

## **PM-24-033**

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Date

May 29, 2024

To

All Approved Insurance Providers

All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

All Other Interested Parties

From

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Subject

California Prune Counties – 2024 Crop Year Prune Reference Date and Average Dry Count per Pound

## **Background**

This Bulletin establishes the 2024 crop year Prune Reference Date. In addition, it provides Approved Insurance Providers with the average dry prune count per pound for calculating second-period immature prune appraisals.

Each year the Davis Regional Office (DRO) establishes the Prune Reference Date. This date occurs one to two weeks after prune pit tip hardening when 80 to 90 percent of the seed shows the presence of endosperm, a clear jelly-like substance at the bloom end of the seed.

The DRO also annually compiles prune industry data to determine the average dry prune count per pound for second-period immature appraisals. The appraised production to count for second-period immature appraisals uses the average dry prune count.

## **Action**

Effective for the 2024 crop year:

1. The Prune Reference Date for all applicable California prune counties for the 2024 crop year is May 10, 2024; and
2. The following tables shall be used to calculate second-period immature appraisals.

<b>County</b>	<b>Dry Prune Count</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Dry Prune Count</b>
Butte	59	Solano	54
Colusa	58	Sonoma	54
Fresno	61	Sutter	57
Glenn	59	Tehama	58
Madera	61	Tulare	61
Merced	59	Yolo	55
Santa Clara	59	Yuba	58

For counties that insure prunes by written agreement that are not included on this list, contact the DRO for the applicable dry prune count per pound.

**DISPOSAL DATE:**

December 31, 2024