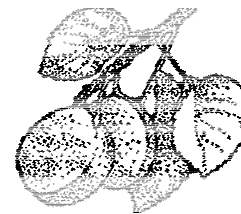


# 2001 California Prune Acreage Report



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## RESULTS

California's 2001 prune acreage is estimated by the California Agricultural Statistics Service (CASS) at 97,000 acres, down 4 percent from 2000. Of the total acres, 86,000 were bearing and 11,000 were non-bearing. Estimated bearing acreage was unchanged, while non-bearing decreased by 27 percent. French prunes remained the dominant variety in California, accounting for 96 percent of the State's total acreage.

### PRUNE BEARING AND NON-BEARING ACREAGE <sup>1/</sup>

Year	Bearing	Non-Bearing	Total
1998	83,000	26,000	109,000
1999	83,000	22,000	105,000
2000	86,000	15,000	101,000
2001	86,000	11,000	97,000

<sup>1/</sup> Reported data with an allowance for incompleteness.

Sutter County remained the leader for prune acreage in California, with nearly twice the bearing acreage of any other county. Sutter accounts for 26 percent of California's total prune acreage. Butte, Yuba, and Tehama counties remained number two, three, and four, respectively, for total prune acreage. These four counties combined account for 64 percent of the State's total prune acreage.

## OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this survey is to provide annual prune acreage with information on new plantings and removals. It is a continuation of a long series of industry-funded prune acreage surveys.

Users are cautioned that this report consists of two parts:

- ▶ Estimated prune acreage -- bearing, non-bearing, and total.
- ▶ Detailed data by variety, year planted, and county -- as voluntarily reported by prune growers and maintained in CASS' data base.

With perfect information, the estimated prune acreage and the detailed data would be equivalent. However, this will never be the case for the following reasons:

- ▶ A voluntary census of 1,200 prune growers is unlikely to ever attain 100 percent completeness.
- ▶ It is extremely difficult for a small staff in Sacramento to detect growers that are planting prunes for the first time.
- ▶ The detailed data reflects tree removals from more than 5,000 acres during the past twelve months. Of this number, significant acreage was harvested in 2001 prior to being pulled out, and that acreage has already been removed from the detailed data.

## PROCEDURES

To arrive at the estimated prune acreage, a sample was selected from the pesticide application data maintained by County Agricultural Commissioners and the Department of Pesticide Regulation. This sample was compared to the prune acreage data base as maintained by CASS. When significant discrepancies were detected, the grower was contacted to obtain additional data and the information was included in the detailed data.

The major source of the prune detailed data was a questionnaire mailed to all prune growers included in CASS' data base. The mailing was made in late December 2001 to approximately 1,200 prune growers. The questionnaire contained previously reported crop, variety, and acreage information preprinted. Producers were asked to update the information with new plantings, removals, and any other corrections; new growers were mailed a blank questionnaire. Growers were given six weeks to respond by mail. A telephone follow-up was then undertaken. Field personnel personally visited large growers who did not respond by mail or telephone.

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**2001 PRUNE ACREAGE BY COUNTY, BY YEAR PLANTED a/**

County	1989 & Earlier	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	Acres Standing in 2001 b/		
														Bearing	Non-Bearing	Total
Alameda	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	11	2	13
Butte	6,839	560	543	777	839	1,151	572	264	260	236	198	269	161	11,279	1,388	12,667
Colusa	2,211	91	43	50	44	116	144	162	87	71	4	0	5	2,697	330	3,027
Fresno	1,327	274	355	151	836	351	543	451	35	17	4	0	80	3,837	587	4,423
Glenn	4,901	0	442	444	612	824	733	334	147	80	66	26	48	7,957	701	8,658
Humboldt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	0	64
Kings	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	22	10	32
Lake	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	0	27
Madera	735	149	19	42	0	451	301	41	40	58	0	10	6	1,696	154	1,850
Mendocino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Merced	1,776	16	89	28	246	220	64	352	75	6	0	12	0	2,439	445	2,884
Napa	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	7
Placer	318	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	318	0	318
Riverside	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Joaquin	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	29
San Luis Obispo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Clara	197	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	197	9	206
Santa Cruz	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	16
Shasta	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	53	4	57
Solano	1,092	110	25	126	32	180	43	80	19	22	3	5	5	1,608	134	1,742
Sonoma	180	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	185	0	185
Stanislaus	65	0	0	3	7	0	8	8	8	0	12	0	0	83	27	110
Sutter	15,278	654	817	917	1,269	1,892	822	663	482	351	284	397	219	21,648	2,395	24,043
Tehama	7,615	246	335	297	227	546	720	372	120	207	129	97	66	9,986	991	10,977
Tulare	3,600	250	109	177	459	954	675	234	180	165	170	97	61	6,223	907	7,130
Yolo	1,606	87	128	38	67	186	40	47	44	4	0	18	32	2,152	144	2,296
Yuba	7,440	287	401	411	536	248	424	493	184	169	372	281	214	9,748	1,713	11,461
<b>State Total</b>	<b>55,354</b>	<b>2,729</b>	<b>3,358</b>	<b>3,459</b>	<b>5,175</b>	<b>7,118</b>	<b>5,089</b>	<b>3,501</b>	<b>1,691</b>	<b>1,395</b>	<b>1,242</b>	<b>1,216</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>82,281</b>	<b>9,941</b>	<b>92,222</b>

a/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

b/ Non-bearing includes plantings for 1996-01.

**PRUNE ACREAGE AS OF 2001 -- VARIETIES AND AGE GROUPS -- STATE SUMMARY ACREAGE PLANTED DURING YEARS SHOWN AND STANDING IN 2001 a/**

Variety	1989 & Earlier	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	Acres Standing in 2001 b/		
														Bearing	Non-Bearing	Total
French	53,194	2,552	3,338	3,425	5,058	6,907	4,807	3,258	1,554	1,302	1,199	1,131	691	79,282	9,134	88,416
French Early Grans	148	0	0	0	0	0	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	215	0	215
French Improved	861	0	3	25	55	149	22	12	15	17	29	28	6	1,115	106	1,221
Friedman	269	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	269	0	269
Imperial	138	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	144	0	144
Moyer	372	126	17	9	38	27	144	224	79	76	14	5	47	734	446	1,179
Victor Lg	143	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	143	0	143
All Others	227	44	0	0	24	35	49	7	43	0	0	52	153	380	255	635
<b>State Total</b>	<b>55,354</b>	<b>2,729</b>	<b>3,358</b>	<b>3,459</b>	<b>5,175</b>	<b>7,118</b>	<b>5,089</b>	<b>3,501</b>	<b>1,691</b>	<b>1,395</b>	<b>1,242</b>	<b>1,216</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>82,281</b>	<b>9,941</b>	<b>92,222</b>

a/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

b/ Non-bearing includes plantings for 1996-01.

**2001 FRENCH PRUNE ACREAGE BY COUNTY a/**

County	1989 & Earlier	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	Acres Standing in 2001 b/			
														Bearing	Non-Bearing	Total	
Alameda	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	11	2	13	
Butte	6,464	560	543	774	831	1,151	564	225	260	236	198	264	152	10,886	1,335	12,221	
Colusa	2,211	91	43	50	44	116	144	162	63	71	4	0	5	2,697	305	3,002	
Fresno	1,193	274	355	151	836	351	513	451	25	16	0	0	0	3,672	491	4,163	
Glenn	4,851	0	442	444	594	789	718	334	142	80	66	26	48	7,839	696	8,535	
Humboldt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	0	64	
Kings	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	22	10	32	
Lake	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	0	27	
Madera	735	149	19	42	0	451	301	41	40	58	0	10	6	1,696	154	1,850	
Mendocino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Merced	1,754	16	89	28	246	220	64	352	75	6	0	12	0	2,417	445	2,862	
Napa	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	7	
Placer	318	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	318	0	318	
San Bernardino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Joaquin	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	29	
San Luis Obispo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Clara	193	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	193	9	202	
Santa Cruz	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	16	
Shasta	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	53	4	57	
Solano	1,092	110	25	126	26	180	43	80	19	22	3	5	5	1,602	134	1,736	
Sonoma	180	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	185	0	185	
Stanislaus	65	0	0	3	0	0	8	8	8	0	2	0	0	76	17	93	
Sutter	15,190	609	806	917	1,269	1,892	822	640	469	351	284	397	174	21,503	2,315	23,818	
Tehama	7,564	246	335	297	227	546	720	372	120	207	129	97	66	9,935	991	10,926	
Tulare	3,388	120	103	171	458	934	535	85	114	90	170	58	31	5,707	547	6,254	
Yolo	1,573	87	128	38	62	179	40	47	42	4	0	5	32	2,107	128	2,235	
Yuba	7,259	287	401	411	520	248	424	472	184	169	372	281	178	9,551	1,656	11,207	
<b>State Total</b>	<b>54,203</b>	<b>2,552</b>	<b>3,341</b>	<b>3,450</b>	<b>5,113</b>	<b>7,056</b>	<b>4,896</b>	<b>3,269</b>	<b>1,569</b>	<b>1,319</b>	<b>1,228</b>	<b>1,158</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>80,611</b>	<b>9,240</b>	<b>89,851</b>	

a/ Varieties include French, French Improved, and French Early Grans. Totals may not add due to rounding.

b/ Non-bearing includes plantings for 1996-01.

**2001 OTHER PRUNE ACREAGE BY COUNTY a/**

County	1989 & Earlier	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	Acres Standing in 2001 b/			
														Bearing	Non-Bearing	Total	
Butte	375	0	0	3	8	0	8	39	0	0	0	5	9	393	53	447	
Colusa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	25	25	
Fresno	134	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	10	1	4	0	80	165	95	260	
Glenn	50	0	0	0	18	35	15	0	5	0	0	0	0	118	5	123	
Humboldt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Merced	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	0	22	
Riverside	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Luis Obispo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Clara	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	
Santa Cruz	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	7	
Sonoma	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stanislaus	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	7	10	17	
Sutter	88	45	11	0	0	0	0	23	13	0	0	0	44	145	80	225	
Tehama	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	51	
Tulare	212	131	6	6	1	20	140	149	66	75	0	40	30	517	360	876	
Yolo	33	0	0	0	6	7	0	0	3	0	0	13	1	45	16	61	
Yuba	181	0	0	0	16	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	36	197	57	254	
<b>State Total</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>1,670</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>2,371</b>	

a/ Totals may not add due to rounding. Includes acreage of Burton, German, Imperial, Italian/Fellenberg, Miro, Moyer, Punian, Ross, Sergeant/Robe De Sergeant, Sierra Sweet, Sugar, Victor LG, 29-C, and 707 varieties.

b/ Non-bearing includes plantings for 1996-01.