



# News Release

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### 2006 Vineyard Survey

- The average years of experience growing grapes was 6.

Years of Experience Growing Grapes	Percent of Respondents
Less than 2	9
2-4 years	39
5-10 years	42
More than 10 years	10

- Sixteen percent of the survey respondents who were growing grapes also own/operated a commercial winery.
- Of the grape producers that did not own/operate a winery, 23 percent said they plan to open a commercial winery.
- Seventy-one percent of grape growers reported that a commercial winery was the intended market for their grapes/juices.
- Sixteen percent of grape growers reported using a written contract to sell their grapes/juices to a commercial winery.
- Less than 2 percent of grape growers were growing certified organic grapes, which accounted for 6 acres.

Survey Methodology: The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) Bureau of Horticulture provided USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) Iowa Field office with a complete list of apple and grape growers expected to be in operation. These operations were mailed a questionnaire and a telephone follow-up of non-respondents was conducted. The survey data was edited for reasonableness, and then summarized using statistical software. There were 236 operators who reported they did own, lease or operate a grape vineyard in 2006. The same operators reported 538 acres of grapes.

IOWA GRAPE ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VINES, BY CULTIVAR <sup>1</sup>														
Grape Cultivar	Acres	Vines		Number of Vines Planted by Year								2006 Produced (tons)	2006 Sold/ Utilized (Tons)	Vine Row Spacing (ft)
		Bearing	Non-Bearing	Projected 2009	Projected 2008	Projected 2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002 and earlier			
Blue Bell	3.0	1,027	580	*	400	330	10	490	100	70	930	10	10	8x10
Brianna	10.5	1,125	5,258	550	300	1,550	2,886	2,047	350	300	45	1	1	8x9
Catawba	15.6	6,336	1,842	2,415	1,370	1,375	1,189	1,103	1,285	3,901	2,723	43	31	7x9
Cayuga	1.2	84	400	300	320	375	*	100	13	2	16	0	1	7x10
Chardonel	6.4	1,333	1,334	2	2	639	14	*	762	64	658	*	*	8x10
Concord	21.5	5,207	4,932	1,029	204	1,852	2,280	1,950	2,235	1,314	4,845	81	73	8x10
De Chaunac	3.2	1,546	595	252	252	252	252	175	1,150	52	150	2	1	8x9
Edelweiss	53.1	12,202	12,454	9,046	11,925	11,378	4,233	3,708	5,526	2,732	4,303	57	50	7x9
Frontenac	46.9	12,324	11,596	8,935	10,330	11,304	13,680	9,990	6,997	4,144	6,771	43	44	8x9
Frontenac Gris	7.0	290	3,623	945	1,390	2,590	1,518	173	52	1	*	*	*	8x10
Golden Muscat	1.1	190	153	*	*	100	100	*	20	55	*	*	*	8x9
La Crescent	19.1	1,107	5,609	400	300	1,599	2,553	1,256	2,176	467	*	*	*	8x9
La Crosse	33.2	10,034	6,861	580	280	1,477	4,051	2,500	2,677	2,692	4,581	48	43	8x9
Leon Millot	14.2	1,615	890	*	300	175	275	132	60	175	890	6	3	8x10
GR7	9.0	740	3,897	1,100	1,100	2,150	1,514	1,602	262	392	412	2	0	8x9
Marechal Foch	93.3	25,142	11,474	6,153	8,165	11,913	11,365	11,202	7,070	5,736	29,394	120	79	8x9
Marquette	5.7	354	453	450	2,500	2,025	233	36	*	*	*	*	*	7x9
Mars	0.9	337	11	*	*	*	*	11	145	*	180	1	1	8x10
Niagra	7.2	3,101	985	403	428	1,223	113	603	360	1,067	1,961	26	72	7x9
Norton	9.9	3,551	1,159	*	*	1,400	1,650	750	450	716	1,919	51	3	8x9
Prairie Star	5.3	469	968	200	200	200	278	220	150	100	32	1	0	8x10
Reliance	0.8	236	293	*	*	*	63	*	275	27	165	2	1	7x13
Seyval Blanc	16.0	4,743	2,543	10	150	1,025	1,560	867	18	500	2,812	34	18	8x9
St. Croix	29.4	7,076	5,947	2,850	2,700	1,892	3,844	1,878	3,293	3,566	1,036	13	16	8x9
St. Pepin	15.4	1,145	1,388	400	670	475	758	330	745	966	70	4	3	8x9
St. Vincent	18.1	4,598	4,858	150	150	2,300	1,957	1,418	90	120	5,367	21	26	8x9
Steuben	7.8	3,322	286	*	*	298	188	100	60	11	2,412	25	15	7x9
Swenson Red	5.0	939	2,004	*	*	1,300	650	1,129	509	12	122	6	6	8x9
Traminette	5.3	2,380	1,282	*	*	500	*	1,060	1,004	667	826	5	*	8x9
Valiant	0.6	270	200	*	*	*	260	*	60	*	120	*	*	7x10
Vignole	17.8	2,796	7,782	*	300	928	3,350	1,300	1,360	1,085	1,016	8	5	8x9

\* Missing data.

<sup>1</sup> Cultivar specific information was not reported by all respondents, therefore data within this table cannot be summed to equal published NASS estimates.