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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: PM-13-025

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

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SUBJECT: 2013 Crop Year Prune Reference Date and Average Dry Count per Pound
for California Prune Counties

BACKGROUND:

This establishes the 2013 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 (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 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 2013 crop year:

- 1) The Prune Reference Date for all applicable California prune counties is May 2, 2013; and
- 2) The following tables shall be used to calculate second-period immature appraisals.



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County	Dry Prune Count
Butte	62
Colusa	60
Fresno	66
Glenn	61
Madera	65
Merced	65
Santa Clara	67

County	Dry Prune Count
Solano	62
Sonoma	61
Sutter	62
Tehama	61
Tulare	66
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:

December 31, 2013.