



SUNSWEEET GROWERS INC. | 901 NORTH WALTON AVENUE
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December 28, 2009

Dear Member :

Current policy dictates that membership in Sunsweet Growers Inc. is closed and therefore not available to outside prune producers, as has been the case for many years. The Board of Directors and Management of the Coop still feel it is imperative to give current members the ability to make acreage increases when it benefits the member. As in the past, the attached surveys are intended to allow current members to exercise their desire to plant additional acreage by receiving pre-approval from the Board before investing in land preparation and tree purchases. This process and the resulting information are critical to your Marketing team who are trying to maximize the profit on every ton of member prunes sold.

The global marketplace is more competitive than ever and we need future information on acreage and tonnage levels far in advance of the actual delivery of that tonnage.

If you plan to plant any new prune acreage in 2011, or acreage in 2010 that has not received authorization please fill out the attached survey and return to the Member Services Department. We will present your request to the Board of Directors for pre-approval. Without this approval, changing market conditions or a change to Board policy may leave you with planted acres that may not be included in your membership. Please respond by May 1, 2010 for timely approval.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Mark Dalrymple
Vice-President Member Services

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SUNSWEET GROWERS INC.
PLANTING AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
2011 PROGRAM

Membership or Assignee Name

Phone No. including Area Code

Mailing Address

Acres intended to be planted

County of acreage

APN

Address or location of acreage to be planted

Variety (circle one) French Sutter Trees per acre _____

If you plan to plant the Sutter prune, please contact Member Services at 530-751-5276 or toll-free at 800-524-4455 ext. 276, or your local Field Representative.

Owned or Leased? _____ If leased, copy of lease provided? (circle one) Yes No

Are trees on order? (circle one) Yes No Estimated planting date _____

Are you a Sunsweet Dryer Member? (circle one) Yes No

Do plan to dry this fruit at Sunsweet Dryers? (circle one) Yes No

I acknowledge that this planting period expires at midnight on July 31, 2011. Any authorized acreage not planted by that date will have the authorization revoked and be required to re-submit an authorization request for a subsequent program.

Member signature

Date

For Office use only:

Receiver # _____

Replanting rights: _____

Total acres planted: _____

Drying Rights: _____

Return this request form to:

Member Services
Sunsweet Growers Inc.
901 N. Walton Avenue
Yuba City CA 95993