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TO: All Approved Insurance Providers

All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

All Other Interested Parties

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Deputy Administrator

SUBJECT: 2007 Crop Year Prune Reference Date and Average Dry Count per Pound for

California Prune Counties

BACKGROUND:

In accordance with Federal Crop Insurance Corporation issued procedures, this memorandum establishes the Prune Reference Date and provides Approved Insurance Providers (AIPs) with the average dry prune count per pound for calculating second-period immature prune appraisals.

The Davis Regional Office (RO) establishes the Prune Reference Date, which 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 compiles the average dry prune counts per pound for second-period immature appraisals using prune industry data. AIPs use the average dry prune count to calculate second-period appraisals.

ACTION:

The Prune Reference Date for all applicable California prune counties for the 2007 crop year is April 29, 2007.

Use the average dry prune count per pound from the table below to calculate the appraised production to count for second-period immature appraisals for insured prune acreage for the 2007 crop year.

County	Dry Prune Count
Butte	62
Colusa	63
Fresno	69
Glenn	64
Madera	66
Merced	68
Santa Clara	69

County	Dry Prune Count
Solano	64
Sonoma	64
Sutter	63
Tehama	63
Tulare	67
Yolo	61
Yuba	64

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:

This Informational Memorandum expires on December 31, 2007.