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Texas Pecan Board  
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RE: USDA NASS Letter of Support For 2019 December Pecan Forecast and PDI Survey

Dear industry stakeholders:

I write on behalf of the American Pecan Council in support of the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Services 2019 Pecan Forecast of Arizona, Georgia, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.

**APPROACH:**

The American Pecan Council (APC) has funded National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to prepare and implement two surveys of pecan growers, collect data from selected pecan growers, set estimates, and publish the results in the December *Crop Production* report for the December forecast, and on the NASS website for the preliminary and finalized estimate of utilized production, price per pound, and value of utilized production. The reference year will be crop year 2019. The States of interest are Arizona, Georgia, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. USDA NASS offers a few ways you can participate outlined in the supplemental letter. Mailed and online reporting surveys open November 21, 2019. Phone surveys begin November 29, 2019. Please note, all surveys for the December Pecan Crop Estimate close December 4, 2019. The results will be published December 10, 2019.

**OBJECTIVE:**

The objective is to publish a December pecan crop year 2019 production forecast and the pecan crop year 2019 utilized production, price per pound, and value of utilized production. The December production forecast will be published in the December *Crop Production* report on December 10, 2019. The preliminary Pecan Production, Price, and Value by variety report (PDI) will be published in late January 2020 and the final PDI report will be published in April 2020. The results from the December Crop Production Forecast Report and the Pecan Production, Price, and Value by variety Report will help supplement industry data. The data collected from this survey will also help set pecan acreage and production estimates at the state and U.S. level.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly through my email or the office.

Sincerely,

American Pecan Council Staff



November 21, 2019

Dear Pecan Producer,

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is conducting the December Pecan Inquiry, which is used to help determine the size of the 2019 pecan crop. Producers have the best knowledge of the crop, and each report helps us present a more accurate estimate.

Please take a few minutes to complete the enclosed questionnaire and return it in the postage paid envelope, or if you prefer, you may fill out the survey using our secure website. Representatives from our office will begin calling producers who have not responded by mail or online on Friday, November 29, 2019.

The results of this survey will be available in the *Crop Production* report released December 10, 2019. Preliminary estimates for the 2019 pecan crop will be included in the report for all major producing states. You have the option of requesting a copy of the results from this survey at the conclusion of the form. All NASS reports are available online at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov) or by calling our office number listed below.

Thank you for participating and for your support of our programs and U.S. agriculture. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Deonne Holiday or Abner Custodio at 1-800-626-3142.

Respectively,

Wilbert Hundl, Jr.  
Director, Southern Plains Region  
USDA-NASS  
Serving Oklahoma and Texas

Enclosure

### What should I do next?

Complete your survey in one of the following ways:



**Online** at [www.agcounts.usda.gov](http://www.agcounts.usda.gov) beginning on Thursday, November 21, 2019. **Online reporting is fast, cost-effective, and secure.** All you need is the 17-digit survey code on the enclosed form to begin.



By **mail or fax**. Complete the survey questionnaire and mail it back in the return envelope provided or fax it to 1-855-270-2725.



### Pecan Production by Variety – Oklahoma and Texas: 2018 and October 1, 2019 Forecast

State and variety	Utilized production (in-shell basis)	
	2018	2019
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)
Oklahoma	9,000	23,000
Improved	2,970	4,600
Native and seedling	6,030	18,400
Texas	33,600	47,000
Improved	28,800	37,600
Native and seedling	4,800	9,400