

## PILOT PROJECTS, FIELD TESTING, ADAPTIVE RESEARCH, AND PROBLEM SOLVING BY CE FARM ADVISORS, SPECIALISTS, AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS.

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### PROBLEM AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE

Through the California Dried Plum Board, the California prune industry provides financial support for mission oriented and targeted basic research. Ideas used to develop full blown projects come from small scale pilot projects. This project is an attempt to provide readily available “seed money” for pilot projects.

#### **Objectives:**

1. Fund small scale research projects that are not yet at a stage where individual proposal for funding from the CDPB is warranted.
2. Encourage experiment station personnel to work under the umbrella of the project when looking for seed money for larger projects.
3. As needed, provide modest level of support for statewide coordination and educational activities.
4. Provide funds for new advisors to work in prune production.

### PROCEDURES

Will be identified by farm advisors during the season.

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

No new projects have been developed or expenditures incurred this past year for this past year.