

PECAN REPORT

Agricultural Marketing Service Specialty Crops Programs Market News Division 16 Forest Parkway Building 1-218 Forest Park, Georgia 30297

Phone (404) 361-1376

FAX (404) 363-2523

Pecan Report: https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/fvwtvpcn.pdf Market News Portal: https://www.marketnews.usda.gov/portal/fv

Volume XXXV-Number 18

Issued Twice Weekly, September-January

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

INSTANT MARKET NEWS --- Prices paid to growers and other applicable pecan information is available by calling the following recorder in Forest Park, GA (404) 366-0360

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

Shown in 1.000 lb units

	Weekly Total 2017 Crop							Crop Season ***		Crop
	Dec	Dec	Dec	Dec	Dec	Dec	Dec			Final
	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	2017	2016	2016
Pecan-In-shell	595	790	1070	476	0	0	1323	23,692	40.710	59.457
i ccan-in-siich	373	770	1070	470	U	U	1323	23,072	40,710	37,737
Pecan-Shelled	389	314	370	240	111	0	659	27,307	34,696	88,074

^{*} 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-Atlanta, GA)

Deliveries were light and the market is trending lower. Interest from the commercial shellers and accumulators for domestic trading and from the export market is moderate; while retail gift-pack businesses are fairly active. Trading is moderate. A few growers have decided to put offerings into cold storage until after the New Year. Most growers expect the harvest to be finished by the Christmas break, weather permitting. Rain and wet conditions in the orchards curtailed field work and snow was reported in the Northern part of the state.

Weather conditions in South Georgia for the week has temperatures ranging with lows in the mid-30s to low 40s and highs in the mid-50s to high 60s. In the Central and Northern areas of the state the forecast shows a cold front coming in with temps in a wide range from the mid-20s to low 40s and daytime highs in the mid-50s to low 60s. Rain is expected for December 15-18.

Small lots of Stuart Blends with 54-58% meat yield (nut count 60-70) sold in a range of about \$4.48-4.67 per point, Stuart Blends with 44-50% meat yield (nut count 65-75) sold in a range of about \$4.40-4.50 per point. Other small lots of Blends including Schley with 53-57% meat yield sold in a range of about \$4.51-4.78 per point.

Prices paid to growers (late afternoon December 5, through late afternoon December 12, 2017) 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.

Cape Fear (deliveries light) export quality 55% meat yield or better 240-253 54-57% meat yield 227-259 mostly 235-250

Desirables (deliveries very light) 53-57% meat yield 240-259 mostly 245-251 yard tree lots 150-220 mostly 175-200

Elliott (deliveries very light) yard tree lots 125-175 mostly 150-175 **Moneymakers** (deliveries very light) yard tree lots 100-140 mostly 125

Schley (deliveries very light) yard tree lots 150-180 fair quality low as 125

Seedlings (deliveries very light) 43% meat yield 150-190 mostly 150-170 yard tree lots 100-130 fair quality 80

Stuarts (deliveries very light) export quality 44-48% meat yield (nut count 50-60) 230-245 yard tree lots 100-150 mostly 100-125 few higher

Sumner (deliveries light) export quality 51-53% meat yield (47-52 nut count) 250-260 48-50% meat yield 216-230

Lots in excess of 20,000 pounds including trailer loads:

Cape Fear (deliveries very light) export quality 55% meat yield or better 240-253

Curtis (deliveries very light) 55-56% meat yield 254

Sumner (deliveries very light) export quality 51-53% meat yield 250-260

Stuarts (deliveries very light) export quality 44-48% meat yield 230-245

THE NEXT GEORGIA REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2017

Prices paid to growers continued

LOUISIANA (via: Forest Park-Atlanta, GA)

Very light deliveries this week. Many of the lots have black rot and sprouting showing up and are having to be cleaned up and retested. The market is about steady with most of the sales being sold as retail off the farm. Some lots of fair quality Blends showed up with 38-40% meat yields and sold for around \$3.29-3.38 per point.

The weather forecast for this week in the Southern areas of the state shows lows in the low 40s and 50s and highs in the low 50s to high 60s. A cold front is expected from December 12-16 and the Northern areas have evening and early morning temperatures in the mid-30s to low 40s and daytime temps at mid-50s to mid-60s.

Prices paid to growers (late afternoon Tuesday, December 5 through late afternoon Tuesday, December 12, 2017) 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.

Elliott (deliveries very light) machine harvested 50% meat yield 200-205 yard tree lots 120

Natives/Seedlings (deliveries light) machine harvested 38% or better meat yield 135-145 yard tree lots 70-85 fair to poor quality lower

Lots in excess of 20,000 pounds including trailer loads:

Native/Seedlings (deliveries very light) 38-42% meat yield 145-162

THE NEXT LOUISIANA REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2017

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

Pecan harvesting was mostly slow to moderate as most growers have finished with fairly light clean-up type harvesting remaining. Moderate temperatures and abnormally dry weather helped this year's harvest finish relatively quickly. Marketing in all areas was mostly active. Deliveries by growers to buying points mostly moderate. Sheller demand light to moderate this week. Local and gift box demand remains mostly good. Buyers remain very cautious toward quality as many low yielding seedlings are being offered.

The weather forecast this week calling for highs in mid 60s to mid 40s and lows in mid 30s to upper 20s.

Prices paid to growers (noon Tuesday, December 05, 2017 to noon Tuesday, December 12, 2017) 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 light to moderate) machine harvested 38-40% meat yield lots 500-2,000 lbs. 140-150; 200-400 lbs 120-140; yard tree lots 75-90

Lots in excess of 20,000 pounds including trailer loads:

Native/Seedlings (deliveries light to moderate) 38-40% meat yield 150-170

THE NEXT OKLAHOMA REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2017

TEXAS (Central, South, Eastern Areas, via: Phoenix, Arizona)

Deliveries by growers to delivery points were fairly light. Demand was good for good quality pecans. Harvesting is expected to increase lightly this week, and to increase next week. Much buying interest continues for the export trade to China.

Demand was fairly good for the retail and gift pack trade. Due to continued light volumes, buyers are making purchases from other production areas or are waiting for additional availability of pecans.

Weather forecast for this week shows lows in the low 30s to low 50s and highs in the mid-50s to low 70s. On Sunday, December 17, there is a 20 percent chance of precipitation across most of the state.

Prices paid to growers (from noon Tuesday, December 5, 2017 through noon Tuesday, December 12, 2017) 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 light) machine harvested 38-42% meat yield 125-170 mostly 140-150 occasional higher and lower yard tree lots 80-110 mostly 80-100 occasional higher and lower

THE NEXT TEXAS REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2017

ARIZONA, NEW MEXICO AND WEST TEXAS (via: Phoenix, Arizona)

Deliveries by growers to delivery points of Improved varieties were light. Demand was good for good quality pecans. Harvesting is still in its early stages, but is picking up considerably, with almost all areas currently harvesting. Numbers are expected to continue to increase leading up to Christmas. Harvested quality has been variable.

Some areas in the southeast region of New Mexico have seen crop damage from pecan weevils. The counties of Chaves, Curry, Eddy and Lea are currently under a 180 day quarantine restricting crop shipments.

The weather forecast for the next week calls for low temperatures in the mid-20s to low 30s, with highs in the upper 50s to low 60s. A 10-20 percent chance of precipitation is projected for Sunday, December 17. No precipitation is projected for the other days this week. The first light freezes of the season were experienced in late November, while the first hard freeze of the season across most of the region occurred last week.

Prices paid to growers continued

ARIZONA, NEW MEXICO AND WEST TEXAS (via: Phoenix, Arizona) cont'd

Buying interest displayed by end users was fairly active 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. Trading was moderate for in-shell and gift pack uses. Deliveries and purchases of Improved varieties mostly Western Schley were fairly light. Some growers are deferring making marketing decisions, opting instead to concentrate on harvesting and storing nuts for later sale. Interest in exporting pecans to China has been shown by buyers.

Prices paid to growers (from the start of the season through noon Tuesday, December 12, 2017) 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 55-58% meat yield 250-278 mostly 253-273 occasional higher and lower

THIS IS THE FIRST REPORT FOR THE 2017 WESTERN REGION. THE NEXT WESTERN REGION REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2017.

The formula used to determine Dollar per Point:

CENTS PER POUND DIVIDED BY MEAT YIELD EQUALS DOLLAR PER POINT

DOLLAR PER POINT TIME MEAT YIELD EQUALS CENTS PER POUND

Wholesale Terminal Nut Prices - December 11, 2017

Atlanta, GA

- ---CHESTNUTS: OFFERINGS VERY LIGHT. 25 lb sacks IT 48-50s 125.50
- ---FILBERTS: OFFERINGS VERY LIGHT. 50 lb sacks OR U.S. One jbo 130.00
- ---PECANS: OFFERINGS VER LIGHT. 50 lb sacks GA Improved Desirables med 195.00-197.50 Stuarts med 160.00
- ---WALNUTS: OFFERINGS VERY LIGHT. 50 lb sacks CA English Hartley jbo 120.00-126.00 few 139.75-148.50 lge 108.50-126.00

Baltimore, MD

- ---ALMONDS: MARKET STEADY. 50 lb sacks CA U.S. One Peerless lge 110.00
- ---FILBERTS: MARKET STEADY. 50 lb sacks OR U.S. One 140.00
- ---PECANS: MARKET STEADY. 50 lb sacks GA Improved Mohawks exlge 210.00
- ---WALNUTS: MARKET STEADY. 50 lb sacks CA English lge 140.00

Boston, MA

- ---ALMONDS: OFFERINGS LIGHT. MARKET STEADY. 50 lb sacks CA U.S. One Peerless lge 112.00 cartons 32 1-lb packages CA U.S. One Peerless lge 76.00
- ---CHESTNUTS: OFFERINGS LIGHT. MARKET STEADY. 25 lb sacks IT 38-40s 118.00 48-50s 110.00 60-65s 100.00
- ---FILBERTS: OFFERINGS LIGHT. MARKET STEADY. 50 lb sacks OR U.S. One jbo 90.00 cartons 32 1-lb packages OR U.S. One jbo 90.00
- ---PECANS: OFFERINGS LIGHT. MARKET STEADY. 50 lb sacks GA Natural Polished exlge 250.00 TX Natural Polished exlge 250.00
- ---PISTACHIOS: OFFERINGS LIGHT. MARKET STEADY. 25 lb cartons CA White 140.00 cartons 24 12-oz packages CA White 112.00 3-lb Cello Filmbag In-Shell 24.00 1 1/2 pound Cello Out of Shell 18.00
- ---WALNUTS: OFFERINGS LIGHT. MARKET STEADY. 50 lb sacks CA English Hartley jbo 130.00 cartons 24 1-lb packages CA English Hartley jbo 68.00

Chicago, IL

- ---ALMONDS: OFFERINGS LIGHT. 50 lb sacks CA U.S. One Peerless Ige 95.00
- ---CHESTNUTS: OFFERINGS LIGHT. 25 lb sacks IT 38-40s 130.00 48-50s 125.00 60-65s 110.00
- ---FILBERTS: OFFERINGS LIGHT. 50 lb sacks CA jbo 135.00 lge 125.00
- ---PECANS: OFFERINGS LIGHT. 50 lb sacks GA Natural lge 185.00 few sales 165.00
- ---WALNUTS: OFFERINGS LIGHT. 50 lb sacks CA English Hartley jbo 125.00

Columbia, SC

---PECANS: MARKET STEADY. 50 lb sacks GA Improved Pawnee lge 175.00 Stuarts exlge 180.00 lge 175.00 Sumner lge 175.00 SC Improved Gloria Grande exlge 160.00 Stuarts med 150.00 ---WALNUTS: MARKET STEADY. 50 lb sacks CA English Hartley jbo 145.00-150.00

Dallas, TX

- ---ALMONDS: OFFERINGS LIGHT. 50 lb sacks CA U.S. One Peerless Ige 100.00-105.00 occas 115.00
- ---FILBERTS: OFFERINGS LIGHT. 50 lb sacks OR U.S. One
- ---PECANS: OFFERINGS LIGHT. 50 lb sacks GA Natural Polished exlge 230.00-240.00 TX Natural Polished exlge 225.00

Detroit, MI

- ---ALMONDS: OFFERINGS VERY LIGHT. 50 lb sacks CA Peerless lge 115.00
- ---CHESTNUTS: OFFERINGS LIGHT. 25 lb sacks IT 38-40s 120.00 48-50s 110.00 60-65s 80.00
- ---FILBERTS: OFFERINGS VERY LIGHT. 50 lb sacks OR U.S. One lge 145.00
- ---PECANS: OFFERINGS LIGHT. $50~\rm lb$ sacks GA Improved lge $230.00~\rm Natural$ lge $200.00~\rm C$
- ---WALNUTS: OFFERINGS VERY LIGHT. 50 lb sacks CA English Hartley jbo 120.00

Wholesale Terminal Nut Prices - continued

Los Angeles, CA

- ---ALMONDS: OFFERINGS LIGHT. 50 lb sacks CA U.S. One Peerless Ige 90.00
- ---CHESTNUTS: OFFERINGS VERY LIGHT. 55 lb containers SK BOAT 121.00 50 lb cntrs CQ BOAT 65.00 25 lb sacks IT 38-40s 125.00
- ---FILBERTS: OFFERINGS VERY LIGHT. $50~\mathrm{lb}$ sacks TU lge 130.00
- ---PECANS: OFFERINGS LIGHT. 50 lb sacks TX Natural lge 185.00
- ---WALNUTS: OFFERINGS LIGHT. 50 lb sacks CA English Hartley 85.00-95.00

Miami, FL

n/a

New York, NY

- ---ALMONDS: OFFERINGS LIGHT. 50 lb sacks per lb CA 1.64 cartons 32 1-lb packages CA Peerless 88.00
- ---BRAZIL NUTS: OFFERINGS NONE. 50 lb sacks per lb BR BOAT lge offerings insufficient to quote cartons 32 1-lb packages BR BOAT lge offerings insufficient to quote
- ---CHESTNUTS: OFFERINGS LIGHT. 55 lb sacks per lb IT 36-38s 4.25-4.30 38-40s 4.15-4.20 48-50s 4.05-4.10 25 lb sacks per lb CA jbo offerings insufficient to quote IT 38-40s 4.20 48-50s 4.00 cartons 8 3-lb sacks Local Repack 48-50s 126.00 various containers CQ 80.00 50 lb
- ---FILBERTS: MARKET STEADY. 50 lb sacks per lb OR lge 2.20-2.30 cartons 32 1-lb packages OR lge 67.00
- ---PECANS: OFFERINGS LIGHT. 50 lb sacks per lb GA Natural exlge 3.50 cartons 32 1-lb packages GA Natural exlge offerings insufficient to quote
- ---WALNUTS: MARKET STEADY. 50 lb sacks per lb CA English Hartley jbo
- 1.90-2.00 few 2.30 cartons 24 1-lb packages CA English Hartley jbo 50.00

Philadelphia, PA

- ---ALMONDS: MARKET HIGHER. 50 lb sacks CA U.S. One Peerless lge 140.00
- ---CHESTNUTS: MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 25 lb sacks IT 38-40s 116.00-118.75 60-65s 100.00
- ---FILBERTS: OFFERINGS INSUFFICIENT TO QUOTE.
- ---PECANS: OFFERINGS LIGHT. 50 lb cartons TX 250.00
- ---PISTACHIOS: OFFERINGS LIGHT. cartons 24 12-oz packages CA White 95.00
- ---WALNUTS: MARKET HIGHER. 50 lb sacks CA English Hartley jbo 140.00

San Francisco, CA

- ---ALMONDS: OFFERINGS LIGHT. 50~lb sacks CA U.S. One Peerless lge 120.00
- ---CHESTNUTS: OFFERINGS VERY LIGHT. 55 lb containers CQ 80.00-85.00 25 lb sacks IT 38-40s 145.00 48-50s 145.00
- ---FILBERTS: OFFERINGS LIGHT. 50 lb sacks OR U.S. One lge 140.00-155.00
- ---PECANS: OFFERINGS VERY LIGHT. 50 lb sacks Repacked Enroute Natural Ige 220.00
- ---PISTACHIOS: OFFERINGS VERY LIGHT. 25 lb sacks CA 70.00
- ---WALNUTS: OFFERINGS LIGHT. 50 lb sacks CA English Hartley 112.00-120.00 few 80.00

St. Louis, MO

- ---ALMONDS: OFFERINGS LIGHT. 50 lb sacks CA U.S. One Peerless Ige 118.75-129.00
- ---FILBERTS: OFFERINGS LIGHT. 50 lb sacks CA U.S. One lge 134.75-148.00
- ---PECANS: OFFERINGS LIGHT. 50 lb sacks GA Natural lge 130.00 IL Natural lge 130.00
- ---WALNUTS: OFFERINGS LIGHT. 50 lb sacks CA English Hartley jbo 128.75