

## French Prune Selection Evaluation

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Field evaluation of prune varieties during the past decade has centered on French prune types. Five cultivars from France, Sacramento Valley orchard selections and commercial nursery selections are being grown side by side and evaluated in several counties. Two non French varieties from Oregon are being observed.

Comparative results vary moderately between trials. Combined results from all trials indicate several trends.

- Larger fruit size of #707 French.
- Earlier softening and lower soluble solids of #626 French.
- One to three day delay in bloom and harvest of #698 French.

## French Prune Selection Observation Trial

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Five, 7 year old French type prune varieties, Gerrans early French, regular French, 707, 632, and 711 were compared for harvest date and fruit quality. Gerrans harvested approximately one week earlier than the other tested varieties. The variety 707 had substantially larger fruit than rest and Gerrans was smallest. Drying ratio was poor for all varieties except Gerrans. Crop size of all varieties was observed to be comparable to French.