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INSTANT MARKET NEWS --- Prices paid to growers and other applicable pecan information is available by calling the following recorder: Thomasville, GA (229) 226-7567.

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

Shown in 1,000 lb units each

	Weekly Total 2011 Crop						Crop Season ***		Crop Final 2010
	Feb 07	Feb 08	Feb 09	Feb 10	Feb 11	Feb 12	Feb 13	Total To Date 2011 2010	
Pecan-In-shell	72	556	337	262	0	0	175	54,517 35,507	39,431
Pecan-Shelled	240	158	215	38	41	0	243	23,274 23,335	44,503

** 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

PECANS-PRICES PAID TO GROWERS

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

Deliveries by growers to delivery points of Improved varieties were moderate. Prices were lower. Approximately 90-95 percent of this season's crop has been harvested. Light deliveries of nuts are expected to continue until the end of February or early March. Demand was fairly good for good quality pecans.

Weather forecast for the rest of the week calls for low temperatures in the upper 20s to low 40s and high temperatures in the upper 50s to upper 60s. A twenty percent chance of precipitation is projected on Tuesday, February 14 and a thirty percent chance of precipitation is projected for Friday, February 17.

Harvested quality has been generally good with sample lots of Western Schley ranging from 52-57% meat yield, mostly 54-55% meat yield.

Buying interest by end users has been moderate for gift pack, retail in-shell, and commercial sheller use. Trading has been moderate, although some users continue to utilize inventories on hand. Very few purchases are being made from Mexico or other growing areas. Some growers generally are delaying making marketing decisions, opting to concentrate on harvesting and accumulating supplies in order to dry and grade nuts for later sale, accounting for approximately fifteen percent of this season's total crop.

Purchases of Improved varieties mostly Western Schley displaying good quality, nut count and high meat yield suitable for in-shell and gift pack purposes were \$4.45-4.75 per point in-shell mostly \$4.55-4.65 per point in-shell.

Prices paid to growers at delivery point or f.o.b. the orchard from noon Tuesday, February 7, 2012 to noon Tuesday, February 14, 2012, cents per pound in-shell in lots less than 20,000 pounds, mostly small lots of 1,000-5,000 pounds.

Western Schley (deliveries light) 52-58% meat yield 231-276 mostly 54-55% meat yield 246-256.

LAST REPORT FOR ARIZONA, NEW MEXICO AND WEST TEXAS AND THE LAST PECAN REPORT FOR THE SEASON. THE NEXT REPORT IS EXPECTED IN LATE SEPTEMBER, 2012.