

CALIFORNIA DRIED PRUNES: Supply and Disposition

August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2009

SUPPLY (Net Tons)

Crop Year	Natural Condition		Processed Condition	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Carryin, Whole Prunes	26,411	68,399		
Carryin, Pitted Prunes (See Notes 2 & 6)	7,740	17,676		
Total	34,151	86,075		
Marketable Production 2008 (See Note c.)	129,668	83,276		
Total Supply	163,819	169,351	172,010	177,819
Shipped at July 31, 2009			122,877	144,430
Unshipped Supply			49,133	33,389
Percent Shipped July 31, 2009			71.44%	81.22%

2008 Marketable Production of 129,668 based on the handlers' projections vs. the CASS estimate of 120,000.

SHIPMENTS (Net Tons Processed Condition)

BY DESTINATION AND DOMESTIC USES

	2008 CROP YEAR			2007 CROP YEAR		
	April 30, '09	Aug. 1, '08	% chg	April 30, '08	Aug 1, '07	
	to July 31, '09	to July 31, '09	from pr yr	to July 31, '08	to July 31, '08	
Domestic:						
Whole	4,382	12,828	16	3,370	11,035	
Pitted (See Note 2)	8,751	35,459	-13	8,333	40,541	
Sub-total Prunes	13,133	48,287	-6	11,703	51,576	
Manufacturing	3,178	18,532	-29	5,742	26,269	
Government	21	41	-60	35	103	
Total Domestic	16,332	66,860	-14	17,480	77,948	
Export:						
Whole	3,118	13,216	-12	4,139	15,028	
Pitted	9,822	42,801	-17	13,575	51,454	
Total Export	12,940	56,017	-16	17,714	66,482	
Total Industry	29,272	122,877	-15	35,194	144,430	

By Type of Pack

Whole Prunes						
Consumer Pack	1,770	7,249	-16	5,221	8,671	
Bulk Pack	9,156	37,159	-14	7,632	43,263	
Sub-total Whole	10,926	44,408	-14	12,853	51,934	
Pitted Prunes						
Consumer Pack	12,009	49,896	-14	13,058	58,165	
Bulk Pack	6,337	28,573	-17	9,283	34,331	
Sub-total Pitted	18,346	78,469	-15	22,341	92,496	
Total Industry	29,272	122,877	-15	35,194	144,430	

- Notes: a. Shipments to Canada and Puerto Rico are included in the domestic totals.
b. Manufacturing includes juice and concentrate, paste, baby food, puree, butter and diced prunes.
c. Unofficial estimate

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 July 31, 2009 was \$3,420 per ton. The average parity price for 2007 crop year was \$3,211 per ton. The Walnut-Raisin-Prune Report State Summary shows an average grower return per ton of 2007 crop total tonnage of \$1,455 per ton.

5. Comparative Export and Pitted shipment data:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Export percent of total shipments	45.6%	46.0%
Pitted percent of total shipments	63.9%	64.0%
Pitted percent of total export shipments	76.4%	77.4%
Pitted percent of total domestic shipments	53.1%	52.0%

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. Cond Tons	Shipped Crop Year To - Date	Total Shipped To - Date
Pitted	24/1 lb	9/01/08 - 9/30/08	21	21	21
Pitted	24/1 lb	4/1/09 - 6/16/09	20	20	20
Total			41	41	41

Handlers' Report of Carryout Inventory and Production by IPA* Sizes
Count Per Pound Natural Condition

	7/31/09 Carryout	2008 Production
60 and larger	16,755	71,099
61 to 80	5,919	35,633
81 to 100	10,536	13,770
100 and smaller	3,214	9,166
Pitted Prunes	15,940	
Total	<u>52,364</u>	<u>129,668</u>

* International Prune Association