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## SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS DECEMBER PECAN FORECAST

### DECEMBER 2004 EXCLUSIVELY FOR SURVEY RESPONDENTS

Dear Respondent:

This issue of the **NEW MEXICO AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE 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  
State Statistician

**NEW MEXICO:** The December 1 forecast for the 2004 pecan utilized production is 37 million pounds (in-shell basis), unchanged from the October forecast. Production is down from 2003's 55 million pounds, since this is a low year in the alternating bearing cycle of our trees. Production is expected to be 1 million pounds higher than 2002's 36 million pounds.

**UNITED STATES:** Utilized production is forecast at 177 million pounds (in-shell basis), down 6 percent from the October 1 forecast and 37 percent below last year's crop. Improved varieties are expected to produce 128 million pounds or 72 percent of the total, while the Native and seedling varieties make up the difference.

#### PECANS: UTILIZED PRODUCTION 2002-03 AND FORECASTED DECEMBER 1, 2004

Crop and State	Utilized Production		
	2002	2003	2004
	-----1,000 Pounds-----		
<b>IMPROVED VARIETIES <sup>1/</sup></b>			
AL	4,000	7,000	950
AZ	16,000	22,500	13,000
AR <sup>2/</sup>	1,200	1,400	1,300
CA <sup>2/</sup>	3,800	3,700	3,400
FL <sup>2/</sup>	500	500	200
GA	42,000	60,000	35,000
LA	2,000	4,000	2,000
MS <sup>2/</sup>	2,100	4,800	700
<b>NM</b>	<b>36,000</b>	<b>55,000</b>	<b>37,000</b>
NC <sup>2/</sup>	1,500	2,200	600
OK	1,500	1,500	4,000
SC <sup>2/</sup>	120	3,300	1,500
TX	20,000	37,000	28,000
<b>NATIVE &amp; SEEDLING</b>			
AL	1,000	1,000	50
AR <sup>2/</sup>	500	2,400	900
FL <sup>2/</sup>	900	1,600	300
GA	3,000	15,000	5,000
KS <sup>2/</sup>	2,900	2,000	2,500
LA	4,000	16,000	6,000
MS <sup>2/</sup>	900	2,200	300
NC <sup>2/</sup>	400	300	100
OK	8,500	4,500	22,000
SC <sup>2/</sup>	80	1,200	500
TX	20,000	33,000	12,000
<b>U.S. ALL PECANS</b>	<b>172,900</b>	<b>282,100</b>	<b>177,300</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Budded, grafted, or top worked varieties. <sup>2/</sup> Estimated for current year carried forward from earlier forecast.