

CALIFORNIA DRIED PRUNES: Supply and Disposition

August 1, 2011 through October 31, 2011

SUPPLY (Net Tons)

Crop Year	Natural Condition		Processed Condition	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
Carryin, Whole Prunes	54,908	64,697		
Carryin, Pitted Prunes (See Notes 2 & 6)	5,722	14,947		
Manufactured Products* (See footnote on page 2)	4,379	5,212		
Total	65,009	84,856		
Marketable Production 2011	122,000	129,510		
Total Supply	187,009	214,366	196,359	225,084
Shipped at October 31, 2011			30,917	37,492
Unshipped Supply			165,442	187,592
Percent Shipped October 2011			15.75%	16.66%

SHIPMENTS (Net Tons Processed Condition)

BY DESTINATION AND DOMESTIC USES

	2011 CROP YEAR		2010 CROP YEAR	
	Aug. 1, 2011 to Oct. 31, 2011	% chg. from prior year	Aug. 1, 2010 to Oct. 31, 2010	Aug. 1, 2010 to July 31, 2011
Domestic: (See Note a.)				
Whole	2,206	-7	2,360	9,549
Pitted	9,464	-15	11,076	34,984
Sub-total	11,670	-13	13,436	44,533
Manufacturing (See Note b.)	2,782	-17	3,333	20,941
Government	67	-97	2,227	4,956
Total Domestic	14,519	-24	18,996	70,428
Export:				
Whole	3,208	-33	4,773	19,352
Pitted	13,190	-4	13,723	50,460
Total Export	16,398	-11	18,496	69,812
Total Industry	30,917	-18	37,492	140,240

BY TYPE OF PACKAGING

Whole Prunes

Consumer Pack	1,564	0	1,566	6,442
Bulk Pack	4,486	-41	7,650	29,507
Sub-total Whole	6,050	-34	9,216	35,949

Pitted Prunes

Consumer Pack	15,213	-10	16,926	62,600
Bulk Pack	9,654	-15	11,350	41,691
Sub-total Pitted	24,867	-12	28,276	104,291
Total Industry	30,917	-18	37,492	140,240

- Notes:
- Shipments to Canada and Puerto Rico are included in the domestic totals.
 - Manufacturing includes juice and concentrate, paste, baby food, puree, butter and diced prunes.
 - 2010 Unshipped Supply exceeds 7/31/2011 Carryout Inventory shown in Section 9. on reverse of this page. Difference is likely due to tightening of definition of carryout inventory to exclude prunes that are in forward warehouses or that have been sold/committed to customers as well as disposal of older, smaller prunes in packer inventories for non-human consumption or other outlets not reflected in shipment reports.

Notes:

1. Detail will not always add exactly to totals due to rounding.
2. Tonnage shown as "Pitted Prunes" in this report is the natural condition equivalent weight of handler reported pitted weights. Effective with the 1992 crop year, the pit loss factor was revised to 1.15. For the crop years 1984 through 1991, the pit loss factor used was 1.10. A factor of 1.19 was used for the period 1972 through 1983. Prior to 1972, no pit loss factor was used.
3. Processed Condition Supply - Effective for 1984 and subsequent years, a processing gain factor of 1.05 will be applied to the natural condition supply. For 1983 and prior crop years, a processing gain factor of 1.03 was used.
4. Parity price for October 31, 2011 was \$4,020. The average parity price for 2011 crop year was \$4,007 per ton. The Walnut-Raisin-Prune Report State Summary shows an average grower return per ton of 2010 crop total tonnage of \$1,349 per ton.

5. Comparative Export and Pitted shipment data:

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Export percent of total shipments	50.7%	49.8%
Pitted percent of total shipments	72.4%	74.4%
Pitted percent of total export shipments	79.6%	72.3%
Pitted percent of total domestic shipments	65.1%	56.7%

6. To compare 1992 and subsequent crop years' statistics with those of 1991 and prior crop years, the following adjustments to 1991 and prior crop statistics should be made:
 - A. Pitted Prunes - All statistics for pitted prunes x 1.04545
 - B. Gov't Pitted Prune shipments x 1.04545 (Refer to applicable crop year reports for the pitted portion of Gov't shipments.)
 - C. Processed Condition Supply = Natural Condition Supply x 1.05.

7. USDA purchases in progress:

Form	Packaged	Shipping Period	Nat. Condition Tons	Shipped Crop Year To - Date	Total Shipped To - Date
Pitted	24/1 lb	07/01/11- 09/15/11	21	21	21
Pitted	24/1 lb	10/1/11-12/31/11	72	46	46
Pitted	25/1lb	10/1/11-12/31/11	19	0	0
Pitted	24/1 lb	11/15/11-6/30/12	2,214	0	0
Pitted	24/1 lb	12/16/11-6/30/12	5,886	0	0
			8,212	67	67

8. Imports

	AUGUST - JULY			AUGUST - SEPTEMBER		
	2009/10	2010/11	% Chg.	2010/11	2011/12	% Chg.
Prunes (NES) S. Tons	1,142	322	-72%	33	10	-69%
Prune Juice KL	19,973	18,544	-7%	3,616	3,079	-15%
Prune Juice Ton Equiv.	7,108	6,599	-7%	1,287	1,096	-15%

Source: Dept. of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Statistics

9. Handlers' Report of Carryout Inventory and Production by IPA* Sizes

Count Per Pound	7/31/2011	2010
<u>Natural Condition</u>	<u>Carryout</u>	<u>Production</u>
60 and larger	29,422	71,807
61 to 80	17,201	37,704
81 to 91	3,360	7,055
92 to 100	2,244	5,216
101 and smaller	2,681	7,728
Sub-total	54,908	129,510
Pitted Prunes	5,722	
Manufactured Products*	4,379	
Total	65,009	

* Tonnage used in producing juice, concentrate and other manufacturing products.