



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 2017 Crop | | | | | | | Crop Season *** | | Crop |
|----------------|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|--------|---------------|
| | Dec 12 | Dec 13 | Dec 14 | Dec 15 | Dec 16 | Dec 17 | Dec 18 | 2017 | 2016 | Final 2016 |
| Pecan-In-shell | 374 | 694 | 811 | 605 | 390 | 0 | 1309 | 27,876 | 45,888 | 59,457 |
| Pecan-Shelled | 504 | 338 | 780 | 417 | 80 | 0 | 600 | 30,026 | 37,641 | 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 moderate to light and the market is about steady. Interest from the commercial shellers and accumulators for domestic trading from the export markets is moderate, while the retail gift-pack businesses are moderate to slow. Some offerings have gone into cold storage to be sold after the New Year. Most of the growers are almost finished cleaning up the orchards and gathering the remaining pecans to be offered before the year's end.

Weather conditions in Georgia for the week has rather mild temperatures ranging with lows in the 50s to 60s and highs in the 60s to 70s with the northern areas about 5-10 degrees cooler. A cold snap is expected for the weekend and Christmas day should have temps in the freezing ranges. Expect rain almost daily during the week.

Lots of Blends with 46-51% meat yield (nut count under 60) sold in a range of about \$4.50-4.90 per point. Blends with 45-52% meat yield (nut count 60-75) sold in a range of about \$4.20-4.94 mostly \$4.40-4.60 per point. Blends with 48-51% meat yield (nut count 83-87) sold in a range of about \$4.04-4.63 per point.

Prices paid to growers (late afternoon December 12, through late afternoon December 19, 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 insufficient to establish market)

Desirables (deliveries very light) export quality 50-52% meat yield (nut count 43-49) 270 51-52% meat yield (nut count 52-58) 240-251 50-51% meat yield (nut count 60-67) 215-251 yard tree lots 150-220 mostly 175-200

Elliott (deliveries very light) yard tree lots 125-175 mostly 150-175 **Money-makers** (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) 43-45% meat yield 164-206 mostly 170-180 yard tree lots 100-130 fair quality 80

Stuarts (deliveries very light) export quality 45-48% meat yield (nut count 50-60) 235-245 yard tree lots 100-150 mostly 100-125 few higher

Sumner (deliveries very light) export quality 51-53% meat yield (47-51 nut count) 250-260

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

Desirables (deliveries very light) export quality 50-52% meat yield (nut count under 50) 270

Curtis (deliveries insufficient to establish market)

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

Stuarts (deliveries very light) export quality 45-48% meat yield (nut count 50-60) 235-245 45-48% meat yield (nut count under 50) 240-250

THE NEXT GEORGIA REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018

Prices paid to growers continued**LOUISIANA** (via: Forest Park-Atlanta, GA)

Very light deliveries this week. Many of the lots have black rot, sprouting and excess moisture resulting in lower prices. Prices are higher than the previous week for Natives. Most of the sales are sold as retail off the farm. Lots of Blends with 39-49% meat yields sold in a range of about \$4.00-4.59 mostly \$4.20 per point.

The weather forecast for the week shows rather mild temperatures with lows in the 50s to high 60s and highs in the 70s throughout the state. A cold front with freezing temps is expected for the weekend leading up to and including Christmas day. Rain is expected possibly daily for the week.

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

Natives/Seedlings (deliveries light) machine harvested 38-40% meat yield 135-160 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 145-160

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

Pecan harvesting was very slow in southern counties where harvest is estimated to be over 90 percent complete. Harvest in northern counties is approximately 75 percent complete and harvesting activities mostly moderate. Marketing by growers was mostly moderate to active this week. Many poor quality pecans were offered but buyers are rejecting low yielding pecans. Sheller demand was mostly moderate. Retail demand remains good despite most holiday marketing being completed.

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

Prices paid to growers (noon Tuesday, December 12, 2017 to noon Tuesday, December 19, 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. 135-155 yard tree lots 75-90

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

Native/Seedlings (deliveries light to moderate) 40% meat yield and higher 160-180 38-39% meat yield 150-165

THE NEXT OKLAHOMA REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018

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

Deliveries by growers to delivery points were light. Demand was fairly good for good quality pecans. Mostly Natives are currently being harvested. Harvesting is expected to remain light and steady during the days leading up to Christmas.

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

Weather forecast for this week shows lows in the low 20s to low 60s and highs in the low 40s to mid-70s. There is a chance of precipitation every day this week, with the greatest chance on Friday, December 22, with anywhere from a 20 to 100 percent chance of precipitation projected.

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Natives/Seedlings (deliveries very light) machine harvested 38-42% meat yield 130-175 mostly 150-160 occasional higher and lower yard tree lots 80-120 mostly 80-100 occasional higher and lower

THE NEXT TEXAS REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018

Prices paid to growers continued

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

Deliveries by growers to delivery points of Improved varieties were light. Demand was fairly good for good quality pecans. Harvesting continues across the region, and while some smaller growers are nearly done with harvesting, others, especially large growers, are not expecting to be done until mid-January at the earliest. Harvesting is expected to be light leading up to Christmas, and is expected to increase considerably during the first half of January. Harvested quality has been variable.

The weather forecast for the next week calls for low temperatures in the low 20s to upper 30s, with highs in the mid-40s to upper 60s. No precipitation is projected this week. Much of the region received heavy rainfall over the weekend, slowing down and/or delaying harvest for a couple days.

Buying interest displayed by end users was moderate 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. Many 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.

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Western Schley 55-58% meat yield 240-278 mostly 250-275 occasional higher and lower

THE NEXT WESTERN REGION REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018

****Due to the Christmas Holiday next week, no pecan reports will be issued. The next Pecan report is scheduled to be released on Tuesday, January 2, 2018. ****

THE FORMULA TO FIGURE OUT CENTS PER POUND AND DOLLARS PER POINT:

CENTS PER POUND DIVIDED BY MEAT YIELD EQUALS DOLLAR PER POINT

DOLLAR PER POINT TIME MEAT YIELD EQUALS CENTS PER POUND

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4:00 pm