



SUNSWEET GROWERS INC.

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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 Co-op 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. The 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 plant any new prune acreage in 2013, or acreage in 2012 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 March 1, 2012 for previously unauthorized 2012 plantings or May 1, 2012 for timely approval of 2013 requests.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Melvin Ward
Vice-President Member Services & Dryers

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