

PM-15-028 California Prune Counties - 2015 Crop Year Prune Reference Date and Average Dry Count per Pound

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Date

June 4, 2015

To

All Approved Insurance Providers

All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

All Other Interested Parties

From

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Subject

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Background

This Informational Memorandum establishes the 2015 crop year Prune Reference Date and 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 2015 crop year:

- 1) The Prune Reference Date for all applicable California prune counties for the 2015 crop year is April 24, 2015; and
- 2) The following tables shall be used to calculate second-period immature appraisals.

County	Dry Prune Count	County	Dry Prune Count
Butte	65	Solano	46
Colusa	63	Sonoma	46
Fresno	58	Sutter	63
Glenn	58	Tehama	53
Madera	58	Tulare	55
Merced	58	Yolo	46
Santa Clara	58	Yuba	64

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

DISPOSAL DATE:

December 31, 2015