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**MERIDIAN
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DRIED FRUITS - NUTS

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MARKET NEWS AND INDUSTRY INFORMATION FOR MERIDIAN'S VALUED CUSTOMERS

In a nutshell...

- Pistachio crop quality is excellent
- Prune estimated at 150,000 dry tons
- Cranberry supply looks plentiful

Pistachio Update

Please see the attached Pistachio Market Report

Prune Update

The 2009 CASS prune crop estimate in June was 170,000 dry ton.

After much field sizing of small fruit and a larger than normal amount of small fruit delivered and dried the industry now feels it will have around 150,000 dry tons of marketable size prunes.

A smaller than normal amount of large 20/30 or 30/40 size prunes will be available from this harvest. Sizes tend to run from medium 55/65 count down to 90/100.

Prune quality and flavor are excellent with a normal amount of off grade mostly skin scab (scaring) that will get sorted out.

Cranberry Update

The market continues to be soft.

Supply looks plentiful throughout the year.

The crop looks to be another good one.



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