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**INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: PM-06-021**

**TO:** All Reinsured Companies  
All Risk Management Agency Field Offices  
All Other Interested Parties

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Deputy Administrator

**SUBJECT:** California 2006 Crop Year Dry Prune Reference Date and Average Dry Prune Count

**BACKGROUND:**

This memorandum establishes the Prune Reference Date and provides Approved Insurance Providers (AIPs) with the average dry prune count per pound needed to calculate second-period immature prune appraisals for the 2006 crop year in accordance with the Prune Loss Adjustment Standards Handbook.

The Risk Management Agency's Davis Regional Office (RO) establishes the Prune Reference Date one to two weeks after prune pit tip hardening when 80 to 90 percent of the seed show the presence of endosperm, a clear jelly-like substance at the bloom end of the seed.

In addition, the Davis RO compiles the average dry prune counts per pound for second-period immature appraisals using prune industry data. The average dry prune count is a variable that is used to calculate second-period appraisals.

**ACTION:**

Effective for the 2006 crop year, 1) the Prune Reference Date for all applicable California prune counties is May 14, 2006, and 2) the average dry prune count per pound shall be used from the table below to calculate the appraised production to count for second-period immature appraisals for insured prune acreage.



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County	Dry Prune Count
Butte	62
Colusa	64
Fresno	69
Glenn	65
Madera	66
Merced	68
Santa Clara	70

County	Dry Prune Count
Solano	64
Sonoma	64
Sutter	64
Tehama	64
Tulare	68
Yolo	61
Yuba	64

For prunes insured by written agreement, contact the Davis RO for the applicable dry prune count per pound.

**DISPOSAL DATE:**

This Informational Memorandum is for the purpose of transmitting information and the expiration date is December 31, 2006.



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