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SOUTH CAROLINA EXPECTED PECAN PRODUCTION UP

Based on October 1, 2007 conditions, South Carolina's **PECAN** crop is expected to total 2,000,000 pounds, up from 1,100,000 pounds last year according to the USDA NASS, South Carolina Field Office. Growers expect to harvest 1,500,000 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, 2007 forecast of pecan utilized production is 320 million pounds (in-shell basis), up 55 percent from last year's crop and 14 percent above 2005. Improved varieties are expected to produce 260 million pounds or 81 percent of the total, while native and seedling varieties, at 59.2 million pounds, make up the remaining 19 percent. The 2007 crop is expected to be larger than last year's in most producing States mainly because it is a high year in the alternate bearing pattern typical of pecans. Production is lower than last year in Arkansas, Kansas, and Missouri due to a severe Easter freeze, and in Louisiana, which is in a down-cycle production season.