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**INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: PM-18-027**

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

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**SUBJECT:** California Prune Counties – 2018 Crop Year Prune Reference Date and  
Average Dry County per Pound

**BACKGROUND:**

This Informational Memorandum establishes the 2018 crop year Prune Reference Date. In addition, it 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 2018 crop year:

- 1) The Prune Reference Date for all applicable California prune counties for the 2018 crop year is May 4, 2018; and
- 2) The following tables shall be used to calculate second-period immature appraisals.

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<b>County</b>	<b>Dry Prune Count</b>
Butte	60
Colusa	58
Fresno	63
Glenn	58
Madera	63
Merced	63
Santa Clara	63

<b>County</b>	<b>Dry Prune Count</b>
Solano	57
Sonoma	57
Sutter	58
Tehama	59
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, 2018.