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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: PM-12-021

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

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SUBJECT: 2012 Crop Year Prune Reference Date and Average Dry Count per Pound
for California Prune Counties

BACKGROUND:

This 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. 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 Davis RO also compiles prune industry data to determine the average dry prune count per pound for second-period immature appraisals. The average dry prune count is used to calculate the appraised production to count for second-period immature appraisals.

ACTION:

Effective for the 2012 crop year:

- 1) The Prune Reference Date for all applicable California prune counties for the 2012 crop year is May 11, 2012; and
- 2) The following tables must be used to calculate second-period immature appraisals:



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County	Dry Prune Count
Butte	61
Colusa	60
Fresno	65
Glenn	61
Madera	65
Merced	64
Santa Clara	66

County	Dry Prune Count
Solano	61
Sonoma	59
Sutter	62
Tehama	62
Tulare	65
Yolo	60
Yuba	61

For counties not included on this list that insure prunes by written agreement, contact the Davis RO.

DISPOSAL DATE:

December 31, 2012.