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PECAN PRODUCTION

ARIZONA

Arizona's utilized pecan production in 2023 is estimated at a record high 45.50 million pounds, up 12 percent from the utilized production of 40.80 million pounds realized in 2022. Bearing acreage, at 26,000 acres, is up 8 percent from the previous year. The average yield per acre totaled 1,750 pounds, up 50 pounds from the previous year.

The 2023 price per pound in Arizona, at \$1.62, was \$0.80 lower than in 2022, and the lowest price per pound since 2012. The value of pecan production in Arizona for the 2023 crop year totaled \$73.71 million dollars, down 25 percent from 2022.

NEW MEXICO

New Mexico's utilized pecan production in 2023 is estimated at a record high 100.00 million pounds, up 28 percent from the utilized production of 77.90 million pounds realized in 2022. Bearing acreage, at 50,000 acres, is up 2 percent from the previous year. The average yield per acre totaled 2,000 pounds, up 410 pounds from the previous year.

The 2023 price per pound in New Mexico, at \$1.76, was \$0.13 lower than in 2022. The value of pecan production in New Mexico for the 2023 crop year totaled \$176.00 million dollars, up 20 percent from 2022.

UNITED STATES

Utilized production in 2023 totaled 271 million pounds, down 6 percent from 2022. Bearing acreage was estimated at 441,000, down slightly from the previous year. The average yield was 616 pounds per acre, down 36 pounds from the previous year. In 2023, the value of the crop totaled \$460 million, down 12 percent from the previous season with an average annual price of \$1.69 per pound.

Improved variety pecan production, at 258 million pounds, decreased 8 percent from the previous year. Improved variety pecans accounted for 95 percent of the United States total pecan production. Native and seedling variety production totaled 13.8 million pounds, up 76 percent from 2022. New Mexico had the highest utilized production (in-shell basis) at 100 million pounds, followed by Georgia at 88.3 million pounds (in-shell basis).

For a full copy of the *Pecan Production* report, please visit <u>www.nass.usda.gov</u>. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your USDA NASS State Statistician at 1-800-392-3202.

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