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# POMOLOGY NOTES

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### Test version of Chilling Predictor Available to Help in Planning Sprays to Advance Prune Bloom

A new tool to help prune growers and PCAs in Sutter/Yuba Counties plan dormant oil sprays to advance bloom has been developed and is ready for testing. Funding from the California Dried Plum Board helped develop this product.

This model is intended for use in Sutter and Yuba Counties and uses weather data from Durham, Colusa, or Nicolaus CIMIS stations.

The model “lives” on the internet at: <http://fruitsandnuts.ucdavis.edu/Weather%5FServices/>

Click on “**Prune Chilling Prediction Model**” on that internet page to see background information and the model itself. **Please read the background information to get the best use of the model.**

If you are interested in the model, please visit the web site and let me know what you think.

The information on the model is accurate when used after December 1, so please look at the model now and read the background information on the site, but don't use the model information until December 1. **If the model is used to make orchard management decisions BEFORE December 1, the output is inaccurate and you will be disappointed.**