



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	
	Nov 25	Nov 26	Nov 27	Nov 28	Nov 29	Nov 30	Dec 01	Oct 2014		Oct 2013
Pecan-In-shell	929	698	0	1447	440	0	1609	23,333	15,202	43,323
Pecan-Shelled	380	414	0	621	0	0	1026	27,943	18,555	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 two days show Northern areas with daytime highs in the low to mid 60s and evening temperatures in the low 50s. In the Central parts of the state daytime highs in the high 60s to low 70s with evening lows in the low to high 50s, slightly warmer in the deep Southern parts. Rain curtailed work in the orchards over the last week.

Buying interest is active for export quality, mid-sized and good quality smaller pecans. Trading is fairly strong for the gift pack and retail business. Many growers have their pecans sold on private contracts. The total volume as compared to previous years will be lower according to industry sources.

Blends in various lot weights including trailer loads: (export quality with nut count under 59 per unit) and meat yields of 46% or better sold in a range of about \$5.02-5.50 per point. Lots with (nut count under 70 per unit) meat yields 48-55% sold in a range of about \$4.15-4.75 occasional high as \$4.90-5.07 mostly \$4.50-4.75 per point. Other similar lots with meat yields of 44-52% sold in a range of about \$3.70-4.83 per point, mostly \$4.00-4.50. Blends with (nut count over 70 per unit) and meat yields of 46-50% sold in a range of about \$3.50-3.80 per point occasional higher. Unit counts are nuts per pound.

Prices paid to growers (late afternoon Tuesday, November 25, 2014 thru late afternoon Tuesday, December 2, 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 very light (under 60 count) 51% meat yield or better 245-255

Desirables (deliveries light) (50-58count) 51% meat yield or better 260-270 (56-60 count) 235-260, (under 76 count) 180-191, yard tree lots 175-200 occasional higher

Moneymaker (deliveries very light) yard tree lots 100

Schley (deliveries insufficient to establish market)

Seedlings (deliveries very light) for large lots over 5,000 pounds 85-100, yard tree lots 60-75 occasional high as 90

Stuart (deliveries very light) (under 80 count) 49-51% meat yield 185, yard tree lots 100-150 mostly 125 occasional higher

Summer (deliveries very light) (under 55 count) 52% meat yield 270-280 (61 count and over) 200-250

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

Cape Fear (deliveries very light) (export quality) 52% meat yield or better 270-280

Desirables (deliveries very light) (export quality low 50 count) 50-52% meat yield 285-299, (50-55 count) 260-265

Schley (deliveries very light) (under 70 count) 57-58% meat yield 210-220, (under 90 count) 55% meat yield 190-200

Stuart (deliveries very light) export quality (under 52 count) 48-50% meat yield 235-257 mostly 240-245, (52-65 count) 46-48% meat yield 235-245 mostly 235-240

Summer (deliveries very light) (53 count and under) 52% meat yield 270-280 (60 count and under) 250 (over 60 count) 200

THE NEXT GEORGIA REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2014.

PRICES PAID TO GROWERS continued

LOUISIANA (via: Forest Park, Georgia) Atlanta

Growers are in need of sunshine and good weather to be able to make up for the delay from rain earlier in the week and get back into the orchards to continue with harvest. Forecast for the rest of the week in most areas of the state expect a range of lows in the high 40s and high 50s with daytime highs in the low 70s. Rain is showing up on the weather charts for Friday and Saturday.

Buying interest is fairly active for export quality and mid-sized pecans, moderate for smaller pecans and slow for Natives. Trading is fairly strong for the gift pack and wholesale business.

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Desirables (deliveries light) (under 60 count) 50% meat yield 230**Mixed Budded/Blends** yard tree lots 120-135**MoneyMaker** (deliveries very light) (70-75 count) 46% meat yield 165**Native/Seedlings** machine harvested 40% meat yield 75-80 yard tree lots 50-60

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

Stuart (deliveries very light) (under 50 nut count) 50% meat yield or better 230**THE NEXT LOUISIANA REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2014.****WESTERN REGION - ARIZONA, NEW MEXICO AND WEST TEXAS**
(via: Phoenix, Arizona)

Deliveries by growers to delivery points of Improved varieties were fairly light. Demand was moderate for good quality pecans. Harvesting is in its early stages in southern New Mexico and the El Paso area of Texas, while those areas north of Las Cruces anticipate increased and reportable levels of harvesting by early next week.

Harvested quality has been generally good. Early estimates project the number of pecans harvested in New Mexico this season to be near 65 million pounds.

The weather forecast for the balance of the week calls for low temperatures in the low 30s to upper 40s, with highs in the low 60s to low 70s. A 10-30% chance of precipitation is projected for Wednesday, December 3, a 10-20% chance of precipitation is projected for Saturday, December 6 and Sunday, December 7. No precipitation is projected for the other days this week.

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 fairly light for in-shell and gift pack uses. Deliveries and purchases of Improved varieties mostly Western Schley were fairly light.

Prices paid to growers (from the start of the season through noon Tuesday, December 2, 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 53-56% meat yield 140-160 occasional higher and lower

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

Western Schley 55-56% meat yield 192-205 mostly 192-202 occasional higher and lower**THIS IS THE FIRST PECAN REPORT FOR THE 2014 WESTERN REGION. THE NEXT REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2014.****OKLAHOMA** (via: Oklahoma Department of Agriculture Market News Service)**THE NEXT OKLAHOMA REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2014.****TEXAS - CENTRAL, SOUTH, EASTERN AREAS** (via: Phoenix, Arizona)

Deliveries by growers to delivery points of Improved varieties were moderate. Demand was good for good quality pecans. Harvesting is expected to continue to increase over the next three weeks.

Pecan quality has been variable, with reports of scabbing and hickory shuckworm damage. Wildlife has been causing some crop damage. Pecans continue to run towards the small size.

The weather forecast for the balance of the week calls for low temperatures in the low 40s to low 60s, with highs in the upper 40s to mid-70s. Precipitation is expected from Wednesday, December 3 through Sunday, December 7, with as high as a 50-70% chance of precipitation projected for Friday, December 5. No precipitation is projected for Tuesday, December 2.

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

Prices for Natives are higher, and others are slightly higher.

Prices paid to growers from (noon Tuesday, November 25, 2014 to noon Tuesday, December 2, 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.

Natives yard tree lots 60-80 mostly 70 few higher and lower**Desirables** yard tree lots 125-200 mostly 125-150**Pawnee** 52-54% meat yield 150-200 mostly 175-185 few higher**Cheyenne** (supplies insufficient to establish market)**THE NEXT TEXAS REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 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.

Pecans in Cold Storage - United States: October 31, 2014 with Comparisons

	Stocks in all warehouses			September 30, 2014 as a percent of		Public warehouse stocks
	October 31, 2013	September 30, 2014 1,000 pounds	October 31, 2014	October 31, 2013	September 30, 2014 percent	October 31, 2014 1,000 pounds
Shelled	36,884	52,871	41,029	111	78	
In-Shell	54,970	51,450	29,550	54	57	

Pecans in Cold Storage - Regions: September 30, 2014 with Comparisons

	Stocks in all warehouses			September 30, 2014 as a percent of	
	October 31, 2013	September 30, 2014 1,000 pounds	October 31, 2014	October 31, 2013	September 30, 2014 percent
Shelled					
South Atlantic	1 1,998	13,725	11,312	94	82
East South Central	724	865	733	101	85
West South Central	24,162	38,281	28,984	120	76
In-shell					
South Atlantic	14,279	12,398	6,386	45	52
East South Central	419	59	475	113	805
West South Central	40,272	38,993	22,689	56	58

USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service

5:45 pm

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