



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

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 11	Dec 12	Dec 13	Dec 14	Dec 15	Dec 16	Dec 17	Oct 2014	Oct 2013	
Pecan-In-shell	854	977	0	0	1198	756	635	35,753	22,657	43,323
Pecan-Shelled	415	41	0	0	809	504	603	34,262	23,156	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 day period shows temperature lows in the mid-40s to low 50s with highs in the mid-60s. Rain is expected to show up on Saturday, December 20 and continue through Monday, December 22. Some areas may be subjected to flooding as the storms entering may be heavy including winds. The upper north part of the state will be slightly cooler.

Deliveries for the last two days increased and more pecans came onto the market, but most were in smaller lots under 20,000 pounds with very few Improved varieties entering the market.

Buying interest is still fairly active for export quality and good quality smaller sized pecans. Commercial interest is fairly good for the domestic trade while trading for the gift pack and retail business has slowed as many have already purchased what they need for the holiday sales. The door trade increased this week but is still very slow. Most growers are 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 and New Year's break.

Prices paid for deliveries in lots under 20,000 pounds (export quality Desirable blends) 50-52% meat yield \$5.00-5.42 per point. Blends of (export quality 47-48% meat yield and nut count 62-68 per unit) sold in a wide range of about \$4.38-5.34 mostly \$4.50-5.00 per point. Blends with (nut count 62-68) for the commercial trade sold in a wide range of about \$3.59-4.29 mostly \$3.65-3.97 per point. Lots of Blends with (nut count 70-85 per unit) and meat yields of 45-50% sold in a range of about \$3.54-3.81 mostly \$3.60-3.70 per point, and lots with (nut count 85-95) sold in a range of about \$3.35-3.68 mostly \$3.40-3.55 per point.

Larger lots of Blends over 20,000 pounds including trailer loads of export quality with (nut count 68 and under) and meat yields of 48-52% sold in a wide range of about \$4.38-5.42 mostly \$4.50-5.10 per point. Lots of Blends with (nut count 62-68) sold in a wide range of about \$3.59-4.29 mostly \$3.65-4.00 per point. Lots with (nut count 70-85) sold for mostly \$3.60-3.70 per point and lots with (nut count 85-95) sold for \$3.45-3.65 mostly \$3.50-3.60 per point.

Unit counts are nuts per pound.

Prices paid to growers (late afternoon Tuesday, December 16, 2014 thru late afternoon Thursday, December 18, 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.

Cape Fear (deliveries insufficient to establish market)

Desirables (deliveries very light) 48% meat yield or better 240-279

Moneymaker (deliveries very light) yard tree lots 90-100 mostly 100

Seedlings (deliveries very light) yard tree lots 75

Stuart (deliveries very light) (export quality) 240-250 occasional higher, 48-51% meat yield 172-180, yard tree lots 100-150 mostly 125

PRICES PAID TO GROWERS**GEORGIA** continued

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

Desirables (deliveries very light) (export quality) 280-295, 48% meat yield or better 240

Stuart (deliveries very light) (export quality) 48% meat yield or better 240-250 occasional higher for under 50 count

THE NEXT GEORGIA REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2014.

LOUISIANA (via: Forest Park, Georgia) Atlanta

THE NEXT LOUISIANA REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 06, 2015.

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. Harvesting is expected to increase slightly 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 30s, with highs in the upper 40s to mid-60s. A 60-100% chance of precipitation is projected for some areas on Thursday, December 18. No precipitation is projected for any other day this week.

Buying interest displayed by end users was fairly good for 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 moderate.

Prices paid to growers from (noon Tuesday, December 16 through noon Thursday, December 18, 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 52-57% meat yield 182-214 mostly 190-214 occasional higher and lower

THE NEXT WESTERN REGION REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2014.

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

Deliveries by growers to buying points moderate early but turned light at the end of the week. Harvest is nearly complete with clean-up activity halted by rain and misty weather. High moisture offerings are being reported in most areas. Quality problems noted in northern and southeastern counties with some high nut count offerings being rejected. The gift trade appears to be completed.

The weather forecast for the week calling for highs in the low 40s to upper 50s and lows in the mid-30s to low 40s. More scattered rains possible later in the week.

No interest reported from out-of-state shellers. Accumulator demand was moderate to good. Most Improved varieties have already sold to retailers

Prices paid to growers (Afternoon Thursday, December 11, through noon Thursday December 18, 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 lots:

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

THE NEXT OKLAHOMA REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE ISSUED ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2015.

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

Deliveries by growers to delivery points were moderate. Demand was good for good quality pecans. Pecan quality has been variable. The weather forecast for the balance of the week calls for low temperatures in the upper 30s to upper 50s, with highs in the low 50s to low 70s. A 50-90 percent chance of precipitation is projected for Friday, December 19. Every other day this week the chance of precipitation is projected at from zero to 20 percent.

Buying interest displayed by end users was good for in-shell and 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 fairly active for in-shell and gift pack uses.

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Natives yard tree lots 60-95 mostly 75-80 few higher and lower

THE NEXT TEXAS REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 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.