

Olive Irrigation Survey for 2014 harvest

Summary of Findings

We thank COOC and all survey takers for their participation. Here we include a brief summary of the findings.

Surveyed orchards are geographically well distributed over California, from Tehama to Los Angeles county, and all were under irrigation in 2014 (40% were deficit irrigated). Olive cultivars are also well represented (41 % Tuscan blend, 9% Mission, followed by Koreneiki, Arbosana and Arbequina).

In the 2014 harvest, about 20% of the oils had higher than usual lab values for FFA, PV and K232, but only 10% failed the sensorial assessment.

Only a small fraction of olive growers faced critical water shortages and quality issues related to irrigation. Most growers seemed to handle well the drought, and the majority of oils were unaffected although there are current concerns that quality may be deteriorating faster.

The Winner of drawing

(For a choice of 2 tasting glasses, or a free standard oil lab test) is:

Grower of Tuscan oil blend from Alameda County, who entered numbers:

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