

### CONSIDERATIONS

- We must share our story if we expect to grow our share and price in a very competitive and fluid category
- A celebration of food, healthy eating and clean label trends offer a bright future for prunes
- Labor, energy, regulation, competing crops, orchard threats, small fruit production and related low prices challenge the sustainability of the prune industry
- IPA can serve as a catalyst to help meet some of our common, nonproprietary needs

### Opportunities

'Health & Wellness' continues to drive sales



willing to pay more for food & drink that do not contain 'undesirable' ingredients

"Consumers are adopting a back to basics mindset, focusing on simple ingredients and fewer processed foods"

"Retail sales data shows that consumers are cutting back on certain foods that are typically high in fat, sugar or sodium but there remains a place for indulgence in consumers' diets, particularly more healthful treats"

\*source: The Nielsen Global Health and Ingredient-Sentiment Survey, Q1 2016/AC Nielsen Global ingredient and Out of Home Dining trends report August 2016



### The Food People

Hot Trends 2017-18

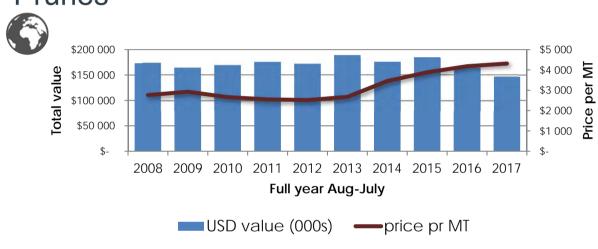




# WELL-EXECUTED STRATEGIC PROMOTION WORKS!

#### FAS EXPORT DATA: California

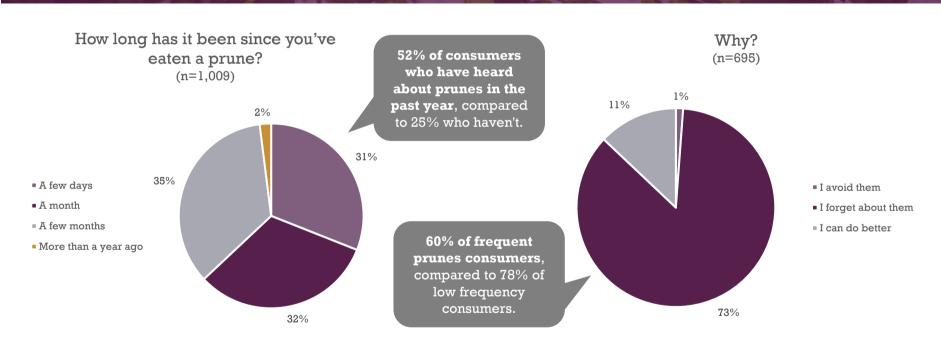
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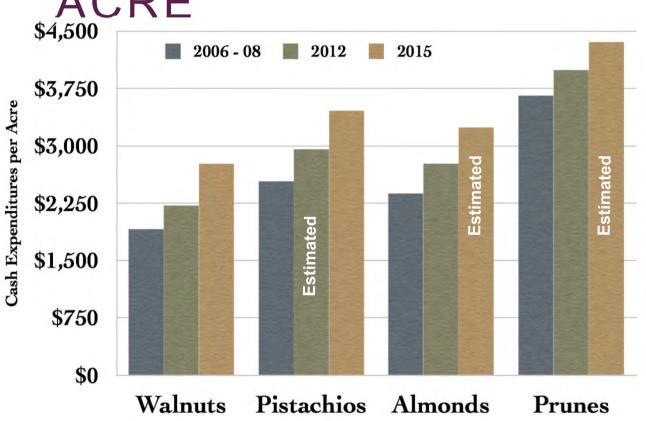
- Since 2008 the total value of US prune exports has seen an average decline of 2%\* driven by reduced volumes; crops in 2016 and 2017 were particularly low
- Price has inflated sufficiently to compensate the shortfall in production; average price per metric tonne has increased an average of 5%\* each year and now yields in excess of \$4,000 per tonne
- The Global export market remains positive with a 1.4% increase in worldwide export trade in the last 5 years (source: GTA)



# SHARE OF MIND AND STOMACH: CONSUMERS WHO HAVE NOT RECENTLY EATEN A PRUNE SAY, IT'S MOST OFTEN BECAUSE THEY FORGET ABOUT PRUNES.

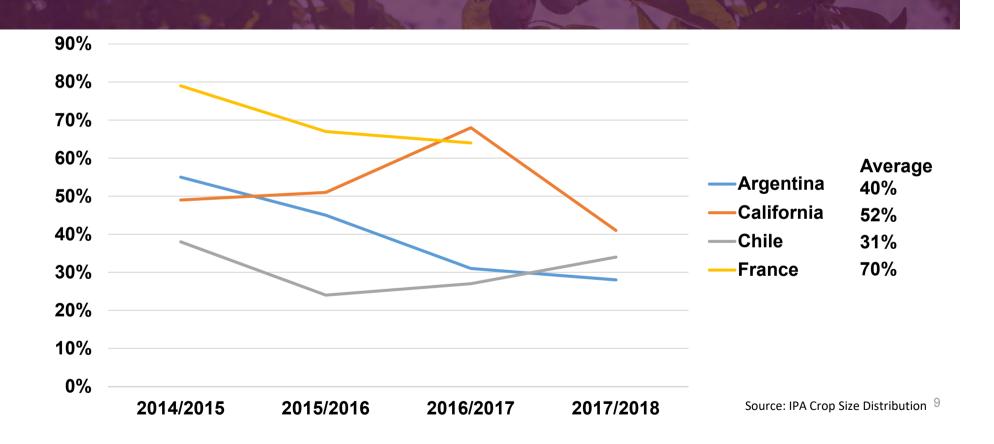


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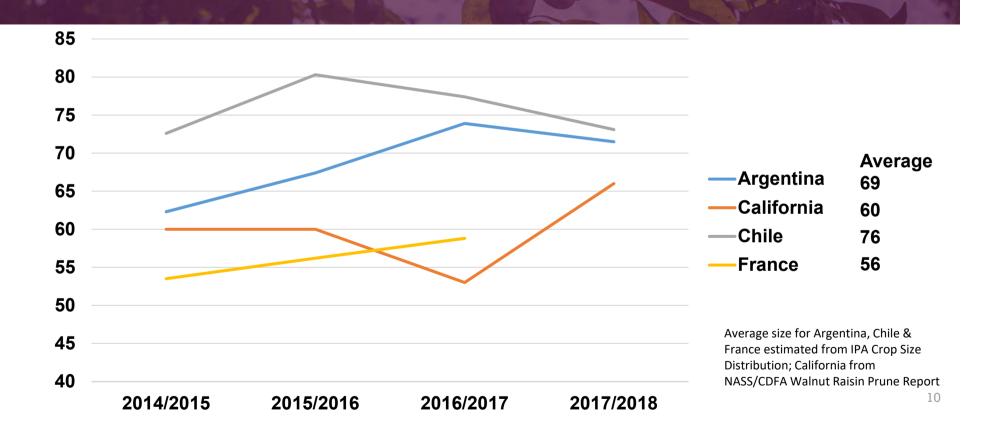


University of California Cooperative Extension Sample Costs to Produce Walnuts 2007, 2012, 2015; Pistachios 2008, 2015: Almonds 2006, 2012; Prunes 2007, 2012. Sample Costs based on yields of 5,400 lbs/acre inshell walnuts, 2,800 lbs/ac inshell pistachios, 2,000 kernal lbs/acre almonds, and 4 dry tons/ac prunes. Per acre cash cost for prunes at 3 dry tons/ac is \$3,454 and \$2,917 at 2 dry tons/ac.

# Percent of 60 Count & Larger Prunes



# Estimated Average Size Count



### LEVERAGING THE IPA CAPACITY

- Global Nutrition Research
  - Bone Health, New Investigations
- Orchard Management & Sustainability
  - Plum Pox, Weather-related Practices
- Market Access
  - Preservatives, Health Claims, Labeling