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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: PM-17-032

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

FROM: Richard Flournoy /s/Rodger M. Matthews, for.
Deputy Administrator

SUBJECT: California Prune Counties - 2017 Crop Year Prune Reference Date and
Average Dry Count per Pound

BACKGROUND:

This Informational Memorandum establishes the 2017 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 2017 crop year:

- 1) The Prune Reference Date for all applicable California prune counties for the 2017 crop year is May 3, 2017; and
- 2) The following tables shall be used to calculate second-period immature appraisals.

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County	Dry Prune Count
Butte	59
Colusa	57
Fresno	62
Glenn	57
Madera	62
Merced	62
Santa Clara	62

County	Dry Prune Count
Solano	57
Sonoma	57
Sutter	57
Tehama	58
Tulare	62
Yolo	57
Yuba	59

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, 2017.