



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 02	Dec 03	Dec 04	Dec 05	Dec 06	Dec 07	Dec 08	Oct 2014	Oct 2013	
Pecan-In-shell	667	1173	1306	861	0	0	1736	29,076	18,449	43,323
Pecan-Shelled	516	575	359	472	0	0	1039	30,903	19,970	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 most areas of the state with daytime highs in the low to mid-50s and evening lows in the high 20s to low 30s with possible light freeze forecast for the northern areas and winds up to 10-20 mph.

Buying interest is still active for export quality and good quality mid-sized pecans. Commercial interest is strong for the domestic trade while moderate for the gift pack and retail business as many buyers have already made purchases needed for their holiday sales. Some growers are finishing up with their contract sales and many are getting ready to wind it up in the orchards for the season. Door trade is very slow and buyers may be closed for business before the holiday break and may expect to be closed for the season in early January.

Most of the trading was in the form of blends, with Desirable and Stuart Blends commanding the highest prices. Cape Fear and Sumner prices remain very strong as well. A few lots of other Improved varieties showed up on the market but were there were too few sales to establish market prices.

Blends in lots weighing 20,000 pounds and less of export quality (nut count under 60 per unit) and meat yields of 47% or better sold in a range of about \$5.00-5.21 per point. Other lots with (nut counts 69 and under per unit) with meat yields 47% or better sold in a wide range of about \$3.45-4.83 per point mostly \$3.70-3.95. Lots with (nut counts 79 and under per unit) with meat yields of 47% or better sold in a range of about \$3.51-4.07 mostly \$3.60-3.88 per point.

Lots with (nut counts 90 and under per unit) and with meat yields of 44% or better sold in a range of about \$3.32-3.59 per point.

Larger lots of Blends over 20,000 pounds including trailer loads of export quality (nut count under 60 per unit) and meat yields of 47-48% sold in a range of about \$5.00-5.21 per point. Various lots of Blends with (nut count under 70 per unit) with meat yields of 47-48% sold mostly in a range of about \$3.65-3.80 per point, and lots with (nut count under 80 per unit) with meat yields of 47% or better sold mostly in a range of about \$3.60-3.70 per point. Unit counts are nuts per pound.

Prices paid to growers (late afternoon Thursday, December 4, 2014 thru late afternoon Tuesday, December 9, 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 light) (69 count and under) 51-53% meat yield 240-250
Desirables (deliveries light) (export quality under 50 count) 50-52% meat yield 280-300 (56-60 count) 235-260, yard tree lots 175-200 occasional higher
Moneymaker (deliveries very light) 47% meat yield 170, yard tree lots 100
Schley (deliveries very light) 47% meat yield or better 172-182 mostly 175-180
Seedlings (deliveries insufficient to establish market)
Stuart (deliveries very light) (export quality) 48% meat yield 225-240, 46% meat yield 168-170
Sumner (deliveries very light) (under 55 count) 51-53% meat yield 275-280 (55-60 count) 240-250

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

Cape Fear (deliveries light) (export quality low 50 count or under) 50% meat yield or better mostly 275, (60 count and under) mostly 260

Desirables (deliveries very light) (export quality 53 count and under) 50-52% meat yield 285-300, (under 55 count) 260-275, (under 65 count) 190-200

Schley (deliveries very light) 47% meat yield or better 172-182 mostly 175-180

Stuart (deliveries very light) (export quality 50-65 count) 46-49% meat yield mostly 230-245

Sumner (deliveries very light) (under 55 count) 51-53% meat yield 275-280 (55-60 count) 240-250

THE NEXT GEORGIA REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2014.

LOUISIANA (via: Forest Park, Georgia) Atlanta

The weather forecast for the next week shows most of the state to have lows in the mid-30s to mid-40s and highs in the mid-50s to mid-60s with the lower southern areas on the higher side of the temps. Possible rain and thunderstorms may arrive in the state by early next week.

Deliveries are very slow and most of the sales are going to the retail trade with few commercial sales reported this week. Some growers are cleaning and sorting their pecans and preparing them for sale at a later date, waiting to see if the price and demand might go up in early January. Buying interest is still strong for export quality pecans and moderate for others.

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Desirables (deliveries very light) yard tree lots 150

Mixed Budded/Blends yard tree lots 100-135

Native/Seedlings (deliveries very light) machine harvested 40% meat yield or better 80-85 occasional higher, yard tree lots 60-70 mostly 70 few low as 50

Stuart (deliveries very light) (65 nut count or lower) 45-48% meat yield 200-225

THE NEXT LOUISIANA REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 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 continues and is expected to increase this week in southern New Mexico and the El Paso area of Texas, while those areas north of Las Cruces are in the early stages of harvesting.

Harvested quality has been generally good.

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 10-20% chance of precipitation is projected for Tuesday, December 9 through Wednesday, December 10, with no precipitation 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 noon Tuesday, December 2 through noon Tuesday, December 9, 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 52-55% meat yield 146-165 occasional higher and lower

Lots in excess of 20,000 pounds:

Western Schley 54-57% meat yield 183-205 mostly 189-205 occasional higher and lower

THE NEXT WESTERN REGION REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2014.

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

THE NEXT OKLAHOMA REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE ISSUED ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2014.

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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.

Pecan quality has been variable, with reports of scabbing and hickory shuckworm damage. Wildlife have also been causing 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 50s to low 70s. Precipitation is expected from Wednesday, December 10 through Sunday, December 14, with as high as a 60% chance of precipitation projected for Wednesday, December 10. No precipitation is projected for Tuesday, December 9.

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 slightly higher, and others are higher.

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Natives yard tree lots 55-90 mostly 70-75 few higher and lower

Desirables yard tree lots 125-200 mostly 150

Pawnee (supplies insufficient to establish a market)

THE NEXT TEXAS REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 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.

6:00 pm

Mike Rafanan, local representative