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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: PM-14-020

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

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SUBJECT: 2014 Crop Year Prune Reference Date and Average Dry Count per Pound

BACKGROUND:

This Informational Memorandum establishes the 2014 crop year Prune Reference Date and provides Approved Insurance Providers with the average dry prune count per pound for calculating second-period immature prune appraisals in California counties with prune crop insurance.

Each year the Davis Regional Office (DRO) establishes the Prune Reference Date. This date 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 DRO also annually compiles prune industry data to determine the average dry prune count per pound for second-period immature appraisals. The appraised production to count for second-period immature appraisals uses the average dry prune count.

ACTION:

Effective for the 2014 crop year:

- 1) The Prune Reference Date for all applicable California prune counties is May 1, 2014; and
- 2) The following tables shall be used to calculate second-period immature appraisals.

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County	Dry Prune Count
Butte	60
Colusa	58
Fresno	64
Glenn	59
Madera	63
Merced	63
Santa Clara	65

County	Dry Prune Count
Solano	60
Sonoma	60
Sutter	62
Tehama	60
Tulare	64
Yolo	59
Yuba	59

For California counties not included on this list that insure prunes by written agreement, contact the DRO for the applicable dry prune count per pound.

DISPOSAL DATE:

December 31, 2014.