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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: PM-10-022

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

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SUBJECT: 2010 Crop Year Prune Reference Date and Average Dry Count per Pound for California Prune Counties

BACKGROUND:

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.

In addition, 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:

Effective for the 2010 crop year:

1) The Prune Reference Date for all applicable California prune counties is May 12, 2010; and

2) Use the average dry prune count per pound from the following table to calculate the appraised production to count for second-period immature appraisals.

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County	Dry Prune Count		County	Dry Prune Count
Butte	62		Solano	62
Colusa	61		Sonoma	61
Fresno	67		Sutter	62
Glenn	63		Tehama	63
Madera	66		Tulare	67
Merced	67		Yolo	61
Santa Clara	68		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:

December 31, 2010