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Risk Management Agency

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

FROM: Phyllis W. Honor *//signed// March 28, 2001*  
Acting Administrator

SUBJECT: 2001 Crop Year Actuarial Document Addendum - Special Provisions; California  
Stonefruit Grading Standards

**BACKGROUND:**

The United States Department of Agriculture, State departments of agriculture, and certain crop associations issue grading standards that are used to categorize fresh and processing fruit and vegetable production. The Risk Management Agency (RMA) uses these grading standards in selected multiple peril crop insurance programs to establish production to count for crop policies with quality adjustment provisions.

RMA lists the current grading standards in the Special Provisions for some multiple peril crop insurance programs. For the 2001 crop year, the fresh and processing grading standards that were in force the prior year were inadvertently omitted from the Stonefruit Special Provisions. This bulletin is being issued to list the applicable grading standards for all California counties with fresh and processing stonefruit multiple peril crop insurance.

**ACTION:**

Effective for the 2001 crop year, insurance providers are to distribute the attached Grading Standards Table to their policyholders which will be used to identify the applicable grading standards for quality adjusting fresh and processing stonefruit production insured under the multiple peril crop insurance program.

**DISPOSAL DATE:**

The disposal date of this bulletin is December 31, 2001.



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**GRADING STANDARDS TABLE  
FOR  
CALIFORNIA STONEFRUIT**

**ATTACHMENT A**

<b>County</b>	<b>Crop Name and Code Number</b>	<b>Grading Standards</b>
Contra Costa, Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Benito, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, Solano, Stanislaus, Tulare, Yolo	Fresh Apricots (0218)	Production must meet California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) minimum standards for fresh apricots.
Contra Costa, Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Benito, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, Solano, Stanislaus, Tulare, Yolo	Processing Apricots (0219)	Production must meet CDFA minimum standards for processing apricots and will include all production which is acceptable to a processor.
Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus, Tulare	Fresh Nectarines (0220)	Production must meet U.S. No. 1 Standards as modified by the latest California Tree Fruit Agreement publication for fresh nectarines.
Butte, Fresno, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tulare, Yuba	Processing Clingstone Peaches (0221)	Production must be graded by the California State Inspection Service as No. 2 or larger for processing clingstone peaches.
Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus, Tulare	Processing Freestone Peaches (0222)	Production must meet CDFA minimum standards for processing freestone peaches and will include all production which is acceptable to a processor.
Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus, Tulare	Fresh Freestone Peaches (0223)	Production must meet U.S. No. 1 Standards as modified by the latest California Tree Fruit Agreement publication for fresh freestone peaches.