

**WAC 16-445-015 Definitions.** The following definitions are important to this chapter and apply only to Italian prunes:

**"Badly misshapen"** means prunes so malformed or rough that they appear to be seriously damaged. Doubles that have approximately equal sized halves are not considered "badly misshapen."

**"Culls"** mean prunes that are immature, or seriously damaged by growth cracks, hail, insect pests, mechanical or other means.

**"Department"** means the Washington state department of agriculture.

**"Diameter"** means the greatest distance measured through the center of a prune at right angles to a line running from the stem to the blossom end.

**"Fairly uniform size"** means that the prunes in each packed container must not show a variation of more than one-fourth of an inch in diameter.

**"Fairly well colored"** means that at least three-fourths of the surface of a prune is purple color.

**"Mature"** means that a prune has reached the stage of maturity that will insure proper completion of the ripening process.

**"Russeting"** means an abnormal roughening and scarring of the surface of the fruit, which characteristically is smooth.

**"Sunscald"** means an apparent softening or collapse of a prune's flesh that is caused by the sun.

**"Well colored"** means that except for the portion of allowed russeting, ninety-five percent of the surface of a prune is purple color.

**"Well-formed"** means that a prune has the shape characteristic of the variety. Doubles are not considered well-formed.

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