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SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS OCTOBER PECAN FORECAST

OCTOBER 2004 RESULTS FOR SURVEY RESPONDENTS

PECANS

Dear Respondent:

*This issue of the **NEW MEXICO AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS** covers the results of the Pecan October 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
State Director

NEW MEXICO: The first pecan forecast as of October 1st for the 2004 pecan production year is 37 million pounds, down from 2003 by 18 million pounds, which is normal due to the alternate bearing cycle of the trees. Compared to the last lower production year in the cycle, 2004's production is expected to be 1 million pounds higher than 2002's 36 million pounds.

UNITED STATES: Utilized production is forecast at 189 million pounds (in-shell basis), down 33 percent from last year's crop but 9 percent above the 2002 crop. The current crop is expected to be lower than last year's due to the alternate bearing pattern typical of pecans. In addition to being a low year in this cycle, the Southeastern States generally noted high disease pressure early in the growing season caused by excessive rainfall, followed by widespread damage to trees and nuts due to the hurricanes and tropical storms in August and September. Western growing areas reported some drought and insect concerns, but overall a good, low year crop. Improved varieties are expected to produce 130 million pounds or 68 percent of the total, while the Native and seedling varieties make up the difference.

All Pecans: Utilized Production 2002-03 and Forecasted October 1, 2004

State	2002	2003	2004
-----1,000 Pounds-----			
AL	5,000	8,000	1,000
AZ	16,000	22,500	13,000
AR	1,700	3,800	2,200
CA	3,800	3,700	3,400
FL	1,400	2,100	500
GA	45,000	75,000	40,000
KS	2,900	2,000	2,500
LA	6,000	20,000	8,000
MS	3,000	7,000	1,000
NM	36,000	55,000	37,000
NC	1,900	2,500	700
OK	10,000	6,000	28,000
SC	200	4,500	2,000
TX	40,000	70,000	50,000
US	172,900	282,100	189,300