U.S. Drought Monitor Oregon

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Сиггепт	0.14	99.86	75.57	54.95	17.11	0.00
Last Week 7/15/2014	6.09	93.91	72.78	52.00	14.72	0.00
3 Month's Ago 422/2014	3.83	96.17	92.60	57.68	1.08	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12/31/2013	0.19	99.81	62.59	24.96	1.30	0.00
Start of Water Year 10/1/2013	37.69	62.31	39.79	25.26	1.30	0.00
One Year Ago 7/23/2013	13.45	86.55	51.29	33.74	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

D0 Abnormally Dry

D1 Moderate Drought

D2 Severe Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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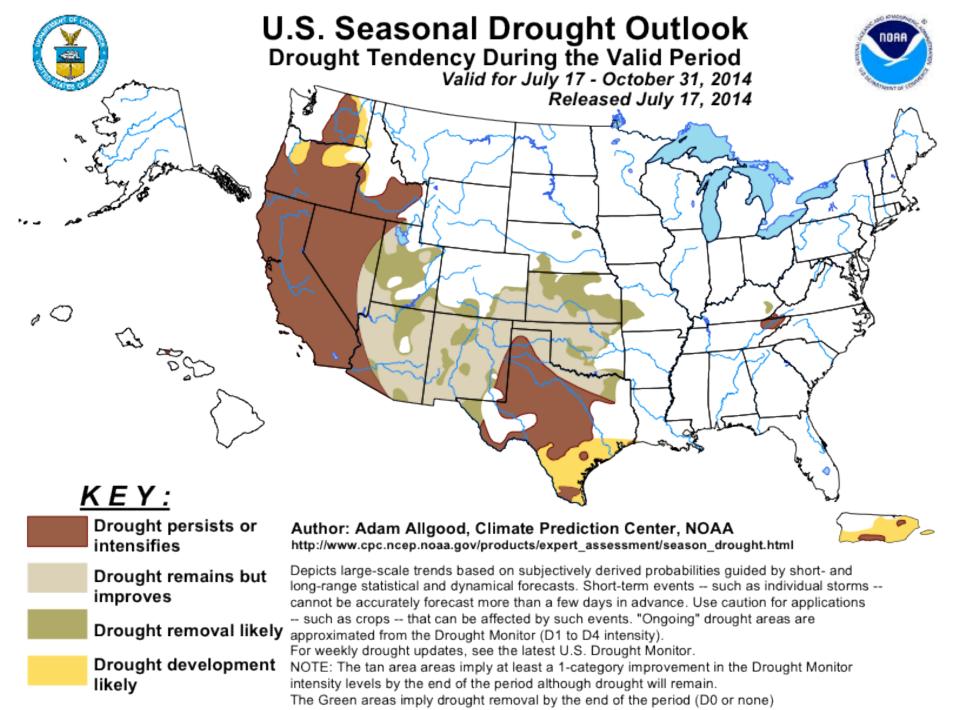
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Drought, defined

"Rainfall for a period of 21 days or longer is only 30% of average for time and place."

Varieties of Drought

1 year droughts: 1924, 1928, 1931, 1948

2 year droughts: 1941-42, 1976-77, 1990-91

3 year droughts: 1862-64, 2012-14

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1. Clean Cultivation

Not an accustomed sight around here.

California weeds = Oregon cover crop

Eliminates competition for scarce soil moisture Removes impediments to irrigation



2. Cultivate Deep As Possible

"Dust Mulch" of dry farming fruit growers

Finely divided soils evaporate moisture least.



3. Prune trees Without Mercy

Best done in anticipation of need.

Is way nurserymen prune their blocks anyway.

But is as effective done during growing season.





4. Sucker relentlessly

They will keep coming.

But only in proportion to water supply.

Yank, don't clip.





5. Paint to avoid sunburn

European Plums ("prunes") most susceptible to trunk and branch scald

Use exterior white latex.

Need only to paint side exposed to sun.



6. Thin Fruits till all are gone

Each fruit steals water from rest of tree.

Tree tries to mature pit, not fruit, so

Drought fruits not worth eating anyway.







Montrose





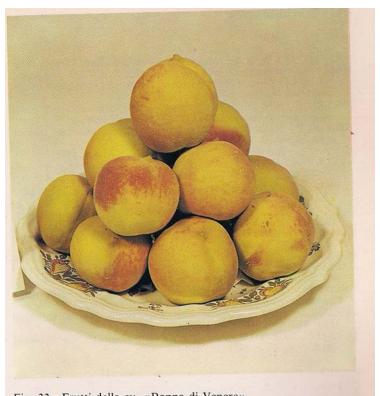


Fig. 33 - Frutti della cv. «Poppa di Venere».

Teton de Venus



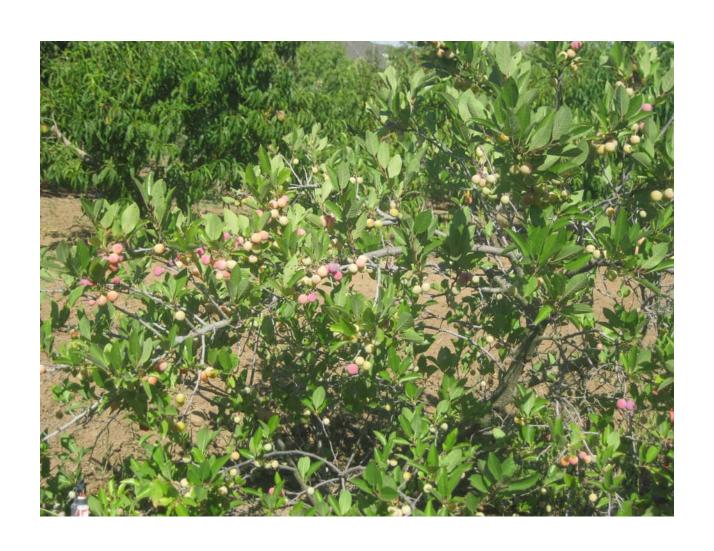
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