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FOR MEMBERS OF THE LOUISIANA PECAN GROWERS ASSOCIATION

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Upcoming Events

Southeastern Pecan Growers Convention

February 24-26, 2017

Biloxi, MS

Contact vickijenkins.sepga@live.com

Georgia Pecan Growers Conference & Trade Show

March 28-29, 2017

Tifton, GA

Contact:

janice@georgiapecan.com

Pecan School (Beginners' Class)

April 18, 2017

Tifton, GA

Contact Debbie Rutland at 229-386-3424

San Saba (TX) Pecan Field Day

May 1, 2017

San Saba, TX

For information, call

February 2017

Message from the President

by Stephen Norman

From what I hear, the 2016-17 crop was a mixture of good and bad. Here at Rosalie we had our largest crop ever, and quality for the most part was pretty good.



Other growers in Rapides

Parish did not fare so well. The word I hear from around the state is that the crop was better than had been expected. Prices were decent; our improved pecans went for an average of \$2/lb.

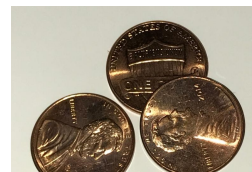
I have not yet heard of any plans for a spring workshop, but we'll put the word out as soon as something is known. Be sure to put on your calendar the dates for the TriState Pecanference which will be held in Monroe this year on June 22-23.

It looks like we're off to an early warm spring, so hurry up and get your equipment ready! Best of luck to all in the coming year!

Federal Marketing Order Update

adapted from American Pecan Board website

Although the American Pecan Council's assessment on Pecans for the 2016 crop



325-372-5416

TriState ArkLaMiss Pecanference

June 22-23, 2017

Monroe, LA

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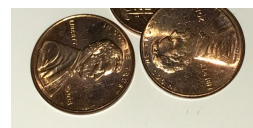
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will not be officially published in the Federal Register until early in 2017, it will be retroactive to October 1, 2016. What this means is that Handlers of Pecans will be required to pay assessments on pecans for the entire 2016 crop. The amounts of the assessments are as follows: 3c/lb on improved pecans, and 2c/lb on native/seedling pecans and substandard pecans. Substandard pecans are things like blowouts, sticktights, cracks, etc.

Many of you do not need to worry about paying the assessment. If you sell your pecans wholesale, then it's up to the buyer or accumulator to pay. My personal case is a little different. My pecans are managed by Sherman on a "share-crop" basis. I get a percentage of the total crop. Of these, I shelled just under 12,000 pounds. The assessment on these came to just over \$350, which I have sent to the American Pecan Council. The remainder of my share of the pecans was sold by Sherman to someone else, that person being responsible for paying the assessment on those pecans.

I made a little Excel spreadsheet to calculate my assessment, and you can download it below. If you have Excel, get the ".xls" file. If you do not have Excel, you can get the ".pdf" version and use your pencil and calculator.

[Click here for the EXCEL \(.xls\) file!](#)

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**2017 TriState Pecanference
June 22-23,2017 - Monroe, LA**

The conference this year will be held in Monroe, LA on June 22-23, 2017. The venue is the Clarion Inn & Suites & Conference Center. Basically it sits at the intersection of I-20 and US-165, and the street address is 1051 Martin Luther King Jr Drive.



Location for the orchard tour is still under discussion, and the program is in the planning stage, but basically we plan to use the same basic format as in recent years. More information will be forthcoming soon, along with registration forms.

You can begin reserving your rooms now. The phone number is (318) 387-5100. Rooms have been reserved - ask for "TriState Pecan" - at \$86 for king or double. Rates include full breakfast. To get these rates, be sure to call before June 1.

If you want to look for cheaper rooms, you may find within walking distance a Motel 6 and a Stratford Inn.

PECAN TREE INSURANCE NOW AVAILABLE

Pecan growers now have a new risk management tool beginning with the **2018 crop year which runs from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.**

AgriLogic Consulting of College Station, Texas developed the program in conjunction with a number of state and regional pecan grower associations and by working with industry representatives and specialists. The program will provide insurance protection for pecan trees in commercial orchards. This is a separate policy from the existing Pecan Revenue Crop Insurance Program which covers the production of the crop itself. Numerous weather-related perils such as hurricanes, tornadoes, ice storms, and floods will be covered. The product will reimburse growers for the cost of rehabilitating or replacing trees (including tree and debris removal) in the event a covered peril causes significant damage to an orchard.



Visit the United States Department of Agriculture Risk Management Agency (USDA RMA) website

to learn more about the program. **Interested growers will need to visit with their crop insurance agents before the May 15th, 2017 sales closing date if they wish to participate in the program for the upcoming crop year.** Visit the USDA RMA Agent Locator tool by clicking below.

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Andrew Moran 225-362-7717, Might be interested in good logs down to 18" diameter.
andew@midcityhandmade.com.

Facebook Page for LPGA

We now have a presence on Facebook at www.facebook.com/louisianapecangrowers. If you use Facebook, go there and "Like" the page to "join". Then you will receive any updates we post there. We don't expect to use it to replace any of our existing communications, but hope that it might attract new members. Also, in the fall it is a good place to share pricing information quickly.

Advertising Space Available

For any questions about our LOW advertising rates, please contact Stephen Norman 318-448-3139 or pecans@rosaliepecans.com, or you can

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Membership Renewal

Membership in Louisiana Pecan Growers Association comes with several benefits. Members receive the quarterly newsletter by email free of charge, or by mail for an extra \$10. Members get a discounted subscription price for *Pecan South* and *The Pecan Grower* magazines, and discounted rates for conventions and workshops. Members can have one free classified ad in the newsletter and on the website, and discounted rates for other advertising. As the website is improved, there eventually will be areas available only to members. Of course there is also the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping the organization maintain the goals of education and promotion of the pecan industry. Our dues are much less than those of sister organizations such as Texas and Georgia.

For any questions about your membership dues, please contact Sarah Mason
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