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## SOUTH CAROLINA EXPECTED PECAN PRODUCTION DOWN

**Columbia, SC October 13, 2006:** Based on October 1, 2006 conditions, South Carolina's PECAN crop is expected to total 1,500,000 pounds down from 2,200,000 last year according to the USDA NASS, South Carolina Field Office. Growers expect to harvest 1,000,000 pounds of improved varieties and 500,000 pounds of the Native and Seedling varieties. Harvest and production are up due to traditional alternate bearing patterns.

## FORECAST OF U.S. PECAN PRODUCTION DOWN

The October 1 forecast for 2006 pecan utilized production is 201 million pounds (in-shell basis), down 28 percent from last year's crop but 8 percent above 2004. Improved varieties are expected to produce 150 million pounds or 74 percent of the total, while the Native and Seedling varieties, at 51.7 million pounds, make up the remaining 26 percent. The 2006 crop is expected to be smaller than last year's in most producing states as it is a down year in the alternate bearing pattern typical of pecans. The exceptions are the Gulf Coast States of Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi that expect larger crops this year since hurricanes caused extensive damage in both the 2004 and 2005 seasons.

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