

**Prune Bargaining Association**  
**Field Price Schedule for Dried Prunes: 2006 Crop**

**STANDARD FRENCH PRUNES**

Price paid on the average size count on each screen of the Modified Grader (average size count may fall outside of typical range shown; the size count determines the price).

	Size Range Count per lb	Price per Ton
Typical A Screen	31/33	\$1,600
	34/40	\$1,600
	41/45	\$1,600
	46/51	\$1,600
	52/56	\$1,590
Typical B Screen	57/61	\$1,570
	62/66	\$1,550
	67/71	\$1,500
	72/76	\$1,450
Typical C Screen	77/81	\$1,350
	82/86	\$1,300
	87/91	\$1,275
Typical D Screen	92/96	\$1,250
	97/101	\$1,250
	102/111	\$750
	112/121	\$700
	122/sm	\$650

**NET PRICE SUBSTANDARD FRENCH PRUNES\***

Size Range Count per lb	Net Price per Ton
61/lgr	\$340
62/81	\$270
82/101	\$150
102/sm	\$500

**NON-FRENCH PRUNES**

Non-French varieties are graded and priced on the "Door Test" as calculated by the DFA of California.

Size Count	Standard Prunes	Net Price Sub-Standard*
24/lgr	\$2,140	\$440
25/29	\$2,040	\$440
30/33	\$1,870	\$440
34/40	\$1,690	\$440

\*Net of customary handsorting charges

**See Reverse for Grade Standards, Payment Terms and Conditions**

## **Terms & Conditions 2005 & 2006 Crops**

In 2005, the PBA negotiated a two-year price agreement with a majority of independent packers. The 2006 Price is part of that two-year agreement. The contract negotiated in 2005 includes a number of provisions to address the suspension of federal marketing order grade standards and to ensure that members are paid the full price for their prune crops. **These provisions protect growers who are members of the PBA; non-members are not covered by these assurances.**

The major provisions of the price agreement for 2005 and 2006 are as follows:

1. PBA members to be paid in full by December 31 or January 1 at their option. Interest paid after due date at Prime minus 1%.
2. Prices and terms in contracts less favorable to members than PBA agreement are void.
3. Liquidated damages of \$300 per ton may be imposed if agreed prices not paid.
4. 2006 Crop tonnage based on the NASS June & September estimates.
5. Hand sorting charges do not apply to 'D screen' prunes. No deducts for substandard if lot is standard on door test basis.
6. Handler service fee is \$6.00 per salable ton on all tonnage received by handler. Member dues are \$8.00 per salable ton.
7. Modified grader screens for French Prunes are as follows: trash  $-\frac{1}{4}$  inch slot, undersize-23/32" diameter, D-26/32", C-28/32", B-30/32", A-overs.
8. Trash, undersize, and inedible prunes (defect categories 8-11) have zero value.
9. Grade standards, definitions, & inspection procedures shall be those in effect in 2004.

**Only PBA members receive the protection provided by the PBA Price Agreement.**

Not a member? Visit or Call the PBA today:

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