



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

August 7, 2026

TO THE PERSON ADDRESSED:

This letter is to notify you that the assessment to defray the cost of the 2026 crop year Grape Crush Report and Grape Acreage Report has been established by the Secretary as required by Section 55601.6 of the Food and Agricultural Code. A copy of the order establishing these assessments is on the reverse side of this letter.

The total assessment for the 2026 marketing season, beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, has been established at fourteen cents (\$0.14) per ton on all grapes received in California for crushing, fresh weight equivalent. This is unchanged from last year. Ten cents (\$.10) will defray the cost of preparing the Grape Crush Report; four cents (\$.04) is for the Grape Acreage Report. The assessment is to be paid to the CDFA by each processor who crushes grapes. One-half, or seven cents (\$0.07) per ton, of the assessment may be deducted by the processor from monies owed to the producer.

The Grape Crush Report and assessment for all grapes received for crushing from July 1, 2026 through December 15, 2026 are to be remitted to CDFA by the processor on or before January 31, 2027. The assessment for all grapes received for crushing from December 16, 2026 through June 30, 2027 is to be paid on or before June 30, 2027. Assessment forms for remitting the fees will be mailed to vintners in November 2026 in time to meet the January 31 and June 30 deadlines.

The Pierce's Disease Control Program assessment fee will be one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of value. This is unchanged from last year's assessment. There is no exemption for wineries crushing fewer than 100 tons of their own or any grower's grapes and the Pierce's Disease assessment is the sole responsibility of the producer. However, the purchaser and/or processor are responsible for collecting the amount owed by the producer and subsequently remitting it to CDFA. For your winery's own grapes or grapes not purchased, you are required to pay the assessment based on the previous year's value of those grapes as reported in Table 10 of the 2025 Final Grape Crush Report. All funds collected from growers and/or due for your own grapes will be remitted with the Grape Crush Report no later than January 31, 2027.

Any processor who fails to submit the Grape Crush Report, as prescribed, may be subject to enforcement action. Any producer who fails to pay assessments and any processor who fails to collect and remit assessments within the time required may also be subject to late penalties.

If you have any questions about the grape crush assessment fees or reporting times, please contact the Grape Crush Team by phone at (916) 738-6569, by mail at CDFA, Agricultural Statistics Branch, 650 Capitol Mall, Suite 6-100, Sacramento, CA 95814, or by email at grapecrush@cdfa.ca.gov. Any questions about the Pierce's Disease Control Program and/or assessment should be referred to the Program at (916) 900-5024.

Sincerely,

Kathy Diaz, Director
Division of Marketing Services



**ORDER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
ESTABLISHING A FEE ON PRODUCERS AND PROCESSORS OF GRAPES
RECEIVED FOR CRUSHING DURING THE 2026 MARKETING SEASON,
JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027**

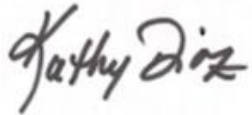
WHEREAS, the California Department of Food and Agriculture acting pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested by the provisions of Chapter 6, Division 20, of the Food and Agricultural Code, and

WHEREAS, the Department has determined that fees of ten cents (\$0.10) and four cents (\$0.04) per ton of grapes received for crushing by processors who crush more than 100 tons of grapes, fresh weight equivalent, are proper, equitable and necessary to cover the costs of the Grape Crush Report and the Grape Acreage Report, respectively, for the 2026 crop, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Section 55601.6 of the Food and Agricultural Code, a total fee of fourteen cents (\$0.14) per ton of grapes received for crushing, fresh weight equivalent, including any grapes produced by the processor is to be paid by the processor who crushes the grapes; one-half of the fee or seven cents (\$0.07) per ton of grapes received for crushing may be deducted from monies owed to the producer of the grapes.

NOW, THEREFORE, the California Department of Food and Agriculture does hereby approve and establish the fee of fourteen cents (\$0.14) per ton of grapes received for crushing, fresh weight equivalent, including any grapes produced by the processor to be paid by the processor who crushes the grapes during the 2026 marketing season beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027; one-half of the fee or seven cents (\$0.07) per ton of grapes received for crushing may be deducted from monies owed to the producer of the grapes.

By:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Diaz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathy Diaz, Director
Division of Marketing Services