



# 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 16	Dec 17	Dec 18	Dec 19	Dec 20	Dec 21	Dec 22	Oct 2014		Oct 2013
Pecan-In-shell	756	635	630	0	0	0	828	37,211	24,986	43,323
Pecan-Shelled	504	603	295	553	0	0	655	35,765	23,911	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 week show most areas of the state with daytime highs in the high 50s to low 70s and evening lows in the high 30s to mid-50s with plenty of rain including heavy wind and possible flooding in some central and northern areas. The southern part of the state is more mild in temperature with plenty of rain forecasted as well.

Deliveries for this period were very light. Most growers are finishing cleaning up the orchards and putting their remaining pecans up for sale after the Christmas holiday break. Trading at the door is very slow and most businesses will be closed until after January 1, 2015.

Buying interest is fairly active for export quality and good quality mid-sized pecans. Commercial interest is moderate for the domestic trade and for the gift pack and retail business.

Most of the trading was in the form of blends, with Desirable Blends, Stuart Blends and large pecans commanding the highest prices. Very few lots of other Improved varieties showed up on the market and were insufficient to establish market prices.

Blends in lots weighing 20,000 pounds and less of export quality (nut count under 65 per unit) and meat yields of 46-53% sold in a wide range of about \$4.67-5.29 mostly \$4.80-4.90 per point. Lots with (nut counts 70-85 per unit) and meat yields of 46-52% sold in a range of about \$3.50-3.98 per point mostly \$3.60-3.65 per point. Lots with (nut count 85-95 per unit) and meat yields of 47-52% sold in a wide range of about \$3.00-3.90 mostly \$3.30-3.50 per point. The highest prices paid are for the largest pecans and the lowest prices reflect prices for smaller sized pecans in those counts listed.

Larger lots of Blends over 20,000 pounds including trailer loads of export quality 47 % meat yield or better sold in a range of about \$5.11-5.47 per point, lots with (nut count 70-85 per unit) and meat yields of 46-53% sold in a range of about \$3.50-3.65 per point. Lots with (nut count 85-95 per unit) and meat yields of 47-52% sold in a range of about \$3.30-3.74 mostly \$3.40-3.50 per point. Unit counts are nuts per pound.

Prices paid to growers (late afternoon Thursday, December 18, 2014 thru late afternoon Tuesday, December 23, 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) (export quality under 55 count) 49-53% meat yield 269-295 mostly 280-295

**Seedlings** (deliveries very light) yard tree lots 75

**Stuart** (deliveries very light) (export quality under 50 count) 48% meat yield 240-255 (under 60 count) 48% meat yield 225-240

**Sumner** (deliveries insufficient to establish market)

**PRICES PAID TO GROWERS****GEORGIA** continued

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

**Cape Fear** (deliveries insufficient to establish market)

**Desirables** (deliveries very light) (export quality 55 count and under) 50-53% meat yield 280-295

**Stuart** (deliveries very light) (export quality 55-60 count) 46-50% meat yield mostly 240-255

**Summer** (deliveries insufficient to establish market)

**THE NEXT GEORGIA REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2015.**

**LOUISIANA** (via: Forest Park, Georgia) Atlanta

Temperatures throughout the state for the next week will be variable with plenty of rainy days to come. Most areas will have temperature lows from the mid-30s to mid-50s and highs will range in high 50s to low 70s. Rain has hampered some of the harvesting and moisture content has been problematic with some deliveries.

Prices are lower for Natives and about steady for Improved Varieties and Mixed Budded. Deliveries are very light and most growers are waiting until after the first of the year to market the rest of their pecans in hopes that the market will get stronger.

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**Natives/Seedlings** machine harvested 80-95 mostly 80 occasional lower, yard tree lots 70 occasional lower

**Mixed Budded** 40% meat yield or better 120-180 mostly 130, yard tree lots 50 occasional higher

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

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

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

**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 fairly good for good quality pecans. Harvesting continues in all areas, and is approximately 80-90% complete. Harvesting is expected to decrease until the start of 2015.

The weather forecast for the balance of the week calls for low temperatures in the low 20s to low 40s, with highs in the low 50s to mid-60s. A 20% chance of precipitation is projected for some areas on Friday, December 26. No precipitation is projected for any other day this week.

Buying interest displayed by end users was moderate 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.

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**Western Schley** 53-57% meat yield 185-211 mostly 191-205 occasional higher and lower

**THE NEXT WESTERN REGION REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2015.**

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

Deliveries by growers to delivery points were moderate. Demand was fairly 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 20s to mid-50s, with highs in the low 40s to upper 60s. A 20-90 percent chance of precipitation is projected for Tuesday, December 23, and a 20-60 percent chance of precipitation is projected for Saturday, December 27. Every other day this week the chance of precipitation is projected at from 0-20 percent.

Buying interest displayed by end users was fairly 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 70-110 mostly 75-85 few higher and lower

**THE NEXT TEXAS REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2015.**

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: November 30, 2014 with Comparisons**

	Stocks in all warehouses			November 30, 2014 as a percent of		Public warehouse stocks
	November 30, 2013	October 31, 2014 1,000 pounds	November 30, 2014	November 30, 2013	October 31, 2014 percent	November 30, 2014 1,000 pounds
Shelled	37,341	40,953	37,670	101	92	
In-Shell	63,439	27,102	33,063	52	122	

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

	Stocks in all warehouses			November 30, 2014 as a percent of	
	November 30, 2013	October 31, 2014 1,000 pounds	November 30, 2014	November 30, 2013	October 31, 2014 percent
Shelled					
South Atlantic	13,271	11,236	11,477	86	102
East South Central	737	733	662	90	90
West South Central	23,333	29,984	25,531	109	88
In-shell					
South Atlantic	17,502	3,938	8,527	49	217
East South Central	1,466	475	1,134	77	239
West South Central	44,471	22,689	23,402	53	103

USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service

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