



Pecans: Production, Price, and Value

Crop Year	Production (in shell)	Price Per Pound	Value of Production
	1,000 Pounds	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
1980	14,500	.85	12,325
1985	29,000	.88	25,520
1990	34,000	1.53	52,020
1995	45,000	1.24	55,800
2000	35,000	1.37	47,950
2001	60,000	.64	38,400
2002	36,000	1.25	45,000
2003	55,000	1.28	70,400
2004	39,000	2.28	88,920

PECANS: Pecan production in New Mexico totaled 39 million pounds in 2004, a low bearing year in the alternating cycle of our trees. This was 29 percent lower than 2003s 55 million pounds, but 8 percent higher than 2002s 36 million pounds. Price per pound increased \$1.00 to \$2.28, the highest price in the country. The low supply, with 2004 being an off year and the weather damage in Georgia, plus the high quality of this year's crop contributed to the high prices. Value of production totaled \$88.9 million compared to \$70.4 million the year before and \$45 million in 2002.

Pecans: Orchards, Acres, and Production by County

District/County	2002 Census ^{1/}		Production		
	Bearing Acres	Number of Farms	2002	2003	2004
	-----Number-----		-----1,000 Pounds-----		
DISTRICT 70	2/	65	1,250	2,350	1,620
Luna	2/	22	900	1,700	1,100
Sierra	514	43	350	650	520
DISTRICT 90	2/	1,425	34,630	52,500	37,250
Chaves	3,414	81	4,000	5,800	4,400
Doña Ana	23,745	1,056	26,000	40,500	27,500
Eddy	2,415	119	3,100	4,200	3,500
Lea	2/	35	330	400	450
Otero	2/	134	1,200	1,600	1,400
OTHER DISTRICTS^{3/}	2/	46	120	150	130
STATE	33,123	1,536	36,000	55,000	39,000

^{1/} Orchards of 20 or more trees.

^{2/} Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.

^{3/} Includes Bernalillo, Grant, Hidalgo, Lincoln, and Quay counties.