2012 Central Coast Winegrape Grower Survey







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2012 CENTRAL COAST WINEGRAPE **GROWER SURVEY**

Respondent Confirmation

This survey is intended for people with primary decision-making responsibility for viticulture management in the winegrape growing enterprise indicated on the cover letter. If you are not this person, please give this survey to the person with primary responsibility.

, .	responding to the survey) the individual addressed in release check one.
☐ Yes	□ No
	owing best describes your primary role in the viticultied on the cover letter? Please check all that apply.
Owner o	
□ Owner (out not involved with daily decisions)
Operator	(but I lease the land)
☐ Independ	lent or contracted vineyard manager
☐ In-house	or employed vineyard manager
☐ Vineyard	consultant
Other (P	lease list)

If your winegrape growing enterprise is associated with multiple viticulture managers and you need more surveys, or if you have received multiple surveys through the mail or from other people, or if you have any other questions, please contact principal investigator Mark Lubell using the information below:

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About this study

This survey is part of a Californiawide study of winegrape growing, administered by UC Davis. This version of the survey is being delivered broadly throughout the counties of the Central Coast winegrowing region, and we welcome your participation regardless of your specific location within the region. This survey allows you to express your views and opinions about viticulture management and outreach programs. If you decide to complete this survey it will take approximately 30 minutes of your time. All data from this survey will be kept anonymous. Your privacy is our priority. Thank you in advance for helping to improve California viticulture.

SECTION A:

Viticulture Management Practices

For the following list of management practices, please indicate whether you regularly use each practice, whether you tried the practice in the past but later discontinued it, or whether you never used the practice at all. Regularly used practices might be implemented every year, but also could be less frequent if appropriate. For each practice that you regularly use or tried, please estimate what year you first started using it.

	Current (Plea	Year First Used Enter year; e.g., 1970		
Insect and Mite Management	Regularly Use	Tried & Discontinued	Never Used	
Maintain written monitoring records for pests				Year
Spot spraying instead of treating entire vineyard				Year
Reduced pesticide application rates (using conventional equipment)				Year
Pheromones for pest mating disruption				Year
Cover crops (planted or resident) for natural enemy refuge				Year
Release beneficial/natural predators or parasites				Year
Maintain written monitoring records for natural enemies				Year
Dust reduction on roads				Year
Dust reduction with cover crops				Year
Disease Management				
Using computer disease forecasting model (e.g., Powdery Mildew Model)				Year
Irrigation management to reduce disease				Year
Leaf pulling				Year
Remove diseased wood and fruit and clean berms				Year
Remove infected vines				Year
Manage pruning decisions (e.g., timing and sanitation) to reduce disease spread				Year
Weed Management				
Written monitoring records and need-based spraying				Year
Primarily use mechanical weed management				Year
Use only contact herbicides/no pre-emergents				Year
Narrowing the width of the treated strip				Year
Shielded sprayer to reduce drift				Year
Reduced herbicide application rates using conventional equipment				Year
Water and Soil Management				
Use ET-based methods to determine when to irrigate				Year
Rely on visual observations to determine when to irrigate				Year
Use regulated deficit irrigation (RDI) methods				Year
Soil moisture tests to track water availability				Year

Water and Soil Management	Regularly Use	Tried & Discontinued	Never Used	
Measure plant water stress (e.g., pressure bomb)				Year
Mapping for soil water holding capacity				Year
Use of vegetative filter strips to reduce runoff into waterway				Year
Written erosion control plan				Year
Diversion structures (e.g., straw bales, water bars) to divert or contain seasonal water flows				Year
Soil tests for nutrient content, pH, electrical conductivity (EC), and toxicity				Year
Other Vineyard and Operation Management Practices				
Use of compost in vineyards				Year
Owl boxes/perches for birds of prey				Year
Develop a written company "sustainability" plan				Year
Develop a written human resource plan				Year
Develop a written plan to transition the operation to the next generation, or a "succession" plan				Year
Vineyard management implemented to achieve overall "vine balance"				Year
Monitor and record canopy microclimate throughout growing season				Year
Third-party certification for "sustainable" or "green" viticulture				Year
Use of alternative electricity sources such as wind or solar				Year
Use of alternative fuels such as bio-diesel, propane, natural gas, or methane				Year
Disposal of removed vines by means other than burning				Year
Monitor and record total energy (fuel and electricity) use				Year
Mechanical methods for major viticultural activities (i.e., mechanical pruning/harvesting)				Year
We are interested in how you prioritize different goals in your vitice. How often is each goal below a major priority in your viticulture in Management Goal	_	isions? (Please ✓	the best answ Often	wer) Alwavs
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Profitability in your operation Wildlife habitat restoration				
Employee well-being				
Public health and safety				
Local community quality of life				
Winegrape quality				
Winegrape quantity/yield				
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Water quality				
Water quality Meet winery expectations				
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SECTION B:

Viticulture Outreach and Education Programs

There are several organizations in the Central Coast winegrowing region that offer different types of outreach activities and programs. Have you participated in these general activities with any of the following organizations in the past five years? (Please \checkmark all boxes for which your answer is yes.)

Organization	Attended field meetings	Attended classroom style meetings	Read organization newsletter	Spoke with organization staff	Accessed organization internet resources
Central Coast Winegrowers Association					
Central Coast Vineyard Team					
Independent Grape Growers of Paso Robles					
Santa Barbara County Vintners Association					
Monterey County Vintners and Growers Association					
San Benito County Winegrowers Association					
Viticulture Association of Santa Cruz Mountains					
Other (Please list)					
Other (Please list)					
Have you participated in any of the following specific	activities in the	last five years?	(Please √ the	best answer.)	
Activity		Yes	No	Never I	neard of
Completed CCVT SIP workbook self-assessment					
Completed CCVT SIP Certification					
Attended Sustainable Ag Expo hosted by the CCVT					
Completed the statewide workbook (Code of Sustainable self-assessment	Winegrowing)			Г	
Completed the statewide third-party certification (Certified California Sustainable Winegrowing)				Г	
Other (Please list)					
Sustainable means different things to different Please use the space below to define sustainal				agriculture?	

with any such organizations or programs, please list the one you are most familiar with on the line below:							
Please list organization name on this line:							
n your opinion, how successful has the sustainability-related program you are most familiar with (identified in question above) been at achieving the following goals? Please base your answer on the activities in which you have participated, or if you have not lirectly participated, based on what you have learned from other sources. For each goal, do you think the program has been very unsuccessful, somewhat unsuccessful, neutral, somewhat successful, or very unsuccessful in meeting that goal? Answer "Don't Know" only if you have not heard enough about the program to provide an opinion for a given goal. (<i>Please</i> \(\sigma\) the best answer.)							
	Very Unsuccessful	Somewhat Unsuccessful	Neutral	Somewhat Successful	Very Successful	Don't Know	
Improve economic returns to growers							
Reduce input costs							
Improve consumer perceptions of the regions							
Improve relationships between viticulture industry and regulatory agencies							
Improve vineyard yield							
Improve well-being of farm laborers							
Reduce labor costs							
Improve winegrape quality							
Improve wildlife habitat							
Reduce health risks to the community							
Improve biodiversity							
Reduce environmental risks							
Reduce quantity of recordkeeping necessary to participate							
Reduce amount of time needed to manage vineyards							
Reduce uncertainty about vineyard productivity							
Other (please list)							
n general, how do you rank your level of support for general, how do you rank your level of support for general fo	√ the best ans	wer.	statewide s	-	•		
	Strongly Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Neutral	Somewhat Support	Strongly Support	Don't Know	
Sustainability Programs							
Sustainability-related program you are most familiar with (identified in question at top of page)							
California Sustainable Winegrowing Alliance (CSWA) Sustainable Winegrowing Program (SWP)							
Certification Systems							
Sustainability in Practice (SIP) Certification sponsored by the Central Coast Vineyard Team (CCVT)							
Certified California Sustainable Winegrowing (CCSW) sponsored by the California Sustainable Winegrowing Alliance (CSWA)							

Some organizations in the region provide sustainability-related outreach and education activities. If you are familiar

SECTION C:

Learning about Viticulture Management

Winegrape growers learn about viticulture management from a variety of sources, including outreach organizations, published materials, personal relationships, and personal experience. If you have used the resource listed below, did you think it was not useful, somewhat useful, or very useful? If you have never used the listed resource, please mark "Never Used".

Please ✓ only one answer per source.

Organizations	Not Useful	Somewhat	Very Useful	Never Used
State or County Farm Bureau				
County Farm Advisors				
County Agricultural Commissioner				
Resource Conservation District				
Regional Water Resources Control Board				
Local Grape Grower Association				
State Grape Grower Association				
Winegrape Sustainability Program				
Natural Resources Conservation Service				
Trade association conferences/symposiums				
California Association of Pest Control Advisors (CAPCA)				
Association of Applied IPM Ecologists (AAIE)				
Published Materials				
Trade Journal		П	Π	
Internet resources				
Viticulture textbooks or other reference books	П		П	
University publications				
Newspapers	П			
Central Coast Vineyard Team Sustainability in Practice (SIP) workbook				
California Code of Sustainable Winegrowing Workbook				
Personal Relationships				
Winery personnel			П	
Your field crew		П		
Pest Control Advisors				
Winegrape growers who are not your relatives		П		
Viticulture consultant				
Winegrape growers who are in your family		П	П	
	ш			
Personal Experience				
Trial and error with vineyard practices				
Observations of your own vineyard conditions				
Observations of other growers' vineyard conditions				
Written records of vineyard inputs and performance				
Field trials conducted on your vineyards			Ш	
Field trials conducted by others				
Other important sources of information				
(Please list)		П		

SECTION D:

Communication about Viticulture Management

We are interested in understanding how winegrape growers communicate and share information with each other and other individuals with expertise in viticulture management. In the boxes below, please list up to eight other growers, and eight other individuals (such as PCAs, extension specialists, winery personnel, or any others) with whom you communicated and shared knowledge about viticulture management in the past year. We value your privacy and are legally required to protect it. Identity is confidential, your answers will be used anonymously, and no personal names will ever be publicly released.

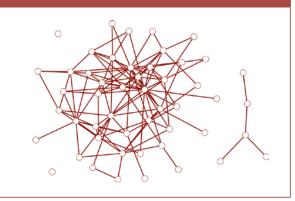
Please list the names of up to eight growers with whom you cor of communication, with most frequent first.	nmunicate about viticulture management. List in order of frequency
Grower 1 Name	Grower 5 Name
Grower 2 Name	Grower 6 Name
Grower 3 Name	Grower 7 Name
Grower 4 Name	Grower 8 Name

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Other Individual 5 Name
Type of Job
Other Individual 6 Name
Type of Job
Other Individual 7 Name
Type of Job
Other Individual 8 Name
Type of Job

WHY ARE WE ASKING THIS QUESTION?

We use the answers from these questions to construct the viticulture communication network. Communication networks provide insights into how growers learn about viticulture management and help improve outreach and education programs.

In the sample communication network to the right, a point represents a grower and a line represents communication among them. Once the network has been constructed, names are replaced in the dataset with anonymous codes. Therefore, all analysis and reporting of the network data is done anonymously.



SECTION E:

Grower and Winegrape Enterprise Information

What is your age? Please check one.				
☐ Younger than 25 ☐ 25-34	□ 35-44	☐ 45-54	□ 55-64	☐ Older than 65
What level of formal education have yo	ou completed? Plea	ise check one.		
☐ High school, no degree earned	☐ High school,	degree earned	☐ College, n	o degree earned
☐ College, degree earned	☐ Post college,	no degree	☐ Advanced	degree (e.g., MS, Ph.D., J
Have you received any specialized train	ning in viticulture	or agriculture? Pl	ease check all 1	hat apply.
☐ Pest Control Advisor ☐ Viticultu	are degree 🔲 1	Enology degree	Other	
How many years have you been workin	ng in viticulture? _			
How many generations has your family		_		
One generation (Immediate family)	_		_	erations (Grandparents)
☐ Four generations (Great grandparents)☐ More than five generations	☐ Five generation	ons (Great, great gra	ndparents)	
questions about the ownership status of t diversity of your operation in 2011. We ve will be used anonymously, and no personal r	alue your privacy an	d are legally required	to protect it. You	r answers are confidential
Acreage			Please ent	er a number
Number of acres of winegrapes that you man	naged in 2011 in the C	Central Coast region alc	one	Acres
Total number of acres of winegrapes that yo	u managed in 2011 th	nroughout California		Acres
Management Structure				
Of the statewide total above, how many acr	es did you own?			Acres
Of the statewide total above, how many acr	es did you lease?			Acres
Of the statewide total above, how many acr hired contractor, or other employee?	es did you manage a	s a consultant,		Acres
Certifications				
Of the statewide total above, how many acr	es are certified organ	ic?		Acres
In what year did you begin organic certifica	tion?			Year
Of the statewide total above, how many acr	es third-party certified	sustainable?		Acres
In what year did you begin third-party susta	inable certification?			Year
Of the statewide total above, how many acr	es are certified biody	namic?		Acres
In what year did you begin biodynamic cert	ification?			Year
Operation Diversity				
Approximately how many counties do you n	nanage winegrapes in	ŝ	(Counties
Approximately how many individual ranche	s do you manage?		I	Ranches

Winegrape growing enterprises have a diversity of marketing and sales strategies. Please estimate the number of wineries your enterprise sells grapes to for each scale of winery listed below. If you are a hired employee, please answer for the winegrape enterprise you are employed by.

	Scale of winery	Number of win Please enter a	neries at each scale you sell winegrapes to: number.
	Not applicable. I do not sell wineg	grapes to a winery.	
•	Less than 2000 cases per year		
	2,000—9,999 cases per year		
	10,000—49,999 cases per year		
•••••	50,000—99,999 cases per year		
	100,000—249,999 cases per year		
	250,000 – 499,999 cases per year		
•	500,000 – 999,999 cases per year		
	Greater than 1 million cases per year		
	u grow certified sustainable winegrafication? Please check one.	apes, is your relationship with	wineries stronger and more secure as a result of
Do a		manage or own also operate	a winery (vertical integration)? Please check one.
-	rou consider yourself a full-time or p ull-time	art-time winegrape grower? P	lease check one.
Do y	rou consider your viticulture enterpr	ise to be economically secure	? Please check one.
How	dependent is your economic liveliho	ood on the success of your vin	neyard enterprise? Please check one.
	Completely	Not at all	
the v	value of any winegrapes you use in yo	ur own winery in your estimat	egrape growing before expenses and taxes. Include e. Please check one. We value your privacy and are mary and anonymous results will be reported.
	ess than \$50,000	□ \$50,000 <i>-</i> \$99,999	□ \$100,000 - \$499,999
□ \$	500,000 - \$999,999	□ \$1,000,000 - \$4,999,999	☐ Greater than \$5,000,000







Thank you for your Help!

Please use the space	Please use the space below if there is anything you would like to tell us about.						
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If you would like to receive a summary report of this survey, please contact:

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