



PECAN REPORT

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PECAN IMPORTS FROM MEXICO THROUGH ARIZONA-NEW MEXICO-TEXAS CROSSING POINTS**

Shown in 1,000 lb units each

	Dec		Weekly Total 2011 Crop			Dec		Crop Season ***		Crop
	19	20	Dec 21	Dec 22	Dec 23	24	25	Total To Date 2012	2011	Final 2011
Pecan-In-shell	400	652	432	44	0	179	0	29,800	39,753	59,097
Pecan-Shelled	1121	304	348	83	0	0	0	20,091	17,654	44,722

** 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 * Revised

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	Dec		Weekly Total 2011 Crop			Dec		Crop Season ***		Crop
	26	27	Dec 28	Dec 29	Dec 30	31	Jan 01	Total To Date 2012	2011	Final 2011
Pecan-In-shell	338	628	149	138	0	0	0	31,052	41,455	59,097
Pecan-Shelled	164	240	158	190	0	0	0	20,843	18,256	44,722

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PECANS-PRICES PAID TO GROWERS

GEORGIA PECAN REPORT (via Thomasville, Georgia)

Cold weather and rain during the last week prevailed for the holidays. Most businesses have cut back hours for accepting pecans brought in for sale. Interest from the export and commercial trade business was moderate while trading has been slow the last ten days and is expected to pick up again by this weekend. Prices are lower. Deliveries and offerings were very light. Quality is variable with some embryo rot and splits reported.

Most deliveries were in the form of Blends. Prices for generally good quality Blends with meat yields of 40% or better (nut count 65 or under per pound) sold in a range of about \$2.60-2.70 per point. Blends of export quality with larger sized pecans were insufficient to establish market. (To get price per pound use this formula: dollars per point times meat yield = cents per pound; to get per point figure: dollars per pound divided by meat yield = dollars per point).

Prices paid to growers (late afternoon Thursday, December 20, 2012 thru late afternoon Wednesday, January 2, 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.

Cape Fear deliveries insufficient to establish market
Desirable yard tree lots of generally good quality 100
Seedling yard tree lots of generally good quality 50-70 mostly 50-60
Schley yard tree lots of generally good quality 90
Stuart yard tree lots of generally good quality 70-90

Lots in excess of 20,000 pounds including trailer load lots:
Desirable deliveries insufficient to establish market
Stuart deliveries insufficient to establish market

THE NEXT GEORGIA REPORT IS EXPECTED TO BE ISSUED ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2013.

PECANS-PRICES PAID TO GROWERS – continued**LOUISIANA PECAN REPORT** (via Thomasville, Georgia)

Rain and cold weather reported for the holiday break. Very light deliveries were offered. Interest from the domestic and the export trade business is moderate, while trading is slow. Quality is variable with embryo rot and sprouting reported. Blends with meat yields of 40% or better sold in a range of about \$2.46-2.75 per point.

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Native/Seedlings machine harvested 65-86 mostly 70-75, yard tree lots of generally good quality 35-50

Stuart yard tree lots of generally good quality 60-80

THE NEXT LOUISIANA REPORT IS EXPECTED TO BE ISSUED ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2013.**OKLAHOMA PECAN REPORT** (via Phoenix, Arizona)

Deliveries by growers to buying points were moderate with many deliveries in small lots. Prices are higher. Demand was moderate.

The weather forecast for the balance of the week calls for temperature highs from the low 40s to low 50s, with low temperatures in the low 20s to low 30s. A ten percent chance of precipitation is expected on Friday, January 3, with no precipitation expected for the rest of the week. So far this season the size of Native pecans have been smaller, as lingering conditions from last season's drought have stressed many trees.

Buying interest displayed by end users was moderate for retail in-shell, gift pack use, and moderate for commercial sheller use. Many shellers are utilizing inventories on hand or making purchases from other production areas, as well as waiting for additional availability of nuts. Trading was moderate for in-shell and gift pack uses.

Purchases of Improved varieties displaying good quality, nut count and high meat yield suitable for in-shell and gift pack purposes were insufficient to establish a market.

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Natives yard tree lots 70-90 mostly 75-85 occasional higher and lower

THE NEXT OKLAHOMA REPORT IS EXPECTED TO BE ISSUED ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2013.**TEXAS PECAN REPORT** (via Phoenix, Arizona)
TEXAS (Central, South, Eastern Areas)

Deliveries by growers to delivery points of Improved varieties were fairly light. Prices were about steady. Demand was moderate for good quality pecans. Quality has been variable, with some problems related to last season's drought continuing to persist.

The weather forecast for the balance of the week calls for low temperatures in the mid-20s to low 40s, and highs in the low 30s to low 60s. There is a chance of precipitation expected each day between Wednesday, January 2 and Saturday, January 5, ranging from ten to fifty percent. No precipitation is expected on Sunday, January 6.

There continues to be an interest in the export trade business, especially from buyers for the market in China. Buying interest displayed by end users was moderate for in-shell gift pack use, while trading was moderate. Buying interest is moderate for commercial sheller use as shellers continue to utilize inventories on hand or make purchases from other production areas.

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Natives yard tree lots 60-80 mostly 70 occasional higher and lower.

THE NEXT TEXAS REPORT IS EXPECTED TO BE ISSUED ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2013.**ARIZONA, NEW MEXICO AND WEST TEXAS** (via Phoenix, Arizona)

Deliveries by growers to delivery points of Improved varieties were light. Demand was fairly light for good quality pecans. Prices are lower. Harvesting is fully underway in most areas.

The weather forecast for the balance of the week calls for low temperatures in the low 20s to low 30s, with highs in the mid-30s to mid-50s. A 10 percent chance of precipitation is expected on Friday, January 4, as high as a sixty percent chance of precipitation on Thursday, January 3, and no precipitation is expected the other days this week.

Buying interest displayed by end users was fairly light for in-shell, gift pack use, as well as for commercial sheller use as shellers continue to utilize inventories on hand or make purchases from other production areas. Trading was very slow for in-shell and gift pack uses. Deliveries and purchases of Improved varieties mostly Western Schley were light. Many growers are deferring making marketing decisions, opting instead to concentrate on harvesting and storing nuts for later sale. Some interest in exporting pecans to China has been shown by buyers, with the outlook pointing to an increased interest in the weeks ahead.

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Western Schley 55-58% meat yield 132-157, mostly 138-151 occasional higher and lower.

THE NEXT WESTERN REGION REPORT IS EXPECTED TO BE ISSUED ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2013.