



# Sunbeam Foods Australia

## 2025 Dried Vine Fruit Crop Report

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- The Spring bud burst period of 2024 saw ideal climatic conditions to establish a fruitful crop across all varieties
- Frost events that decimated many wine grape vineyards only affected a small number of dried vine fruit vineyards
- Rainfall has been below average but the periods of rain have been well timed to boost vine vigour
- The river and dam storages are at good levels and growers have received close to 100% of their annual irrigation allocations
- Summer temperatures are in a normal pattern, with maximum temperatures reaching 45 degrees Celsius (113 Fahrenheit)
- Fruit maturity is quickly advancing, and the crop will be slightly ahead of the long-term average
- New plantings from the 2021, 2022 & 2023 establishment years are now coming into production and will increase to full production over the next two years
- The new early maturing Sultana type varieties, Sugra39 and Selma Pete are increasing in volume year on year
- The first plantings of the new early maturing, high yielding, rain resistant variety Murray Bold have been established



# Sultana

- Sultanas are showing a good crop and are back to their normal production after recovering fully from the 2023 Downy Mildew disease outbreak
- The berry size is good and while there has been some sunburn experienced, the damage is not significant
- The disease pressure is minimal as the periods of hot weather and little rainfall have been conducive for good vine growth
- Sultana maturity is slightly ahead and harvest will commence around the 10-14<sup>th</sup> February
- The early maturing Sultana types, Sugra39 and Selma Pete are showing very good crops and harvest will start from the 22<sup>nd</sup> January. New plantings of both of these varieties are starting to come into production.
- The later maturing variety Sunglo has developed well and harvest will commence from the 28<sup>th</sup> February





# Sunmuscat



- Sunmuscat is a very consistent high yielding variety that has set another good crop
- Although this is a later season variety, the fruit dries quickly due to the open, loose bunch structure
- There is very little disease pressure and the crop is good quality
- Harvest will commence from 1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> March





# Carina Currant



- The Carina Currant crop is good and while there was some crop loss due to a frost event, volumes will be consistent with previous seasons
- The development is good and there is very little disease present
- The fruit is colouring up well and berry size is very good
- The harvest will commence from the 20<sup>th</sup> February





# Australian Raisins

- This unique Australia fruit has an intense muscat flavour with a berry size larger than Sultana
- The vines have produced another consistent crop
- Australian Raisins are a very robust crop that withstands rain events
- The variety dries quickly due to the loose bunch structure
- The variety matures late and will be harvested from the 15<sup>th</sup> March





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