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**INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: PM-09-022**

**TO:** All Approved Insurance Providers  
All Risk Management Agency Field Offices  
All Other Interested Parties

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**SUBJECT:** 2009 Crop Year Prune Reference Date and Average Dry Count per Pound  
for California Prune Counties

**BACKGROUND:**

In accordance with Federal Crop Insurance Corporation issued procedures, this memorandum establishes the Prune Reference Date and provides Approved Insurance Providers (AIPs) with the average dry prune count per pound for calculating second-period immature prune appraisals.

The Davis Regional Office (RO) establishes the Prune Reference Date, which 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 Davis RO also compiles the average dry prune counts per pound for second-period immature appraisals using prune industry data. AIPs use the average dry prune count to calculate second-period appraisals.

**ACTION:**

The Prune Reference Date for all applicable California prune counties for the 2009 crop year is May 8, 2009.

Use the average dry prune count per pound from the following table to calculate the appraised production to count for second-period immature appraisals for insured prune acreage for the 2009 crop year.



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<b>County</b>	<b>Dry Prune Count</b>
Butte	60
Colusa	61
Fresno	67
Glenn	63
Madera	66
Merced	68
Santa Clara	69

<b>County</b>	<b>Dry Prune Count</b>
Solano	62
Sonoma	62
Sutter	62
Tehama	62
Tulare	67
Yolo	61
Yuba	62

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

**DISPOSAL DATE:**

This Informational Memorandum expires on December 31, 2009.