

# The Kernel



FOR MEMBERS OF THE LOUISIANA PECAN GROWERS ASSOCIATION

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## Upcoming Events

### Oklahoma Pecan Growers Annual Conf

Quapaw, OK

June 14-16, 2018

[info@okpecangrowers.com](mailto:info@okpecangrowers.com)

### TriState ArkLaMiss Pecanference

Raymond, MS

June 21-22, 2018

For details, contact

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or 318-448-3139

### Texas Pecan Growers Annual Conference

San Marcos, TX

July 15-18, 2018

Contact TPGA at 979-846-3285 or [pecans@tpga.org](mailto:pecans@tpga.org)

## Quick Links

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June 2018

## 2018 TriState Pecanference Program

If you haven't registered yet, you still can. Or you can register at the door. Registration will open at 9am on Thursday, June 21 at Eagle Ridge Conference Center, 1500 Raymond Lake Rd, Raymond, Mississippi. Breakfast will be served there, whether you stay there or not. We will then drive the 5 minute drive to the orchards at Pecan Hill Farms, 19470 MS-18, Raymond, MS.

### Thursday, June 21st

9:00a Registration & Breakfast (provided) at Eagle Ridge Conference Center, 1500 Raymond Lake Rd, Raymond, MS

9:45 Drive to Pecan Hill Farms  
19470 MS-18, Raymond, MS

10:00 Welcome & Announcements  
Max Draughn, President, Mississippi Pecan Growers Association

10:15 Orchard Tour - Max Draughn

12:00 Picnic Lunch at orchards

1:00p Drone demonstration by Louis Wasson

1:30 Free range of orchard with Q&A

2:30 Adjourn, drive to Eagle Ridge

3:00 Exhibit Hall Opens

4:00 General Membership Meetings by State

5:00 Board Meetings by State

6:00 Reception in Exhibit Hall

[Membership info](#)



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Heavy hors d'ouvres & hospitality suite

**Friday, June 22nd  
Eagle Ridge Conference Center**

7:30a Breakfast (provided)

8:30 Welcome  
Presidents of LPGA, MPGA, and APGA

8:40 Morning Session: Moderator - Rebecca Melanson

8:40 Unmanned Aerial Systems in Agriculture  
Mr. Louis Wasson, Sr Ext Associate,  
Geosystems Research Inst, MSU, Starkville, MS

9:10 Legal Methods for Controlling Wild Pigs  
Mr. Bill Hamrick, Extension Associate, MSU,  
Starkville, MS

9:40 The American Pecan - Marketing Update  
Ms. Caroline Lainio, VP, Weber Shandwick,  
Chicago, IL

9:55 American Pecan Council Update  
Mr. Mike Adams, Chairman, Am Pecan Council

10:10 Break

10:30 U.S. Pecan Growers Council Update  
Mr. Kevin Ivey, President, U.S. Pecan Growers  
Council, Clint, TX

11:00 Pecan Production in China  
Dr. Haijun Zhu, Institute of Pomology, Jiangsu  
Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Nanjing,  
China

11:30 Analysis: Pecan Nut Export to China and  
Market Demographics  
Ms. Sally Arn, Marketing Director, Carter Pecan  
- Arnco, Inc., Panama City Beach, FL

12:00 Lunch (provided)

1:00p Afternoon Session: Moderator - Charlie  
Graham

1:00 Sustainable Practices to Mitigate Food  
Safety Risk and Utilize By-Product from Pecan  
Ms. Karuna Kharel and Mr. Cameron Cason,  
Graduate Research Assts, School of Nutrition &  
Food Sciences, LSU AgCenter, Baton Rouge,

LA

1:30 Pecan Insect Roundup

Dr. Blake Layton, Extension Entomologist, MSU,  
Starkville, MS

2:00 Prionus Root Bores & Walnut Caterpillars

Dr. Dennis Ring, Extension Entomologist, LSU  
AgCenter, Baton Rouge, LA

2:15 Review of Winter Chilling Requirements in  
Pecan

Dr. Eric Stafne, Extension/Research  
Horticulturist, MSU, Poplarville, MS

2:40 Pecan Tree Crop Insurance

Ms. Nicole Gueck, Risk Management Specialist,  
AgriLogic Consulting, College Station, TX

3:00 Break

3:20 A Review of Bunch Disease

Dr. Rebecca Melanson, Extension Plant  
Pathologist, MSU, Raymond, MS

3:35 Help! I've Got Pecan Problems!

Dr. Charlie Graham, Extension/Research  
Horticulturist, LSU AgCenter, Bossier City, LA

4:00 Pecan Crop Estimate

Ben Littlepage, Pecan Prognosticator and  
Grower, Colfax, LA

The conference will be held at Eagle Ridge Conference Center, on the campus of Hinds Community College in Raymond, Mississippi. The address is 1500 Raymond Lake Road, Raymond MS 39154, and the phone number is (601) 857-7100. Rooms have been reserved - ask for "TriState Pecan" - at \$85. To get these rates, be sure to call before May 31.

If you want to look for cheaper rooms, or if Eagle Ridge sells out, you should be able to find something in nearby Clinton, MS (see next section for suggestions).

### **Additional Information for Conference**

Breakfast will be provided both Thursday and Friday at the Eagle Ridge Conference Center,

whether you stay there or not.

The picnic lunch in the orchard on Thursday will be prepared by Chef Jay Pickle of Tri Delta Pecan, Greenville, MS. The word is that he will be doing one of his specialties: fried fish with all the fixin's. You won't want to miss this!

Susan Draughn, the First Lady of pecans in Mississippi, has graciously provided the following information to augment your stay in the Raymond area.

**Places to stay near Raymond in Clinton, MS:**

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

Hampton Inn & Suites

Comfort Inn & Suites

Super 8

Econo-Lodge

Quality Inn

Days Inn

**Where to Eat near Raymond:**

H.D. Gibbes & Sons, 140 Main Street,  
Learned, MS (cash and check only) - old country  
store - steaks, lamb, seafood

Hibachi Express, 130 Port Gibson Street,  
Raymond

Picantes Grill, 132 Port Gibson Street,  
Raymond

Penn's Fish House, 12698 Hwy 18, Raymond

Sylvester's BBQ, 9434 Hwy 18, Raymond

**What to Do:**

You-Pick Blueberries & Blackberries at Pecan  
Hill Farms, 19470 Hwy 18, Raymond, 7 am to 1  
p.m. on Friday

Casinos in Vicksburg

Golf at Eagle Ridge Conference Center

Eudora Welty House and Garden, 1119

Pinehurst Place, Jackson

Wyatt Waters Gallery, 307 Jefferson Street,  
Clinton

Shopping - Renaissance, Highland Colony  
Parkway, Ridgeland

Shopping - Dogwood Festival, Lakeland Drive,  
Flowood

**Bug Alert! Pecan Walnut Caterpillar  
already in southwest Louisiana**

Keith Hawkins, extension agent in DeRidder, has received a report of small walnut caterpillars in pecan trees. Our entomologist Dr. Dennis Ring suggests Dipel as an insecticide that will be less harmful to beneficial insects than some others. He reminds us that the egg masses are easy to spot at night with a flashlight by looking up under the leaves.

## Suggest a Topic!

We're always looking for topics that will help the most people. Please suggest a topic that has been on your mind, or a favorite speaker you would like to hear again.

[Click here to suggest a topic!](#)

## "No Pecan Picking" Signs

LPGA has had printed yard-type signs with the organization logo and "No Pecan Picking" on one side. These are available for sale to members at cost: \$7/each, including the wire mount. Contact Stephen Norman, [lapecans1926@gmail.com](mailto:lapecans1926@gmail.com) or 318-448-3139. I can ship to you for the cost of the postage and a box. Alternately, I can bring to a meeting for you to pick up and save on shipping.



## Classified Ads

**WANTED:** Pecan logs 30" diameter or larger. 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](http://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 [Click here for ad rates and application!](#)

## 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 \$20. Members get a discounted subscription price for *Pecan South* and *The Pecan Grower* magazines, and discounted rates for conventions and workshops. An active member generally makes up in savings for the \$50 annual fee. 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 Stephen Norman 318-448-3139  
or lapecans1926@gmail.com.

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(the Executive Committee)**

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**The Last Shuck**



“You need to ask yourself, Am I a *pecan* or a *pecan*’?”

CartoonStock.com

*[submit your entry for The Last Shuck to  
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