

PM-26-025: California Prune Counties - 2026 Crop Year Prune Reference Date and Average Dry Count per Pound

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Date

April 30, 2026

To

All Approved Insurance Providers

All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

All Other Interested Parties

From

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Subject

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BACKGROUND:

This bulletin establishes the 2026 crop year Prune Reference Date. In addition, it provides Approved Insurance Providers with the average dry prune count per pound for calculating second-period immature prune appraisals.

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 2026 crop year:

1. The Prune Reference Date for all applicable California prune counties for the 2026 crop year is April 16; and
2. The following tables shall be used to calculate second-period immature appraisals.

County	Dry Prune Count
Butte	58
Colusa	60
Fresno	61
Glenn	58
Madera	61
Merced	57
Santa Clara	57
Solano	54
Sonoma	54
Sutter	56
Tehama	58
Tulare	62
Yolo	56
Yuba	57

For 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, 2026.