



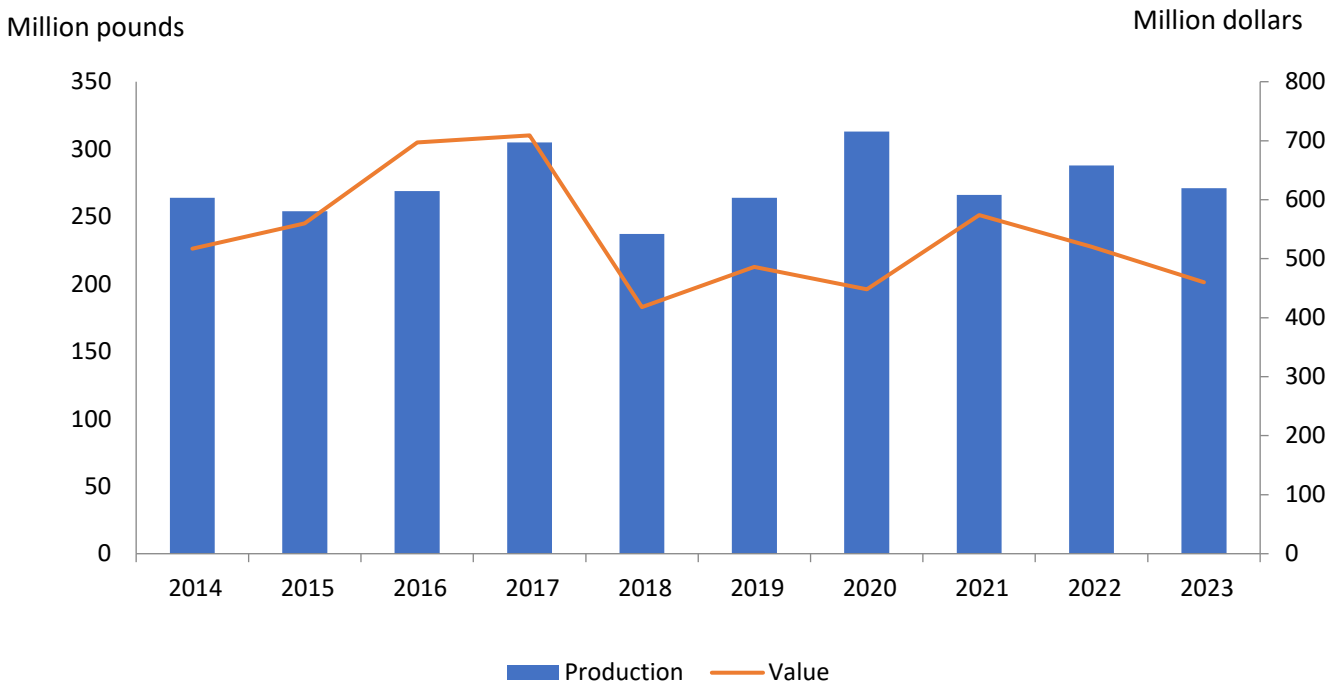
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## Pecan Production Down 6 Percent from Last Season

Utilized production in 2023 totaled 271 million pounds, down 6 percent from 2022. Bearing acreage was estimated at 441,000, down slightly from the previous year. The average yield was 616 pounds per acre, down 36 pounds from the previous year. In 2023, the value of the crop totaled \$460 million, down 12 percent from the previous season with an average annual price of \$1.69 per pound.

Improved variety pecan production, at 258 million pounds, decreased 8 percent from the previous year. Improved variety pecans accounted for 95 percent of the United States total pecan production. Native and seedling variety production totaled 13.8 million pounds, up 76 percent from 2022. New Mexico had the highest utilized production (in-shell basis) at 100 million pounds, followed by Georgia at 88.3 million pounds (in-shell basis).

**Pecan Production and Value  
United States 2014-2023**



# Pecan Bearing Acreage, Yield, Production, Price, and Value – States and United States: 2021-2023

State	Bearing acreage			Yield per acre <sup>1</sup>		
	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Arizona .....	23,000	24,000	26,000	1,860	1,700	1,750
Georgia .....	139,000	146,000	146,000	642	898	605
New Mexico .....	48,000	49,000	50,000	1,710	1,590	2,000
Oklahoma .....	98,000	98,000	94,000	120	75	145
Texas .....	124,000	125,000	125,000	325	250	192
United States .....	432,000	442,000	441,000	616	652	616

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## Pecan Bearing Acreage, Yield, Production, Price, and Value – States and United States: 2021-2023 (continued)

State and variety	Utilized production (in-shell basis)		
	2021	2022	2023
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)
Arizona .....	42,800	40,800	45,500
Improved .....	42,800	40,800	45,500
Georgia .....	89,200	131,000	88,300
Improved .....	89,200	131,000	88,300
New Mexico .....	82,100	77,900	100,000
Improved .....	82,100	77,900	100,000
Oklahoma .....	11,750	7,350	13,650
Improved .....	1,760	2,280	2,730
Native and seedling .....	9,990	5,070	10,920
Texas .....	40,300	31,300	24,000
Improved .....	35,100	28,500	21,100
Native and seedling .....	5,200	2,800	2,900
United States .....	266,150	288,350	271,450
Improved .....	250,960	280,480	257,630
Native and seedling .....	15,190	7,870	13,820

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**Pecan Bearing Acreage, Yield, Production, Price, and Value – States and United States:  
2021-2023 (continued)**

State and variety	Price per pound			Value of utilized production		
	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
Arizona .....	2.270	2.420	1.620	97,156	98,736	73,710
Improved .....	2.270	2.420	1.620	97,156	98,736	73,710
Georgia .....	2.060	1.610	1.700	183,752	210,910	150,110
Improved .....	2.060	1.610	1.700	183,752	210,910	150,110
New Mexico .....	2.400	1.890	1.760	197,040	147,231	176,000
Improved .....	2.400	1.890	1.760	197,040	147,231	176,000
Oklahoma .....	1.550	1.400	1.420	18,228	10,289	19,383
Improved .....	2.070	1.800	2.100	3,643	4,104	5,733
Native and seedling .....	1.460	1.220	1.250	14,585	6,185	13,650
Texas .....	1.930	1.690	1.690	77,974	53,011	40,516
Improved .....	2.020	1.750	1.780	70,902	49,875	37,558
Native and seedling .....	1.360	1.120	1.020	7,072	3,136	2,958
United States .....	2.160	1.800	1.690	574,150	520,177	459,719
Improved .....	2.200	1.820	1.720	552,493	510,856	443,111
Native and seedling .....	1.430	1.180	1.200	21,657	9,321	16,608

<sup>1</sup> Yield is based on utilized production.

## Definition of Terms

**Bearing acreage:** An orchard is considered to be of bearing age when it can normally be expected to produce a commercially significant quantity of pecans. Bearing age is a function of many factors including variety, rootstock, year planted, etc.

**Utilized production:** The amount of a pecans sold plus the quantity used at home or held in storage.

**Yield per acre:** Yield per acre is based on utilized production.

**Value:** Crop value estimates in this report cover the marketing season or crop year and should not be confused with cash receipts which are based on a calendar year.

## Statistical Methodology

**Survey Procedures:** Standardized probability grower surveys are conducted to collect acreage, yield, and production data. Producers are mailed a survey and telephone follow-up of non-respondents is used to ensure adequate coverage.

**Estimating Procedures:** Information obtained from the grower surveys along with federal administrative data is used to establish estimates of bearing age acres, yield, utilized production, price, and value. These estimates are reviewed for errors, reasonableness, and consistency with historical estimates.

**Revision Policy:** End-of-season estimates will be published in the *Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts – Summary* released in May. Previous year's data maybe revised in the *Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts – Summary* published the following year, if new information is available that would justify a change. Estimates will also be reviewed after data for the 5-year Census of Agriculture are available. No revisions will be made after that date.

**Reliability:** Survey indications are subject to sampling variability because all operations growing pecans are not included in the sample. Survey results are also subject to non-sampling errors such as omission, duplication, imputation for missing data, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. These errors cannot be measured directly, but they are minimized through rigid quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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