



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 2012	
	Dec 12	Dec 13	Dec 14	Dec 15	Dec 16	Dec 17	Dec 18	Total To Date 2013		2012
Pecan-In-shell	422	260	169	0	*875	872	804	23,460	28,092	45,876
Pecan-Shelled	495	279	41	0	*869	290	128	23,062	18,235	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 middle 30s and daytime highs in the low to high 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. Light deliveries are expected through the middle of January.

Offerings this period were mostly Blends, with a few lots of Desirables, Stuart and Cape Fear. Prices were slightly lower. Small lots of Blends with meat yields of 45-50% sold in a range of about \$2.85-3.40 mostly \$3.10-3.40 per point. Large lots of Blends sold in a range of about \$3.40-3.70 mostly \$3.40-3.50 per point. The highest prices were for lots with larger sized pecans of good quality.

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 Tuesday, December 17 through late afternoon Thursday, December 19, 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 49-53% meat yield 160-186

Desirable 43.5-46% meat yield 126-148

Seedlings machine harvested 40-43% meat yield 85-100 mostly 85-90, yard tree lots 60-85 mostly 75

Schley deliveries insufficient to establish market

Stuart yard tree lots of good quality 100-125

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

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

THE NEXT GEORGIA REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 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

Summer 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 very light. Demand was moderate. Cheyenne and Natives are currently being harvested. Prices are about steady.

Crops generally are of good quality. Harvesting will continue, but decrease drastically until after the new year. Some areas of the state are over 90 percent finished with harvest.

The weather forecast for the balance of the week calls for low temperatures in the mid 20s to upper 60s, with highs in the mid-40s to upper 70s. There is a chance of precipitation projected every day from Thursday, December 19 through Sunday, December 22, with at least 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 slow. Buying interest is 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 Tuesday, December 17, 2013 to noon Thursday, December 19, 2013 cents per pound in-shell of generally good quality in lots of 20,000 pounds or less unless otherwise stated.

Cheyenne 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 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2013.

OKLAHOMA (via: Phoenix, Arizona)

Deliveries by growers to buying points for Improved varieties was very light, and light for Natives. Demand and harvesting so far this week was moderate early in the week, and light later in the week. Harvesting is expected to continue, but decrease, until the start of 2014.

The weather forecast for the balance of the week calls for temperature highs from the low 30s to the upper 60s, and temperature lows from the mid teens to the low 50s. There is a chance of precipitation every day the rest of the week, with at least an 80 percent chance of precipitation on Saturday.

Offerings this period were mostly Blends. Prices for Blends with meat yields of 45-52% were \$2.75-3.00 mostly \$2.75 per point occasional higher and lower. Some growers have opted to put their remaining pecans in cold storage and plan to sell them at a later date.

Buying interest displayed by end users was moderate early in the week, and slow late in the week 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 machine harvested Natives are slightly lower, and slightly higher for yard tree lots.

Prices paid to growers at Oklahoma delivery points or F.O.B. the orchard from noon Tuesday, December 17, 2013 to noon Thursday, December 19, 2013 cents per pound in-shell of generally good quality in lots of 20,000 pounds or less unless otherwise stated.

Natives machine harvested 90-100, yard tree lots 50-80 mostly 60-70

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

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

Deliveries by growers to delivery points of Improved varieties were light. Demand was moderate. Harvesting is approximately 50-60% complete, and deliveries are expected to decrease, until after the new year begins.

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 upper 30s, with highs in the mid 40s to upper 60s. There is a chance of precipitation every day from Friday, December 20 through Sunday, December 22, with up to an 80 percent chance of precipitation on Friday. Little or no precipitation is expected on Thursday.

Buying interest displayed by end users was moderate early in the week, but slow late in the week 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 while waiting for additional availability of nuts. Trading was moderate for in-shell and gift pack uses. Deliveries and purchases of Improved varieties mostly Western Schley, with a few lots of Pawnee were fairly light.

Prices paid to growers (from noon Tuesday, December 17, 2013 through noon Thursday, December 19, 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 178-200 mostly 178-197, yard tree lots 100-175 mostly 140

Pawnee 60% meat yield 190

THE NEXT WESTERN REGION REPORT IS EXPECTED TO BE ISSUED ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 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.