

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	Dec	Dec	Dec	Dec	Dec	Dec			Final
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	2018	2017	2017
Pecan-In-shell	610	1359	1011	1042	481	0	2131	38,116	26,567	52,349
Pecan-Shelled	452	726	753	297	41	0	814	43,305	29,426	90,462

^{*} 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)

The weather forecast for the week show rather mild temps with evening lows in the mid-30s to high 40s and daytime highs in the low 50s to mid-60s with rain expected early in the week. It will be considerably cooler in the northern areas of the state.

Offerings are coming in with some rot and moisture and prices reflect that. Growers with premium quality pecans have put them into cold storage while waiting for prices to rebound. Door and yard tree offerings are very light and some domestic buyers have closed the doors for the season. Due to low prices yard tree lots are very light and volume is insufficient to establish market prices.

Large lots of Blends with Desirables and other Improved varieties and 50-52% meat yields sold in a range of about \$3.20-3.30 per point. Other large lots of Blends with 42-50% meat yields sold in a range of about \$2.28-2.32 per point. Small lots of Blends with 42-53% meat yields sold in a range of about \$2.53-3.52 mostly \$2.80-3.18 per point. Small lots of Stuart Blends with 44-52% meat yields sold in a range of about \$2.97-3.72 mostly \$3.08-3.16 per point.

The retail gift pack business is fairly active while the domestic trade is slow as some buyers are purchasing from other areas to fill orders. The export trade is moderate to slow.

Prices paid to growers (late afternoon December 11, 2018 thru late afternoon December 18, 2018) 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.

Desirables (deliveries very light) (premium quality) 48-50% meat yield 200-210 44-45% meat yield 132-135

Elliott (deliveries very light) 46-49% meat yield 136-188 **Excel** (deliveries very light) 51-53% meat yield 176-208

Seedlings (deliveries very light) machine harvested 40% meat yield 80

Stuart (deliveries very light) 30-41% meat yield 55-76

Lots over 20,000 pounds: (including trailer loads)

Desirables (deliveries very light) (premium quality) 50% meat yield 200-210

Stuart (deliveries very light) 44-45% meat yield 128-135 30-38% meat yield 60-76

THE NEXT GEORGIA PECAN REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 03, 2019.

** Due to the upcoming Holidays, reports will not be released the week of December 23 through the first week of January**

LOUISIANA (via: Forest Park-Atlanta GA)

Weather forecast for the week shows mild temps with rain early next week and evening lows in the low 40s to mid-50s and daytime highs in the low-50s to low-70s.

Most growers are working on accumulating their pecans getting the moisture out, pulling out the black rot and blowouts to sell later this month. Retail sales are doing well and domestic sales are very slow.

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Candy (deliveries very light) yard tree lots 70 Elliott (deliveries very light) yard tree lots 90 Native/Seedlings (deliveries very light) machine harvested 80-90 yard tree lots 60

 $\textbf{Stuarts} \ (\text{deliveries very light}) \ 32\% \ \text{meat yield with high moisture} \\ \text{percentage } 40$

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

Deliveries by growers to delivery points of Improved varieties were light. Demand was good for good quality pecans. Harvesting is currently going on in all regions and is expected to remain light. Harvested quality has been variable. Prices on pecans declined slightly from the previous week.

The weather forecast for the next week calls for low temperatures in the upper 20s to low 40s with highs in the mid-50s to upper 60s. On Tuesday, December 18, there is a 10-60 percent chance of precipitation.

Buying interest displayed by end users was fairly active 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.

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Western Schley 54-58% meat yield 170-200 mostly 180-190 occasional higher and lower

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TEXAS

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

Deliveries by growers to delivery points were fairly light. Demand was good for good quality pecans. Harvesting is expected to remain steady between now and the start of 2019. Natives are currently being harvested. Crop conditions have been variable. Prices were generally unchanged.

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

The weather forecast for the coming week calls for low temperatures from the low 30s to high 60s, with high temperatures in the mid-50s to low 60s. There is 10-20 percent chance of precipitation on Tuesday, December 18, and a 10-50 percent chance of precipitation on Wednesday, December 19.

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Natives/Seedlings (deliveries light) machine harvested 80-100 mostly 80-90 occasional higher and lower; yard tree lots 60-80 mostly 60-70 occasional higher and lower

THE NEXT TEXAS REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 03, 2019.

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

No deliveries by growers were reported this week. Harvesting is complete and supplies and offerings extremely light. Some poor yielding and low quality native pecans were offered early in the week but were turned away. Sheller interest remained mostly light and many buying stations have closed their doors for the season.

The weather forecast this week calling for highs in the mid 50s to low 50s and lows in the low 40s to low 30s.

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Natives/Seedlings (deliveries very light) yard tree lots 60-75

THIS IS THE FINAL OKLAHOMA PECAN REPORT FOR THE SEASON.

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