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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: PM-15-028

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

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SUBJECT: California Prune Counties - 2015 Crop Year Prune Reference Date and
Average Dry Count per Pound

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
Butte	65
Colusa	63
Fresno	58
Glenn	58
Madera	58
Merced	58
Santa Clara	58

County	Dry Prune Count
Solano	46
Sonoma	46
Sutter	63
Tehama	53
Tulare	55
Yolo	46
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