA Headquarters Auditorium**
	1220 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Attached is an agenda for this meeting. Please reach out to Kacie Fritz Kacie.fritz@cdfa.ca.gov with CDFA's Marketing Services Division with any questions.

Sincerely,

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