



PECAN REPORT

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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 *** recorder is available Tuesday and Thursday evenings seasonally***		

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

Shown in 1,000 lb units

	Weekly Total 2013						Crop Season ***		Crop Final	
	Dec 10	Dec 11	Dec 12	Dec 13	Dec 14	Dec 15	Dec 16	Total To Date 2013		2012
Pecan-In-shell	593	340	422	260	169	0	614	21,524	26,767	45,876
Pecan-Shelled	248	354	495	279	41	0	827	22,602	17,449	53,282

* 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

Temperatures varied throughout the state with lows in the low to high 30s and daytime highs in the mid 50s to mid 60s. Rain is expected in some areas over the weekend of December 21-22. The season is winding down quickly in Georgia, and growers expect to be finished by the end of December.

Offerings this period were mostly Blends, with a few lots of Desirables, Stuart Schley and Cape Fear. Prices were about steady, with some quality issues being reported. Blends with meat yields of 44-51% sold in a range of about \$2.73-3.72 mostly \$3.20-3.50 per point.

Some growers have opted to put their remaining pecans in cold storage and plan to sell them at a later date.

Buying interest and trading by end users is very slow for export business, moderate for shellers and accumulators, while very active for gift pack and retail business. Some end users are utilizing inventories on hand, or have been purchasing from other areas.

Prices paid to growers (late afternoon Thursday, December 12 through late afternoon Tuesday, December 17, 2013) 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 50-52% meat yield 161-184

Curtiss deliveries insufficient to establish market

Desirable yard tree lots 125-150 few lower

Seedlings machine harvested 40-43% meat yield 80-100 mostly 90, yard tree lots 60-80 mostly 75

Schley 51-56% meat yield 175-182

Stuart 48% meat yield or better 156-170, yard tree lots of good quality 90-125

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

Desirable deliveries insufficient to establish market

Seedlings 40% meat yield or better 80-100 mostly 90

Stuart deliveries insufficient to establish market

Sumner deliveries insufficient to establish market

THE NEXT GEORGIA REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2013.

LOUISIANA - Via: Forest Park, Georgia (Atlanta)

(LA report will be issued once weekly-usually on Tuesdays)

This report was issued on Tuesday, December 17, 2013

Deliveries for Improved varieties were very light. Most of the movement is from retail sales and gift pack business which is very active. Temperature lows ranged from the mid to high 30s and highs in the mid 50s. The season is over in southern Louisiana with the northern areas still harvesting.

Prices paid to growers (late afternoon Tuesday, December 10, 2013 through late afternoon Tuesday, December 17, 2013) 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 mostly 5,000 or less unless otherwise stated.

Desirable deliveries insufficient to establish market

Natives/Seedlings (deliveries very light) machine harvested 80-90 yard tree lots 60-80

Oconee deliveries insufficient to establish market

Stuart deliveries insufficient to establish market

Sumner deliveries insufficient to establish market

THE NEXT LOUISIANA REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2013.

PRICES PAID TO GROWERS continued**TEXAS - CENTRAL, SOUTH, EASTERN** areas (via: Phoenix, Arizona)

Deliveries by growers to delivery points of Improved varieties were moderate. Demand was moderate for good quality pecans. Cheyenne, Choctaw and Natives are currently being harvested. Prices are lower.

Crops generally are of good quality. The volume is expected to increase slightly for the remainder of the week.

The weather forecast for the balance of the week calls for low temperatures in the upper 20s to upper 60s, with highs in the mid-40s to upper 70s. There is a chance of precipitation projected every day from Wednesday, December 18 through Sunday, December 22, with up to a 50% chance of precipitation on Saturday, December 21.

Buying interest displayed by end users was moderate for in-shell gift pack use. Trading was fairly slow. Buying interest is fairly slow for commercial sheller use as shellers continue to utilize inventories on hand or make purchases from other production areas.

Prices paid to growers at Texas delivery points or F.O.B. the orchard from noon Thursday, December 12, 2013 to noon Tuesday, December 17, 2013 cents per pound in-shell of generally good quality in lots of 20,000 pounds or less unless otherwise stated.

Cheyenne export quality 55-56% meat yield or better 230-250 mostly 240-250

Choctaw supplies insufficient to quote

Natives machine harvested 70-110 mostly 80, yard tree lots 50-70 mostly 50-55

THE NEXT TEXAS REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2013.

OKLAHOMA (via: Phoenix, Arizona)

Deliveries by growers to buying points were fairly light with most deliveries in small lots. Demand and harvesting so far this week has been moderate. Crops generally are of good size and quality. The volume of pecans is expected to increase during the next week.

The weather forecast for the balance of the week calls for temperature highs from the low 30s to the low 70s, and temperature lows from the upper 10s to the low 50s. There is a chance of precipitation from Thursday, December 19 through Sunday, December 22, with as high as an 80% chance of precipitation on Saturday. Little or no precipitation is expected on Tuesday or Wednesday.

Buying interest displayed by end users was moderate for retail in-shell gift pack use, and for commercial sheller use as shellers utilize inventories on hand or make purchases from other production areas, as well as wait for additional availability of nuts. Trading was moderate for in-shell and gift pack uses. Prices for Natives are about steady.

Prices paid to growers at Oklahoma delivery points or F.O.B. the orchard from noon Thursday, December 12, 2013 to noon Tuesday, December 17, 2013 cents per pound in-shell of generally good quality in lots less than 20,000 pounds, mostly 5000 pounds or less unless otherwise stated.

Natives (deliveries fairly light) machine harvested 100, yard tree lots 50-80 mostly 60

THE NEXT OKLAHOMA REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2013.

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

Deliveries by growers to delivery points of Improved varieties were moderate. Demand was fairly good for good quality pecans.

Harvested quality has been generally good. Prices are slightly higher.

The weather forecast for the balance of the week calls for low temperatures in the mid 20s to low 40s, with highs in the low 50s to upper 60s. There is a 30-40% chance of precipitation on Friday and Saturday of this week, up to a 10% chance of precipitation on Sunday, December 22. Little or no precipitation is expected from Tuesday through Thursday this week.

Buying interest displayed by end users was moderate for in-shell, gift pack use, and 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.

Prices paid to growers (from noon Thursday, December 12, 2013 through noon Tuesday, December 17, 2013) 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 53-57% meat yield 170-200 mostly 175-191 occasional higher

THE NEXT WESTERN REGION REPORT IS EXPECTED TO BE ISSUED ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2013.

Formula used to calculate points: cents per pound divided by meat yield = dollar per point, or dollar per point times meat yield = cents per pound.