

# Pecan Production Calendar

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## January

Thin overcrowded orchards  
Prune, hedge or train trees  
Plant/move trees  
Lime, zinc, phosphorous and magnesium may be applied  
Clean up limbs/debris  
Service/repair equipment  
Collect and store graft wood  
Dig trees  
Plant Nuts

## February

Fertilize dryland orchards according to leaf and soil analysis  
Apply potassium to dry and irrigated orchards  
Lime, zinc, phosphorous and magnesium may be applied unless done previously  
Thin overcrowded orchards  
Hedge trees  
Prune/train trees  
Plant/move trees  
Apply sethoxydim for rye grass suppression and clover release  
Service/repair equipment  
Clean up limbs/debris  
Collect and store graft wood  
Whip graft  
Plant nuts  
Dig trees

## March

Fertilize dryland orchards if not completed  
Apply potassium to dry and irrigated orchards if not completed  
Complete pruning, training, thinning and planting  
Plant nuts  
Whip graft  
Spring bud  
Begin fungicide sprays at budbreak  
Treat trees with history of phylloxera at budbreak

## April

Make first application of N to irrigated orchards  
Apply foliar zinc sprays beginning with 2nd fungicide application if needed  
Apply foliar boron sprays  
Apply nickel sprays to mouse ear affected trees at parachute stage  
Apply herbicides  
Continue fungicide sprays at 14 day intervals  
Scout for insect pests and spray as needed  
Irrigate as needed  
Bark graft  
Four flap graft

## May

Continue foliar zinc sprays  
Apply foliar boron sprays  
Irrigate as needed  
Continue fungicide sprays at 14 day intervals  
Spray for pecan nut casebearer as scouting indicates need (usually around May 15)  
Scout and spray for pests as needed  
Keep orchard mowed (unless allowing clover to re-seed)

## June

Examine June drop and determine cause (pollination or insect induced)  
Irrigate as needed  
Apply herbicide as needed  
Make 2nd fertilizer application to mature trees if needed  
Fertilize 1st year trees exhibiting good growth  
Make second nickel application for mouse ear affected trees as needed  
Apply fungicide at 14 day intervals  
(close to 10 days during wet weather toward end of month)  
Scout for yellow aphids and black aphids; spray as needed  
Scout and spray for casebearer and hickory shuck worm as needed  
Keep orchard mowed (mechanical or chem. mow)

## July

Take leaf samples for nutrient analysis  
Soil samples may also be taken  
Irrigate as needed  
Patch bud beginning at end of month  
Apply herbicide as needed  
Apply fungicide at 14 day intervals  
(close to 10 days during wet weather)  
Scout and spray for insect pests as needed  
Pay attention to mite populations, especially in hot, dry weather  
Keep orchard mowed  
Order trees for new planting

## August

Make 2nd or 3rd N application if needed during "on" year (not needed with short crop)  
Irrigate as needed  
*Be sure to maintain adequate soil moisture beginning in mid August as nuts begin to fill*  
Keep orchard mowed  
Patch bud  
Apply fungicides at 14 day intervals  
Apply herbicides as needed  
Monitor for pecan weevil and hickory shuck worm  
*Keep leaves free of aphids and mites*  
Scout and spray as needed for insect pests  
Order trees for new planting  
Prepare for Pawnee harvest by mowing orchard, remove debris and servicing equipment

## September

Prepare for harvest by mowing orchard, remove debris and servicing equipment

Harvest Pawnee

*Be sure to maintain adequate soil moisture as nuts fill*

Patch bud

*Keep leaves free of aphids and mites*

Scout for pecan weevil and hickory shuck worm

Scout and spray as needed for insect pests

Fungicide sprays may be needed under heavy disease pressure

## October

Prepare for harvest by mowing orchard, remove debris and servicing equipment

Make Fall nickel application to severely deficient trees

Early harvesting may begin

Nuts may need mechanical drying

Market crop

Continue irrigation as needed

Prepare site for new planting

Apply herbicide as needed

Be aware of pre-harvest intervals for all chemicals applied

## November

Harvest early for top quality and price

Don't allow pecans to lie on ground for extended period of time

Market crop

Prepare site for new planting

Prevent damage to crop for nuisance wildlife

## December

Continue harvest and marketing of crop if not complete

Prune/train trees

Lime, zinc, phosphorous and magnesium may be applied

Remove debris

Plant trees

Service/repair equipment

Thin overcrowded orchards

Soil test

Dig nursery trees