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LAST REPORT OF THE SEASON

INSTANT MARKET NEWS --- Prices paid to growers and other applicable pecan information is available by calling the following recorder: Albany, GA (229) 436-8781.

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

Shown in 1,000 lb units each

	Weekly Total 2008 Crop							Crop Season ***		Crop Final 2007
	Jan 22	Jan 23	Jan 24	Jan 25	Jan 26	Jan 27	Jan 28	Total To Date 2008	2007	
Pecan-In-shell	320	140	0	0	10	0	260	16,910	36,110	44,590
Pecan-Shelled	190	120	80	0	320	190	240	29,170	17,550	44,180

** Country of Origin not specified. *** Crop season as defined by USDA runs from August 1 to July 31.
Source: Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection

PECANS - PRICES PAID TO GROWERS

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

Deliveries by growers to buying points were moderate. Demand was moderate. Prices paid to growers were slightly higher for large lots and about steady for small lots. Harvesting is generally complete in all areas. Most growers have finished grading and drying nuts. Delivery of nuts is expected to continue until the end of February.

Weather forecast calls for low temperatures in the mid 20s to mid 30s and high temperatures in the upper 50s to mid 60s with no precipitation projected for the next week.

Harvested quality has been very good with most sample lots of Western Schley ranging 57-61% on larger lots and 54-57% on smaller lots.

Buying interest displayed by end users was moderate. Trading was moderate. Some growers are delaying making marketing decisions reluctant to accept offers at current price levels, instead

opting to store harvested nuts for sale at a later date. Many growers have established agreements with users for arrangements made to market all or part of their crop with provisions made for price, time of delivery, storage and method of payment. Export interest for shipment to China has been fairly active.

Prices paid to growers from noon Thursday, January 22, 2009 to noon Thursday, January 29, 2009 at delivery point or F.O.B. the orchard in-shell.

In lots in excess of 20,000 pounds, Improved varieties mostly **Western Schley** 57-61% meat yield mostly 59-60% meat yield \$2.30-2.50 per point, mostly \$2.40-2.45 per point.

Lots of less than 1000 pounds Improved varieties mostly **Western Schley** 54-57% meat yield mostly 56-57% meat yield cents per pound 100-120, mostly 110-115 some high as 125.

LAST REPORT OF THE SEASON FOR ARIZONA, NEW MEXICO AND WEST TEXAS.

Pecans: Production
By Variety, State, and United States, 2006-2008

Variety and State	2006	2007	2008
	(1,000 Pounds)		
Improved Varieties 1/			
Alabama	5,400	10,000	6,300
Arizona	14,000	23,000	16,500
Arkansas	1,150	1,500	550
California	3,400	4,400	3,500
Florida	200	1,700	1,400
Georgia	36,000	135,000	65,000
Louisiana	3,500	3,000	1,500
Mississippi	2,000	2,200	900
Missouri	160	2	140
New Mexico	47,000	74,000	45,000
North Carolina	420	160	600
Oklahoma	5,000	3,000	2,000
South Carolina	900	1,500	1,800
Texas	33,000	44,000	20,000
United States Total	152,130	303,462	165,190
Native and seedling			
Alabama	600	2,000	700
Arkansas	1,050	800	450
Florida	300	200	300
Georgia	6,000	15,000	2,000
Kansas	2,000	500	1,200
Louisiana	17,500	11,000	3,500
Mississippi	500	800	400
Missouri	940	3	540
North Carolina	80	40	100
Oklahoma	12,000	27,000	6,000
South Carolina	200	500	700
Texas	14,000	26,000	10,000
United States Total	55,170	83,843	25,890

1/ Budded, grafted, or top-worked varieties

Pecans: Production
By Variety, State, and United States, 2006-2008
(Continued)

Variety and State	2006	2007	2008
	(1,000 Pounds)		
All Pecans			
Alabama	6,000	12,000	7,000
Arizona	14,000	23,000	16,500
Arkansas	2,200	2,300	1,000
California	3,400	4,400	3,500
Florida	500	1,900	1,700
Georgia	42,000	150,000	67,000
Kansas	2,000	500	1,200
Louisiana	21,000	14,000	5,000
Mississippi	2,500	3,000	1,300
Missouri	1,100	5	680
New Mexico	47,000	74,000	45,000
North Carolina	500	200	700
Oklahoma	17,000	30,000	8,000
South Carolina	1,100	2,000	2,500
Texas	47,000	70,000	30,000
United States Total	207,300	387,305	191,080

1/ Budded, grafted, or top-worked varieties

Pecans: Price and Value
by Variety, State, and United States, 2006-2008

Variety and State	Price per Pound			Value of Utilized Production		
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
	Dollars			1,000 Dollars		
Improved Varieties 1/						
Alabama	1.260	0.890	1.350	6,804	8,900	8,505
Arizona	1.750	1.600	1.500	24,500	36,800	24,750
Arkansas	1.330	1.090	1.360	1,530	1,635	748
California	1.720	1.780	1.180	5,848	7,832	4,130
Florida	1.800	1.000	2.000	360	1,700	2,800
Georgia	1.640	1.100	1.510	59,040	148,500	98,150
Louisiana	1.400	1.200	1.250	4,900	3,600	1,875
Mississippi	1.300	1.150	1.300	2,600	2,530	1,170
Missouri	1.650	1.200	1.700	264	2	238
New Mexico	1.850	1.300	1.450	86,950	96,200	65,250
North Carolina	1.350	1.510	1.470	567	242	882
Oklahoma	1.700	1.350	1.600	8,500	4,050	3,200
South Carolina	1.790	1.160	1.050	1,611	1,740	1,890
Texas	1.790	1.350	1.540	59,070	59,400	30,800
United States Total	1.730	1.230	1.480	262,544	373,131	244,388

**Pecans: Price and Value
by Variety, State, and United States, 2006-2008 (continued)**

Variety and State	Price per Pound			Value of Utilized Production		
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
	Dollars			1,000 Dollars		
Native and seedling						
Alabama	0.970	0.660	0.890	582	1,320	623
Arkansas	1.150	0.760	1.020	1,208	608	459
Florida	1.500	0.700	1.100	450	140	330
Georgia	1.210	0.720	1.300	7,260	10,800	2,600
Kansas	1.300	0.900	1.500	2,600	450	1,800
Louisiana	0.900	0.700	0.850	15,750	7,700	2,975
Mississippi	1.000	0.700	1.000	500	560	400
Missouri	1.350	1.000	1.350	1,269	3	729
North Carolina	1.000	0.810	0.770	80	32	77
Oklahoma	1.150	0.750	0.700	13,800	20,250	4,200
South Carolina	1.050	0.900	0.720	210	450	504
Texas	1.160	0.700	1.090	16,240	18,200	10,900
United States Total	1.090	0.722	0.989	59,949	60,513	25,597
All Pecans						
Alabama	1.230	0.852	1.300	7,386	10,220	9,128
Arizona	1.750	1.600	1.500	24,500	36,800	24,750
Arkansas	1.240	0.975	1.210	2,738	2,243	1,207
California	1.720	1.780	1.180	5,848	7,832	4,130
Florida	1.620	0.968	1.840	810	1,840	3,130
Georgia	1.580	1.060	1.500	66,300	159,300	100,750
Kansas	1.300	0.900	1.500	2,600	450	1,800
Louisiana	0.983	0.807	0.970	20,650	11,300	4,850
Mississippi	1.240	1.030	1.210	3,100	3,090	1,570
Missouri	1.390	1.000	1.420	1,533	5	967
New Mexico	1.850	1.300	1.450	86,950	96,200	65,250
North Carolina	1.290	1.370	1.370	647	274	959
Oklahoma	1.310	0.810	0.925	22,300	24,300	7,400
South Carolina	1.660	1.100	0.958	1,821	2,190	2,394
Texas	1.600	1.110	1.390	75,310	77,600	41,700
United States Total	1.560	1.120	1.410	322,493	433,644	269,985

1/ Budded, grafted, or top-worked varieties

Nuts: Bearing Acreage and Yield Per Acre
by Crop, United States, 2006-2008

Crop	Bearing Acreage*			Yield per Acre		
	2006	2007	2008	Tons In-Shell Equivalent		
Almonds (CA) **	610,000	640,000	660,000	1.57	1.89	2.05
Hazelnuts (OR)	28,200	28,600	28,400	1.52	1.29	1.13
Macadamias (HI)	15,000	15,000	16,000	1.94	1.37	1.69
Pistachios (CA)	112,000	115,000	118,000	1.07	1.81	1.18
Walnuts (CA)	216,000	218,000	218,000	1.60	1.50	1.72
Total	981,200	1,016,600	1,040,400			

* Pecan bearing acreage and yield not estimated.

** Yield based on in-shell equivalent. Shelling ratios are: 2006- 0.585; 2007- 0.573; 2008 – 0.573

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service: Non-citrus Fruits and Nuts 2008 Preliminary Summary, January 2009

Nuts: Utilized Production by Crop,
United States, 2006-2008

Crop	Utilized Production		
	1,000 Tons In-Shell Equivalent		
	2006	2007	2008
Almonds (CA)	957.3	1,212.9	1,352.5
Hazelnuts (OR)	43.0	37.0	32.0
Macadamias (HI)	29.0	20.5	27.0
Pecans	103.7	193.7	95.5
Pistachios (CA)	119.0	208.0	139.0
Walnuts (CA)	346.0	328.0	375.0
Total	1,598.0	2,000.1	2021.0

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service: Non-citrus Fruits and Nuts 2008 Preliminary Summary, January 2009

Nuts: Price and value by Crop
United States, 2006-2008

Crop	Unit *	Price Dollars			Value of Utilized Production 1,000 Dollars		
		2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
Almonds (CA) (Shelled)	Lb	2,060	1,750	1,450	2,258,790	2,401,875	2,228,650
Hazelnuts (OR)	Ton	1,080.00	2,040.00	1,630.00	46,440	75,480	52,160
Macadamias (HI)	Lb	0.670	0.600	0.580	38,860	24,600	31,320
Pecan	Lb	1.560	1.120	1.410	322,493	433,644	269,985
Pistachios (CA)	Lb	1.890	1.410	1.940	449,820	586,560	539,320
Walnuts (CA) **	Ton	1630.00	2,290.00	--	563,980	751,120	--
Total					3,680,383	4,273,279	3,980,185

* Ton refers to the 2,000 lb short ton

** Estimates for 2008 will be published on July 8, 2009

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service: Non-citrus Fruits and Nuts 2008 Preliminary Summary, January 2009

THE 2007 ANNUAL PECAN MARKETING SUMMARY BOOKLET HAS BEEN RELEASED AND IS NOW AVAILABLE. COST IS \$20.00 PER COPY, PAYABLE TO USDA. CONTACT THOMASVILLE MARKET NEWS OFFICE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. BACK ISSUES OF PRIOR YEARS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE SAME PRICE.

THE NEXT PECAN REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED IN SEPTEMBER, 2009.