



Arkansas Pecan Production Report

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This report contains the results from the **2009 October Pecan Inquiry**. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar> and in a more detailed report at the Internet address above. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaire and/or interview for this survey.

Pecan Utilized Production, Forecast Up in Arkansas

Arkansas Pecans: Pecan production in Arkansas, as of October 1, 2009, is forecast at 2.3 million pounds, up 53 percent from the 2008 production of 1.5 million pounds but the same as 2007. Improved pecan varieties are expected to account for 65 percent of the 2009 production, while the remaining 35 percent produced are from native and seedling varieties. Arkansas pecan production has recovered to levels prior to last year's hurricane activity.

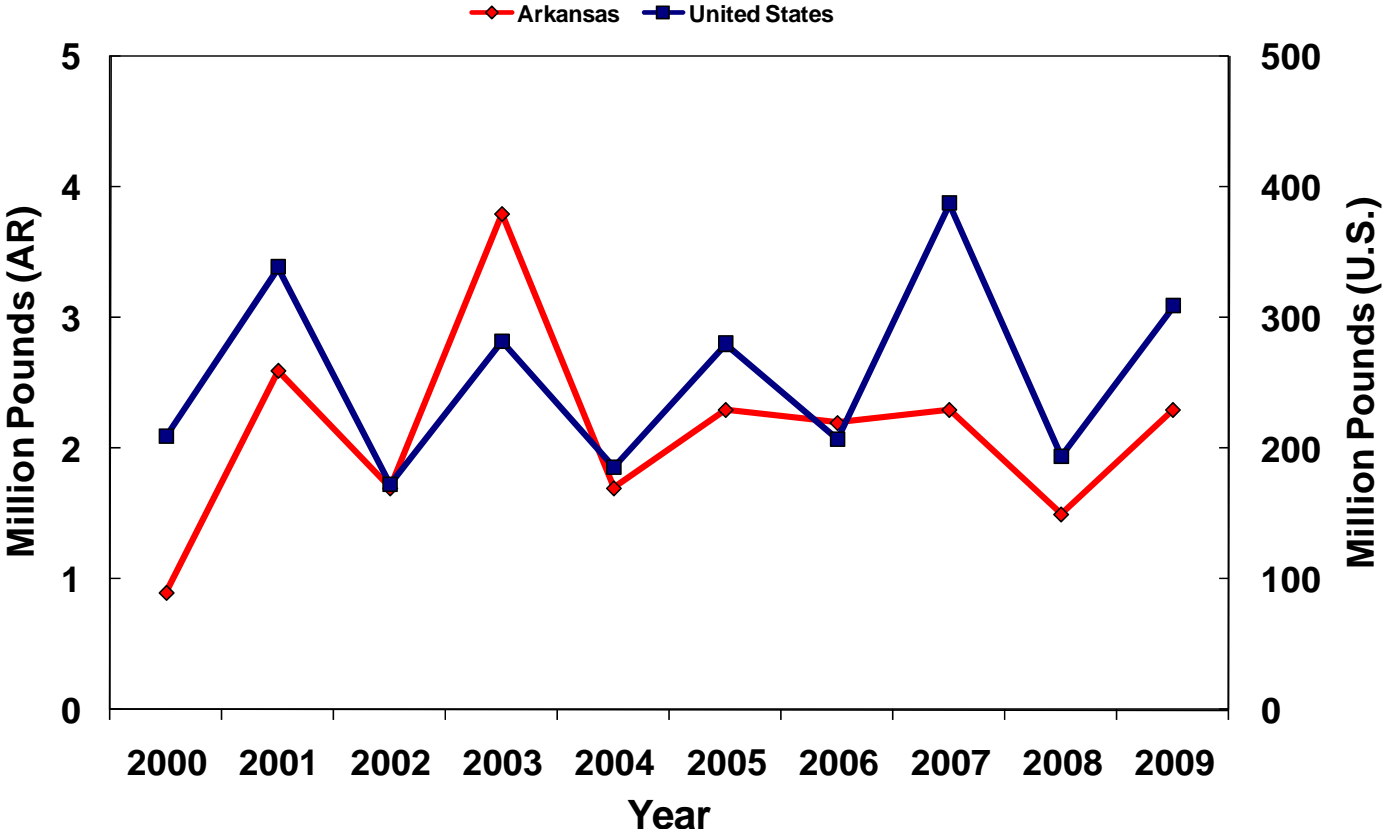
U.S. Pecans: The October 1, 2009, United States forecast of pecan utilized production is 309 million pounds (in-shell basis), up 59 percent from last year's crop but 20 percent below 2007. Improved varieties are expected to produce 264 million pounds or 85 percent of the total, while native and seedling varieties, at 45.5 million pounds, make up the remaining 15 percent. The 2009 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.

**Pecans: Utilized Production by State and United States,
2007-2008 and Forecasted October 1, 2009**

State	Utilized Production			% Change from '08
	2007	2008	2009	
	1,000 Pounds			
Alabama	12,000	8,000	13,000	+ 63
Arizona	23,000	17,500	24,000	+ 37
Arkansas	2,300	1,500	2,300	+ 53
California	4,400	3,750	3,800	+ 1
Florida	1,900	1,700	2,100	+ 24
Georgia	150,000	70,000	90,000	+ 29
Kansas	500	1,900	1,700	- 11
Louisiana	14,000	5,000	8,000	+ 60
Mississippi	3,000	1,500	2,500	+ 67
Missouri	5	940	1,800	+ 91
New Mexico	74,000	43,000	76,000	+ 77
North Carolina ¹	200	700		
Oklahoma	30,000	5,000	20,000	+ 400
South Carolina	2,000	3,400	4,000	+ 18
Texas	70,000	30,000	60,000	+ 200
United States	387,305	193,890	309,200	+ 59

¹ Estimates discontinued in 2009.

Pecan Production, All Varieties, Arkansas and U.S., 2000-2009¹



¹ Forecasted production for 2009 as of October 1, 2009.