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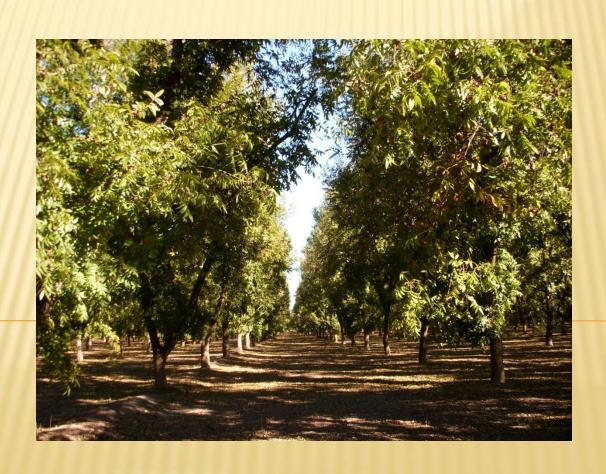
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# 2010/2011 PECAN CROP OVERVIEW



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# INTERNATIONAL TRADE

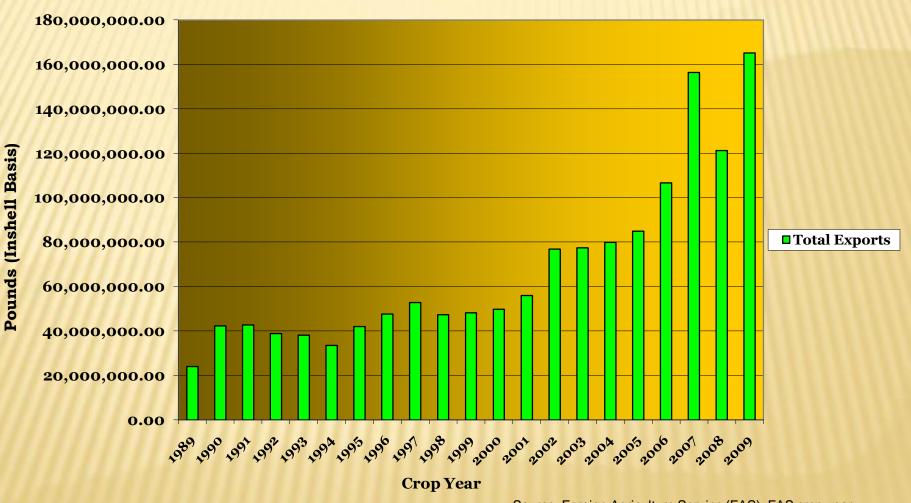
# 'SHOWMETHE MONEY'

# THINGS THAT GOUP

INTERNATIONAL TRADE	"SHOW ME THE MONEY"	THINGS THAT GO UP
\$100	\$100	\$100
\$200	\$200	\$200
\$300	\$300	\$300

INTERNATIONAL TRADE	"SHOW ME THE MONEY"	THINGS THAT GO UP
165,158,605 lbs	\$100	\$100
\$200	\$200	\$200
\$300	\$300	\$300

#### PECAN EXPORTS



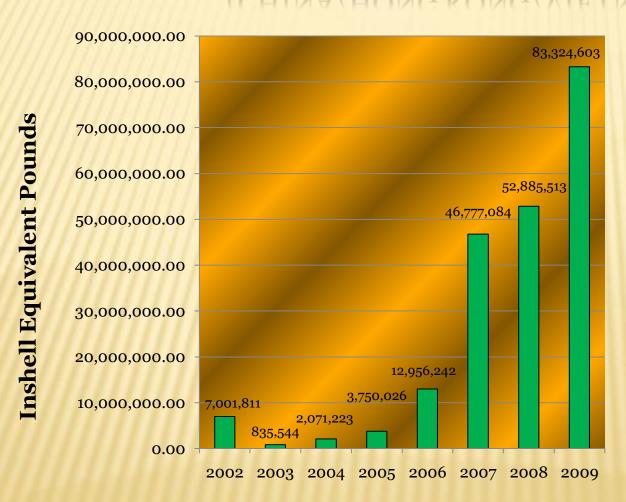
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#### CHINA

- Exports to China now account for almost 1/3 of US Pecan production, almost 55% or US Pecan exports and almost 22% of total worldwide production
- With the exception of China, shipments to most major Pecan users have declined over the past two years.
- Exports to China have created severe meat shortages in both the domestic & export markets and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

#### TOTAL EXPORTS TO CHINA

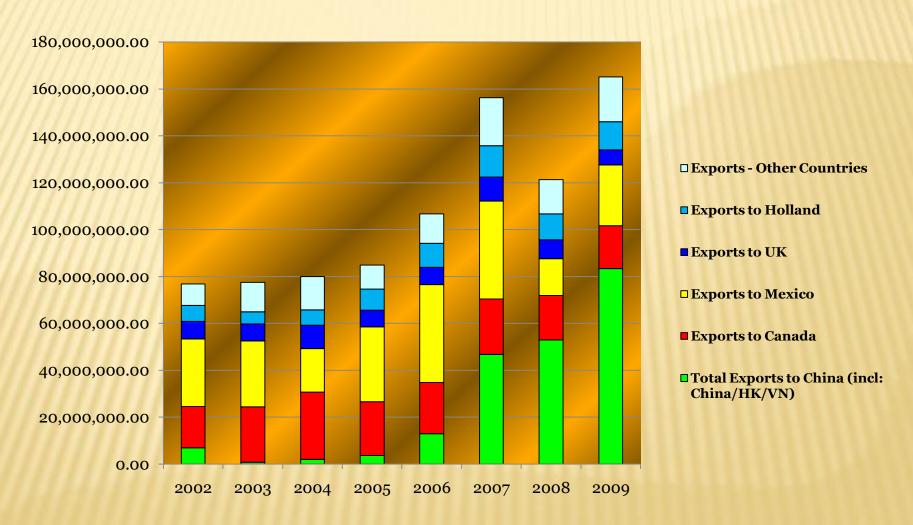
#### (CHINA/HONG KONG/VIETNAM)



■ Total Exports to China (incl: China/HK/VN)

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#### **EXPORTS BY COUNTRY**



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#### US CONSUMPTION VS. EXPORTS

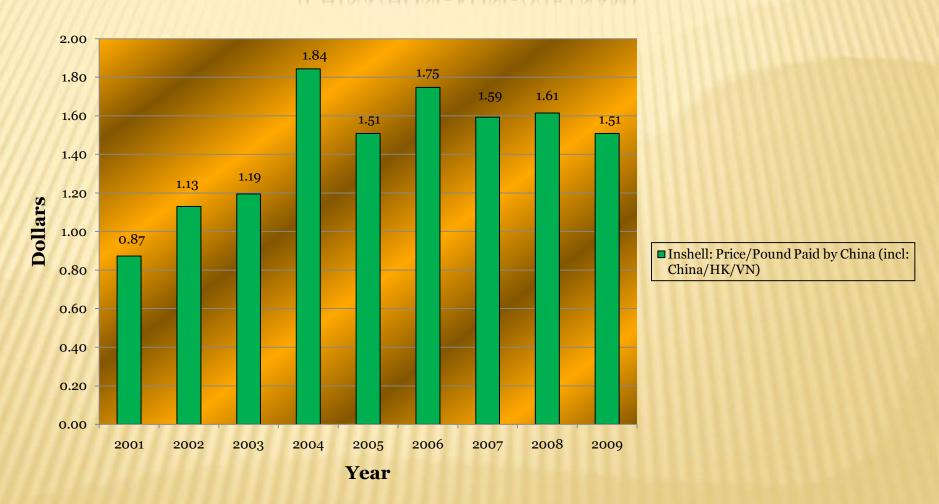


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	\$100	\$100
\$200	\$200	\$200
\$300	\$300	\$300

INTERNATIONAL TRADE	"SHOW ME THE MONEY"	THINGS THAT GO UP
	\$1.51/lb	\$100
\$200	\$200	\$200
\$300	\$300	\$300

#### INSHELL: PRICE/POUND PAID BY CHINA

(CHINA/HONG KONG/VIETNAM)



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#### WHAT WILL CONSUMERS DO?

- The average price paid for 2009 crop inshell by the Chinese was \$1.51/lb
- From August 1, 2010 thru October 31, 2010, the average price paid by the Chinese had fallen to \$1.48/lb
- By November 31<sup>st</sup>, the average price paid by the Chinese had jumped to \$1.74/lb with the November purchases averaging \$1.83/lb

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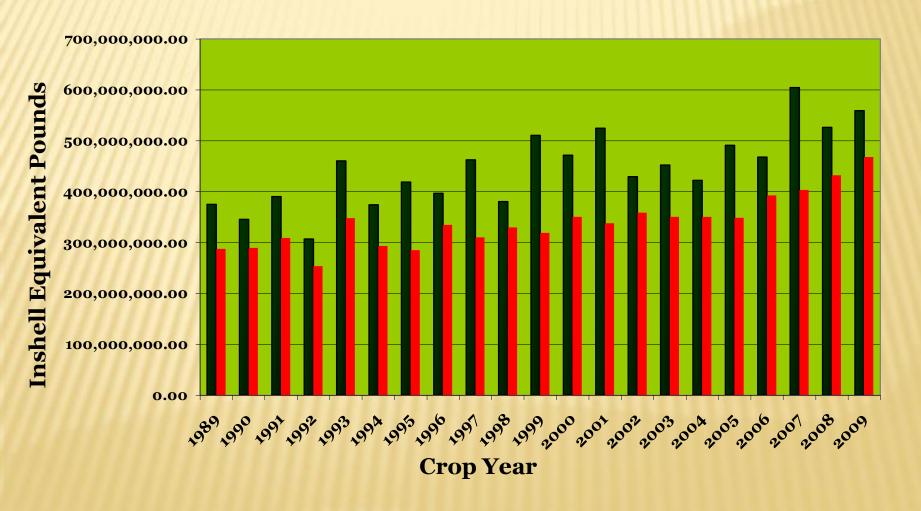
- By December 31, 2010, the Chinese were paying approximately \$3.00/lb for inshell
- Not only did the Chinese raise meat prices by over 60% in the US, they raised their own costs almost 100%

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		\$100
\$200	\$200	\$200
\$300	\$300	\$300

INTERNATIONAL TRADE	"SHOW ME THE MONEY"	THINGS THAT GO UP
		468,247,487 lbs
\$200	\$200	\$200
\$300	\$300	\$300

#### TOTAL SUPPLY/CONSUMPTION





INTERNATIONAL TRADE	"SHOW ME THE MONEY"	THINGS THAT GO UP
\$200	\$200	\$200
\$300	\$300	\$300

INTERNATIONAL TRADE	"SHOW ME THE MONEY"	THINGS THAT GO UP
\$200	\$200	S. Africa
\$300	\$300	\$300

#### PECAN EXPORTING COUNTRIES

- United States
- Mexico
- Australia
- South Africa
- Peru
- Israel

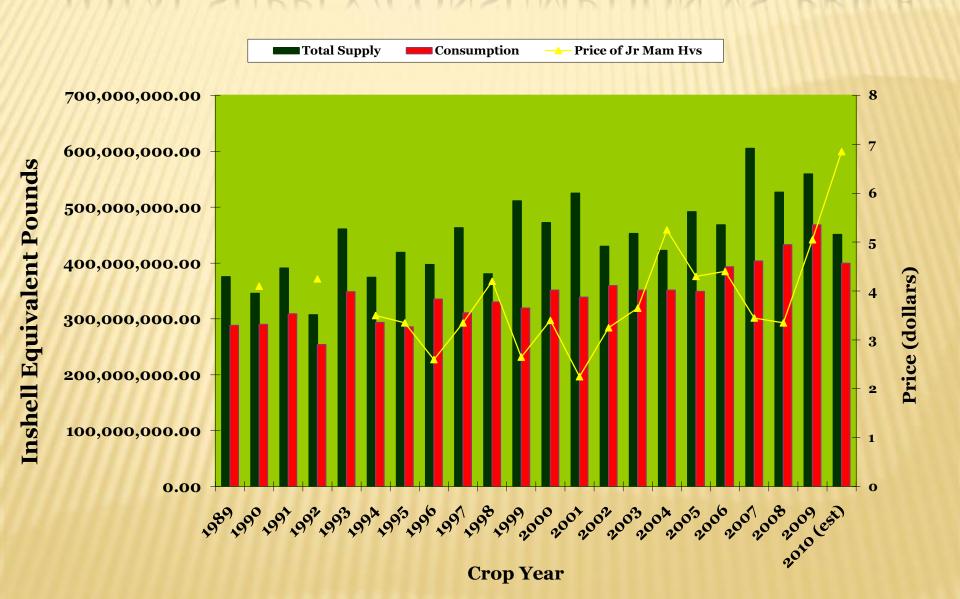
- >257,000,000 lbs
- \* >113,000,000 lbs
- \* < 8,000,000 lbs
- \* < 8,000,000 lbs
- \* < 1,000,000 lbs
- \* < 300,000 lbs

# COUNTRIES PLANTING PECANS INCLUDE CHILE, ARGENTINA, BRAZIL AND CHINA

INTERNATIONAL TRADE	"SHOW ME THE MONEY"	THINGS THAT GO UP
\$200	\$200	
\$300	\$300	\$300

INTERNATIONAL TRADE	"SHOW ME THE MONEY"	THINGS THAT GO UP
\$200	\$7.00	
\$300	\$300	\$300

#### TOTAL SUPPLY/CONSUMPTION VS. PRICE



#### FACTORS THAT IMPACTED PRICING

#### China

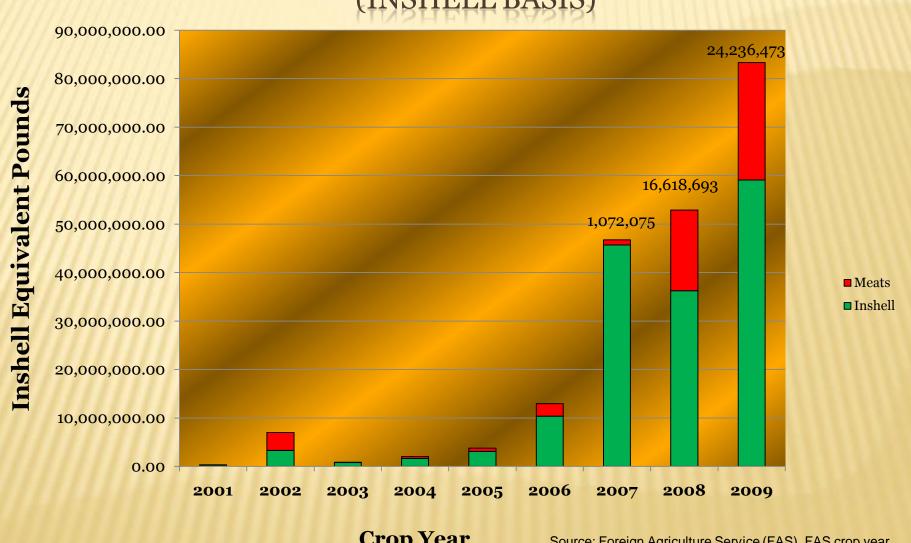
- Heavy purchases in 2009/2010 led to early shortages
- Pressure on market from Chinese speculators
- Loss of approximately 25% of industry's shelling capacity
- Late crop
- No cheap alternatives

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\$200		
\$300	\$300	\$300

INTERNATIONAL TRADE	"SHOW ME THE MONEY"	THINGS THAT GO UP
10,664,048 lbs or 24,236,473 lbs		
\$300	\$300	\$300

#### MEAT VS. INSHELL EXPORTS TO CHINA

(INSHELL BASIS)



**Crop Year** 

Source: Foreign Agriculture Service (FAS). FAS crop year runs from August 1 to July 31

INTERNATIONAL TRADE	"SHOW ME THE MONEY"	THINGS THAT GO UP
\$300	\$300	\$300

INTERNATIONAL TRADE	"SHOW ME THE MONEY"	THINGS THAT GO UP
163,067,000	\$300	\$300

#### **MEXICAN IMPORTS**



INTERNATIONAL TRADE	"SHOW ME THE MONEY"	THINGS THAT GO UP
	\$300	\$300

#### LET'S PLAY JEOPARDY!

INTERNATIONAL TRADE	"SHOW ME THE MONEY"	THINGS THAT GO UP
	'In God We Trust' - All others must pay CASH	\$300

#### INSHELL PURCHASING

- Unlike the Almond and Walnut industries, most Pecan Shellers are not Growers
- Prior to 2002, the bulk of the financing to purchase inshell came from commercial banks
- After 2001, the banks pulled out of the business of financing the purchase of raw agricultural commodities

#### INSHELL PURCHASING

- The Shelling industry had to find other ways to secure enough capital to purchase the inventory
- Many Shellers worked out financing agreements with various growers
- Starting in 2007, the Chinese started purchasing inshell directly from the growers and paid cash

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		\$300

#### LET'S PLAY JEOPARDY!

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		Excluding raw material financing, next largest item impacting the bottom line.

#### FOOD SAFETY & SALMONELLA

- Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI)
- Safe Quality Food (SQF)
  - Shelling industry is spending millions of dollars to meet SQF requirements mandated by the food industry
- Grocery Manufacturers Association (GMA)
  - \* 'Nut Industry Handbook' http://www.gmaonline.org/science/index.cfm
- USDA Food Safety Regulations

#### FOOD SAFETY & SALMONELLA

- Unlike Almond, Peanut and Pistachio industry, the Pecan industry has no data on prevalence of Salmonella in the orchards nor has the industry established GAP's or GMP's
- Industry is in the first of a 4 year Salmonella prevalence study.
- \* Upon completion, industry must establish GAP's & GMP's

# FINAL JEOPARDY CATEGORY FOR TODAY

## 'SUPPLY-SIDE' ECONOMICS

## 68 MILLION POUNDS

#### STATISTICS

*	2009	Carry-over
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- 2010 USDA US crop estimate
- 2010 Imports from Mexico (est.)
- Total Supply (estimate)
- Minimal Carryout needed
- Anticipated Available Supply
- 2009 Consumption
- Anticipated Shortfall

91,033,300

259,660,000

100,000,000

450,693,300

-50,000,000

400,693,300

-468,247,487

-67,554,187

### QUESTIONS?