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**SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS
DECEMBER PECAN FORECAST**

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DECEMBER 2005 RESULTS FOR SURVEY RESPONDENTS

PECANS

Dear Respondent:

*This issue of the **USDA/NASS NEW MEXICO FIELD OFFICE SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS** covers the results of the Pecan December Forecast. This is being sent exclusively to those of you who responded to our request for data. The information you provided made these published estimates possible. Thank you for your cooperation and the time spent completing the surveys.*

Sincerely,

Dwaine C. Nelson
Director

NEW MEXICO: The December 1st pecan production forecast for the 2005 crop year is 62 million pounds, a record production for New Mexico. Currently we sit second in production in the country, behind Texas' forecast of 65 million pounds. The 2005 forecast shows an increase of 23 million pounds from 2004, an "off" year in the alternate bearing cycle of our trees. Compared to the last "on" year in the cycle, 2005's production is currently expected to be 7 million pounds higher than 2003's 55 million pounds of pecans.

UNITED STATES: The December 1 forecast of 2005 utilized production is 250 million pounds (in-shell basis), down 13 percent from the October 1 forecast but up 35 percent from last year's crop. Improved varieties are expected to produce 200 million pounds or 80 percent of the total, while the Native and seedling varieties, at 50.4 million pounds, make up the remaining 20 percent. The 2005 crop is expected to be larger than last year's mainly due to the alternate bearing pattern typical of pecans.

PECANS: UTILIZED PRODUCTION 2003-04 AND FORECASTED DECEMBER 1, 2005

Crop and State	Utilized Production		
	2003	2004	2005
	-----1,000 Pounds-----		
IMPROVED VARIETIES ^{1/}			
AL	7,000	1,000	3,200
AZ	22,500	14,000	21,000
AR ^{2/}	1,400	1,000	1,600
CA ^{2/}	3,700	3,500	3,900
FL ^{2/}	500	400	500
GA	60,000	42,000	50,000
LA	4,000	2,500	1,000
MS ^{2/}	4,800	700	700
MO ^{2/ 3/}			300
NM	55,000	39,000	62,000
NC ^{2/}	2,200	70	1,600
OK	1,500	6,000	2,000
SC ^{2/}	3,300	800	2,000
TX	37,000	28,000	50,000
NATIVE & SEEDLING			
AL	1,000	100	800
AR ^{2/}	2,400	700	1,400
FL ^{2/}	1,600	100	900
GA	15,000	3,000	10,000
KS ^{2/}	2,000	1,800	3,100
LA	16,000	6,500	3,000
MS ^{2/}	2,200	300	100
MO ^{2/ 3/}			1,200
NC ^{2/}	300	30	400
OK	4,500	22,000	14,000
SC ^{2/}	1,200	300	500
TX	33,000	12,000	15,000
U.S. ALL PECANS	282,100	185,800	250,200

^{1/} Budded, grafted, or top worked varieties. ^{2/} Estimated for current year carried forward from earlier forecast. ^{3/} Estimates began in 2005.