

PIERCE'S DISEASE ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Includes Scenarios

(Provided to assist you in completing your Assessment, Report #1.)

The assessment fee will be one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of value. The Pierce's Disease Assessment is ultimately the responsibility of the producer. Producer means a grower, including a cooperative, of grapes in California for wine, wine vinegar, juice concentrate, or beverage brandy. However, the grape purchaser and/or processor are responsible for collecting the amount owed by the producer and subsequently remitting it to the department by January 31, 2026. Processors crushing less than 100 tons are NOT EXEMPT from the Pierce's Disease Assessment.

Grape purchasers and/or processors **ARE** responsible for collecting and remitting the Pierce's Disease Assessment to the department in the following situations:

- when you purchase grapes from a grower;
- when you purchase grapes from another processor, **who was the producer of the grapes**;
- when you produce grapes and crush them yourself OR send them elsewhere to be crushed;
- when you crush grapes for a grower, who DID NOT PURCHASE ANY grapes, in 2025 (these grapes are reported under Question 4 of the Grape Crush and Purchase Inquiry).

Grape purchasers and/or processors **ARE NOT** responsible for collecting and remitting the Pierce's Disease Assessment to the department in the following situations:

- when you purchase grapes from a party, who was NOT the original grower (a repurchase);
- when you custom crush grapes for ANY processors and/or firms or growers, who PURCHASED grapes, in 2025 (these grapes are reported under Question 3 of the Grape Crush and Purchase Inquiry).

Please use the enclosed Table 10 to determine the previous year's value of grapes not purchased for the Pierce's Disease Assessment portion of the enclosed Assessments, Report #1 form.

NOTE: If you complete your 2025 Grape Crush and Purchase Inquiry by using the electronic spreadsheet version, it will automatically calculate your Pierce's Disease Assessment. If you complete the electronic spreadsheet version, you do not need to complete a separate Assessment Report.

Who Pays the Pierce's Disease Assessment?

#	Situation	You submit payment for Pierce's Disease (PD) Assessment	Comments
1	Your winery grew and crushed grapes	x	
2	Your winery grew grapes and had them custom crushed	x	
3	Your winery purchased grapes and crushed them	x	All of the PD assessment can be charged back to the grower
4	Your winery purchased grapes and had them custom crushed	x	All of the PD assessment can be charged back to the grower
5	Your winery custom crushed grapes for an operation that only grows grapes (client does not purchase nor crush any grapes)	x	All of the PD assessment can be charged back to the client
6	Your winery custom crushed grapes for another winery (client purchases and/or crushes grapes)		
7	You re-purchase grapes (that is, you buy grapes from someone other than the original grower) and crush them		
8	You re-purchase grapes (that is, you buy grapes from someone other than the original grower) and have them custom crushed		
9	You purchase grapes from a grower and then resell them	x	All of the PD assessment can be charged back to the grower
10	You purchase juice (price per gallon)		Exclude juice purchases from your Grape Crush Inquiry

**SCENARIOS DESCRIBING WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR
COLLECTING AND REMITTING THE PIERCE'S DISEASE ASSESSMENT
TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA).**

Scenario 1: Processor A purchases grapes from a grower.

Who is responsible for remitting the Pierce's Disease Assessment to CDFA?

Processor A is responsible since Processor A purchased the grapes. It does not matter if Processor A crushed or resold these particular grapes or had them custom-crushed.

Scenario 2: Processor A purchases grapes from Processor B, who grew the grapes.

Who is responsible for remitting the Pierce's Disease Assessment to CDFA?

Processor A is responsible since Processor A purchased the grapes. It does not matter if Processor A crushed or resold these particular grapes or had them custom-crushed.

Scenario 3: Processor A custom crushes grapes for Processor B.

Who is responsible for collecting and remitting the Pierce's Disease Assessment to CDFA?

Processor B is responsible: Processor B knows the value of these particular grapes if he purchased them or can determine the value of these particular grapes listed in Table 10 of the 2023 Errata to the Final Grape Crush Report if he grew them. (Please use the enclosed Table 10, which includes 2023 Errata to the Final Grape Crush Report data.)

Scenario 4: Processor A custom crushes grapes for a grower, who did not purchase grapes and is not a processor.

Who is responsible for collecting and remitting the Pierce's Disease Assessment to CDFA?

Processor A is responsible.

Scenario 5: A processor cannot determine the Pierce's Disease Assessment since the price listed for a particular variety in a particular District in Table 10 of the 2023 Errata to the Final Grape Crush Report is zero. (Please use the enclosed Table 10, which includes 2023 Errata to the Final Grape Crush Report data.)

Is the Pierce's Disease Assessment zero for these particular grapes?

No, the processor must determine a value for these particular grapes, even if the price for these particular grapes in a particular district listed in Table 10 of the 2023 Errata to the Final Grape Crush Report is zero. (Please use the enclosed Table 10, which includes 2023 Errata to the Final Grape Crush Report data.)

Scenario 6: Processor A repurchases grapes from Processor B.

Who is responsible for collecting and remitting the Pierce's Disease Assessment to CDFA?

Processor B since Processor B is the original purchaser.
