



Georgia Pecan Production Calendar



January

Thin overcrowded orchards

Prune or train trees

Plant/Move Trees

Lime, zinc, phosphorous, and magnesium may be applied

Clean up limbs/debris

Service/Repair Equipment

Collect & store graftwood

Dig Trees

Plant nuts

Attend GPGA session at Georgia Fruit & Vegetable Growers Convention

February

Fertilize dryland orchards according to leaf and soil analysis

Apply potassium to dry and irrigated orchards

Lime, zinc, phosphorous, magnesium may be applied unless done previously

Thin overcrowded orchards

Prune/train trees

Plant/move trees

Service/Repair Equipment

Clean up limbs/debris

Collect & store graftwood

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

Attend SE Pecan Growers Association Annual Convention



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April

Make first application of N to irrigated orchards
Apply foliar zinc sprays beginning with 2nd fungicide application if needed
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
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)
Attend GPGA Annual Convention (1st Thursday in May)

June

Examine June drop and determine cause (pollination or insect induced)
Irrigate as needed
Apply herbicide as 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 shuckworm as needed
Keep orchard mowed



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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 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 herbicide as needed
Monitor for pecan weevil and hickory shuckworm
Keep leaves free of aphids and mites
Scout and spray as needed for insect pests
Order trees for new planting

September

Prepare for harvest by mowing orchard, remove debris, service equipment
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 shuckworm
Scout and spray as needed for insect pests
Fungicide sprays may be needed under heavy disease pressure
Attend GPGA Fall Field Day (2nd Thursday in September)



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October

Prepare for harvest by mowing orchard, remove debris, service equipment
Make fall nickel application to severely deficient trees
Early harvesting may begin
Nuts may need mechanical drying
Market crop
Continue irrigation as needed
Lime, zinc, phosphorous, and magnesium may be applied
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
Lime, zinc, phosphorous, and magnesium may be applied
Prepare site for new planting
Collect and stratify nuts for planting
Prevent damage to crop from 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