

TO: ALL HANDLERS

RE: RESERVE POOL HOLDING COSTS

In accordance with Section 993.159 of Federal Marketing Order No. 993, you are requested to compute your reserve pool holding costs. The attached PMC Schedule 1 lists the factors to consider in computing your reserve pool holding costs along with a worksheet for your convenience.

This information will be used to compute a handler reimbursement payment for prunes held in a reserve pool during the next crop year. Please notify the Prune Marketing Committee with your pool holding costs prior to June 1. All completed computations received will assist the Committee in the recommendation of a payment rate at the mid-June Supply Management Subcommittee meeting.

This payment rate shall be in full payment for the costs incurred in connection with, but not limited to the following services: Inspection, receiving, storing, grading, fumigation, and handling. The costs include, but are not limited to those listed on PMC Schedule 1.

The payment rate for holding reserve pool prunes was previously limited to \$25.00 per natural condition ton, but a recent rule change has given the PMC the flexibility to compute and announce a rate that is based on actual costs. This will enable you to be more fairly compensated for your services when funds are available from a reserve pool.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

[insert name]
Executive Director

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Schedule 1

**FACTORS TO BE INCLUDED IN HANDLERS'
RESERVE POOL HOLDING COSTS (PER TON)**
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