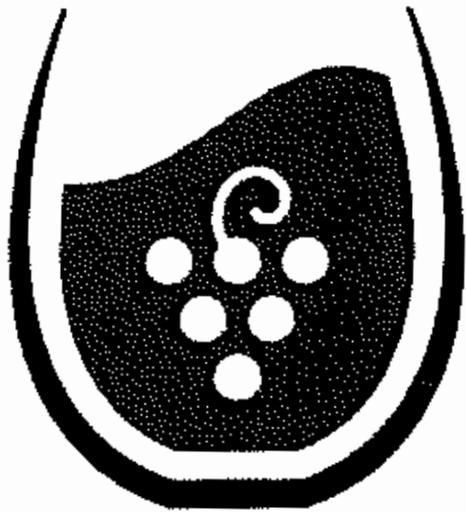


# 2017 Year in Review



NORTH DAKOTA  
**GRAPE & WINE**  
ASSOCIATION

New Logo was adopted after revisions of draft logo based on input from members at the 2017 annual meeting.

The region experienced a significant and wide spread drought in 2017. Despite the dry conditions the grape, fruit, and berry crops were reported to be average to above average in both yield and quality. Brix levels were good and acid levels manageable in grapes. Bumper crops of apples, rhubarb, and several berry varieties were reported.

A bill was introduced in the legislature to eliminate the limit on event permits for wineries and to eliminate the “majority clause” for ND sourced ingredients. The bill was unanimously passed in the House. It came out of the Senate Committee significantly amended without any input from the sponsors of the bill. The amendments, if passed, would have had a devastating adverse impact on the ability for the domestic wine industry to survive. The amended bill was thus opposed by the sponsors and was withdrawn on the Senate floor.

Letters of support were written for several research projects including:

- ❖ Haskap research at CREC
- ❖ Pest, trellising, currant, cold climate acclimation research at NDSU
- ❖ Northern Grapes Project II

Sponsored the ND Grape Tour and Tasting event held at NDSU. NDSU hosted a tour of the test vineyard on campus followed by an educational program presented by SDSU. The program included a tasting of wine produced from Brianna grapes that had been harvested over 4 intervals.

Membership Chair, Stan Hansen, reached out to past NDGWA members to encourage them to renew their memberships.

ND Ag Dept awarded the NDGWA a \$10,720 grant for marketing in 2018/2019. The grant includes a match of \$1,070 from the NDGWA. Grant funds are to be used for:

- ❖ Minot Conference
- ❖ Website Revision
- ❖ Social Media Marketing Campaign
- ❖ Paid Advertising

ND AG Dept awarded the North Central Research Extension Center at Minot a \$4,500 grant for marketing. Grant funds are to be used for:

- ❖ Sign at the Vineyard
- ❖ 3 Seminars on growing cold hardy grapes – 1 of the seminars is to be hosted by the CREC in Carrington.

ND Ag Dept awarded the North Central Research Extension Center at Minot a \$23,680 grant for grape research

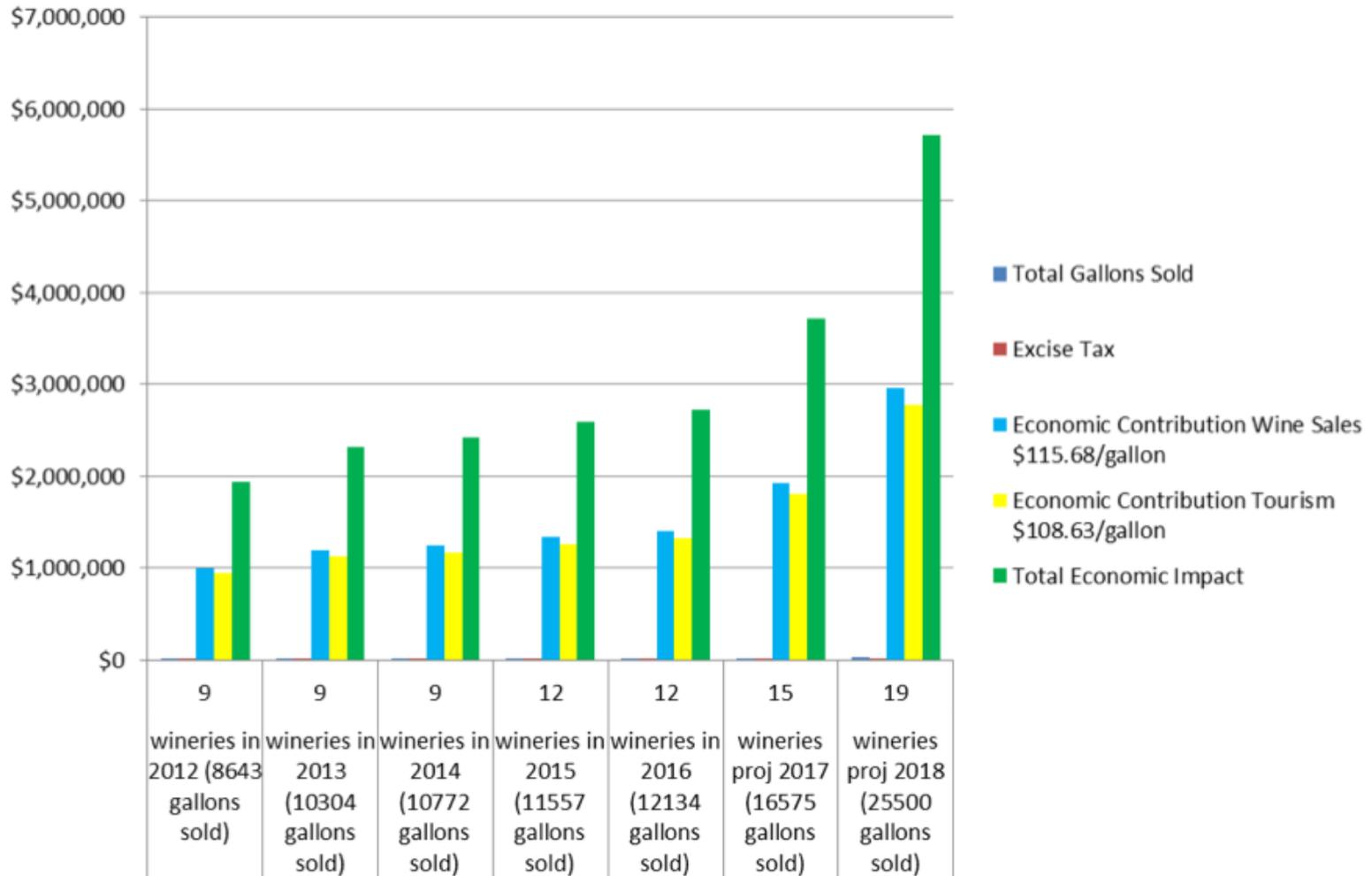
ND Ag Dept awarded NDSU a \$37,200 grant for grape research.

New vineyards and orchards have been planted or are in the planning stage across ND. More are needed to supply the demand for grapes, fruits, and berries as the number of wineries and the production volume per winery increases.

There were 15 licensed wineries in 2017. 13 of those wineries had recorded sales of domestic wine. There are now 19 licensed wineries in ND. Newest wineries are:

- ❖ Cottonwood Cidery – Ayr
- ❖ Urban Winery – Minot
- ❖ Wild Terra Cider – Fargo
- ❖ Dakota Vines Vineyard and Winery - Colfax

## Projected Economic Contribution of Wineries in ND



The association continues to seek opportunities to collaborate with like minded groups, non-profits, co-ops to promote the grape and fruit industry and the wine industry in North Dakota and the region.