



2018 California Dried Plum (Prune) Forecast



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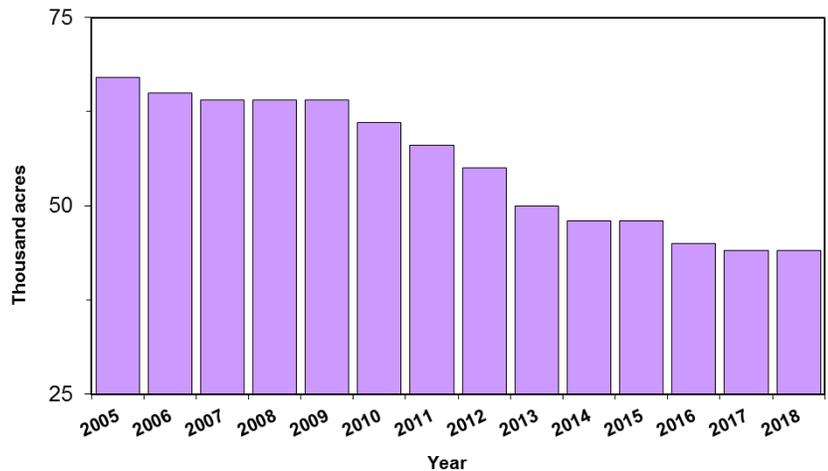
The 2018 California dried plum (prune) crop is forecast at 80 thousand tons, down 24 percent from the previous 105 thousand tons forecast in 2017. Total 2018 bearing acreage is estimated at 44,000, unchanged from the previous year. The French prune variety accounts for virtually all dried plum acreage grown in California. The production forecast is based on a survey of dried plum growers conducted by the USDA, NASS, Pacific Regional Office from May 8-31, 2018.

The survey used a random sampling design based on total dried plum acreage for each operator. The sample is designed to provide a State estimate of production for all growers.

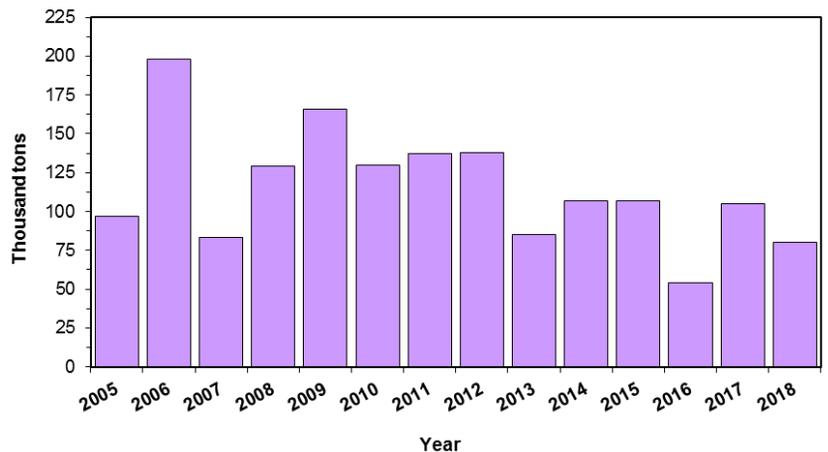
Questionnaires were mailed to growers on April 25, 2018 with return requested by May 8th. Non-respondents were telephoned. Responses were received from 206 growers.

The 2018 dried plum season had variable growing conditions, which negatively impacted yields. Growers reported concerns due to variable weather and growing conditions. However, orchard conditions improved during the season and some producers reported a good fruit set.

California Dried Plum Bearing Acres: 2005-2018



California Dried Plum Production: 2005-2018 (Dried Basis)



California Dried Plum (Prune) Acreage, Production, Yield, Price, and Value: 1999-2018

Year	Bearing Acres	Total production Tons	Utilized production Tons	Yield per ton Tons	Price per ton Dollars	Value of utilized production \$1,000
1999	83,000	178,000	165,000	2.14	861.00	142,065
2000	86,000	219,000	201,000	2.55	770.00	154,770
2001	86,000	150,000	135,000	1.74	726.00	98,010
2002	74,000	172,000	163,000	2.32	810.00	132,030
2003	72,000	181,000	168,000	2.51	772.00	129,696
2004	70,000	49,000	48,000	0.70	1,500.00	72,000
2005	67,000	97,000	94,000	1.45	1,470.00	138,180
2006	65,000	198,000	189,000	3.05	1,390.00	262,710
2007	64,000	83,000	81,000	1.30	1,450.00	117,450
2008	64,000	129,000	129,000	2.02	1,500.00	193,500
2009	64,000	166,000	166,000	2.59	1,230.00	204,180
2010	61,000	130,000	130,000	2.13	1,350.00	175,500
2011	58,000	137,000	137,000	2.36	1,310.00	179,470
2012	55,000	138,000	138,000	2.51	1,330.00	183,540
2013	50,000	85,000	85,000	1.70	2,000.00	170,000
2014	48,000	108,000	108,000	2.25	2,470.00	266,760
2015	47,000	112,000	110,000	2.38	2,050.00	225,500
2016	45,000	54,000	54,000	1.20	1,600.00	86,400
2017 ^{1/}	44,000	105,000	^{3/}	2.39	^{3/}	^{3/}
2018 ^{2/}	44,000	80,000		1.82		

Source: USDA, NASS, Pacific Regional Office

^{1/} Production and acreage subject to revision.

^{2/} Forecast.

^{3/} Preliminary Utilized Production, Yield, Price, and Value will be available in the Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts Annual release on June 26, 2018.

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