



# PECAN REPORT

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## PECAN IMPORTS FROM MEXICO THROUGH ARIZONA-NEW MEXICO-TEXAS CROSSING POINTS\*\*

Shown in 1,000 lb units

	Weekly Total 2014 Crop							Crop Season ***		Crop Final 2013
	Dec 04	Dec 05	Dec 06	Dec 07	Dec 08	Dec 09	Dec 10	Oct 2014	Oct 2013	
Pecan-In-shell	1306	861	0	0	1736	1072	1184	31,332	19,719	43,323
Pecan-Shelled	359	472	0	0	1039	464	306	31,673	20,607	63,333

\* Revised \*\* Country of Origin not specified. \*\*\* Crop season as defined by USDA runs from August 1 to July 31

Source-Department of Homeland Security Customs Border Protection

### PRICES PAID TO GROWERS

GEORGIA (via: Forest Park, Georgia) Atlanta

Weather forecast for the next five days show most areas of the state with daytime highs in the low to mid-60s and evening lows in the low 30s with a possible light freeze forecast for the northern areas. For the weekend, temperatures will be mild and pleasant.

Buying interest is fairly active for export quality and good quality mid-sized pecans. Commercial interest is fairly strong for the domestic trade while moderate for the gift pack and retail business. The door trade is very slow and buyers may be closed for business before the holiday break and may expect to be closed for the season in early January. Yard tree deliveries are insufficient to establish market prices. Overall deliveries are light with most growers almost finished for the year and taking the last runs through the orchards. Very light deliveries are expected to come onto the market after the Christmas holiday break.

Most of the trading was in the form of blends, with Desirable and Stuart Blends commanding the highest prices. Cape Fear and Sumner prices remain strong for large to medium sized pecans of good quality. A few lots of other Improved varieties have shown up on the market but were insufficient to establish market prices.

Blends in lots weighing 20,000 pounds and less of export quality (nut count under 65 per unit) and meat yields of 46-53% sold in a wide range of about \$4.32-5.29 mostly \$4.47-4.87 per point. Other lots with (nut counts 70-85 per unit) with meat yields 46-53% sold in a wide range of about \$3.40-4.55 per point mostly \$3.60-3.92 per point. The highest prices paid are for the largest pecans and the lowest prices reflect prices for smaller sized pecans in those counts listed.

Larger lots of Blends over 20,000 pounds including trailer loads of export quality (nut counts 55 and under per unit) and meat yields of 50-52% sold in a range of about \$4.81-5.50 mostly \$5.00-5.50 per point. A few lots with nut count under 46 per unit sold much higher, but were too few to quote. Various lots of Blends with (nut counts 70-85 per unit) meat yields of 46-53% sold in a range of about \$3.40-3.80 mostly \$3.60 per point, with the largest pecans commanding the highest prices. Unit counts are nuts per pound.

Prices paid to growers (late afternoon Tuesday, December 9, 2014 thru late afternoon Thursday, December 11, 2014) at buyers delivery point or F.O.B. the orchard including direct sales to end users, cents per pound in-shell of generally good quality in lots of 20,000 pounds or less unless otherwise stated.

**PRICES PAID TO GROWERS****GEORGIA** continued

**Cape Fear** (deliveries very light) (export quality under 50 count) 50-52% meat yield 275-285

**Desirables** (deliveries very light) (export quality under 50 count) 50-52% meat yield 280-300 (56-60 count) 235-260

**Moneymaker** (deliveries insufficient to establish market)

**Schley** (deliveries insufficient to establish market)

**Seedlings** (deliveries insufficient to establish market)

**Stuart** (deliveries very light) (export quality under 50 count) 48% meat yield 240-250 occasional higher, (under 60 count) 48% meat yield 225-240

**Sumner** (deliveries very light) (export quality under 50 count) 51-54% meat yield 290-295 (55-60 count) 51-53% meat yield 240-250

Lots in excess of 20,000 pounds including trailer load lots:

**Cape Fear** (deliveries light) (export quality 50 count or under) 50% meat yield or better 275-285 occasional higher

**Desirables** (deliveries very light) (export quality 53 count and under) 50-52% meat yield 285-300, (under 55 count) 260-275, (under 65 count) 190-200

**Schley** (deliveries insufficient to establish market)

**Stuart** (deliveries very light) (export quality 55-60 count) 46-50% meat yield mostly 240-250 (occasional higher for under 50 count)

**Sumner** (deliveries very light) (under 50 count) 51-55% meat yield 290-295 (55-60 count) 240-265

**THE NEXT GEORGIA REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2014.**

**LOUISIANA** (via: Forest Park, Georgia) Atlanta

**THE NEXT LOUISIANA REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2014.**

**WESTERN REGION - ARIZONA, NEW MEXICO AND WEST TEXAS** (via: Phoenix, Arizona)

Deliveries by growers to delivery points of Improved varieties were moderate. Demand was moderate for good quality pecans. Harvesting is expected to increase this week. Harvested quality has been generally good.

The weather forecast for the balance of the week calls for low temperatures in the upper 20s to upper 40s, with highs in the low 50s to low 70s. A 10-20% chance of precipitation is projected for Saturday, December 13 through Sunday, December 14, with no precipitation projected for the other days this week.

Buying interest displayed by end users was fairly good, gift pack use, and moderate for commercial sheller use as shellers continue to utilize inventories on hand or make purchases from other production areas or wait for additional availability of nuts. Trading was fairly light for in-shell and gift pack uses.

Deliveries and purchases of Improved varieties mostly Western Schley were fairly light.

Prices paid to growers (from noon Tuesday, December 9 through noon Thursday, December 11, 2014) at buyers delivery point or F.O.B. the orchard including direct sales to end users, cents per pound in-shell of generally good quality pecans in lots of 20,000 pounds or less unless otherwise stated.

**Western Schley** 53-56% meat yield 185-210 mostly 191-207 occasional higher and lower

**THE NEXT WESTERN REGION REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2014.**

**PRICES PAID TO GROWERS** continued

**OKLAHOMA** (via: Oklahoma Department of Agriculture Market News Service)

Deliveries by growers to buying points moderate this week. Harvest activities remain fairly active and will likely be mostly completed soon. Heavy fog and light rain helped slow progress earlier but moderate temperatures and sunny conditions have returned. Quality remains highly variable and buyers selective toward nut count and meat yield.

The weather forecast through the weekend shows highs in the upper 50s to mid-60s and lows in the mid-40s to mid- 50s. After the weekend highs expected in the low to upper 40s and lows in the low 30s to low 40s.

Light interest reported from out-of-state shellers. Accumulator demand was good. Most Improved varieties have already been contracted and sold to retailers.

Prices paid to growers (Afternoon Thursday, December 4 through noon Thursday December 11, 2014) at buyers delivery points or F.O.B. the orchard including direct sales to end users, cents per pound, in-shell of generally good quality in lots of 20,000 pounds or less unless otherwise stated.

**Natives/Seedlings** (deliveries very light) machine harvested 70-80, yard tree lots 50-60

**Improved varieties** (mostly Blends) yard tree lots 70-75.

Lots in excess of 20,000 pounds including trailer load lots:

**Natives/Seedlings** (deliveries very light) machine harvested 85-90.

**Improved varieties** (mostly Blends) yard tree lots 70-75.

**THE NEXT OKLAHOMA REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE ISSUED ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2014.**

**TEXAS - CENTRAL, SOUTH, EASTERN AREAS** (via: Phoenix, Arizona)

Deliveries by growers to delivery points of Improved varieties were moderate. Demand was good for good quality pecans. Pecan quality has been variable, and continue to run towards the small size.

The weather forecast for the balance of the week calls for low temperatures in the mid-40s to low 60s, with highs in the low 60s to low 70s. Precipitation is expected every day from Thursday, December 11 through Sunday, December 14, with as high as a 100% chance of precipitation projected for some areas on Sunday, December 14.

Buying interest displayed by end users was good for in-shell, gift pack use, and moderate for commercial sheller use as shellers continue to utilize inventories on hand or make purchases from other production areas or wait for additional availability of nuts. Some growers are delaying making marketing decisions, opting to concentrate on harvesting and accumulating supplies in order to dry and grade nuts for later sale. Trading was moderate for in-shell and gift pack uses.

Prices for Natives are slightly higher, others are higher. Prices paid to growers from noon Tuesday, December 9, 2014 to noon Thursday, December 11, 2014 at buyers delivery point or F.O.B. the orchard including direct sales to end users, cents per pound in-shell of generally good quality in lots of 20,000 pounds or less unless otherwise stated.

**Natives** yard tree lots 60-90 mostly 70-80 few higher and lower

**Improved varieties** (mostly Blends) yard tree lots 70-150, mostly 100

**Desirables** (supplies insufficient to establish a market)

**THE NEXT TEXAS REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2014.**

The formula to figure out dollars per point and cents per pound: Cents per pound divided by meat yield = dollar per point. Dollar per point (X) times meat yield = Cents per pound.