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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: PM-08-023

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

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SUBJECT: 2008 Crop Year California Prune Counties – Prune Reference Date and
Average Dry Count per Pound

BACKGROUND:

In accordance with Risk Management Agency 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:

Effective for the 2008 crop year:

The Prune Reference Date for all applicable California prune counties is May 5, 2008.

Use the average dry prune count per pound from the following table to calculate the appraised production to count for second-period immature appraisals.



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County	Dry Prune Count
Butte	61
Colusa	62
Fresno	67
Glenn	64
Madera	66
Merced	67
Santa Clara	68

County	Dry Prune Count
Solano	63
Sonoma	63
Sutter	62
Tehama	62
Tulare	67
Yolo	61
Yuba	63

For counties not included on this list that may have prunes insured by written agreement, contact the Davis RO for the applicable dry prune count per pound.

DISPOSAL DATE:

This Informational Memorandum expires on December 31, 2008.