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## High Expectations in 2012

Randy Bryant, OPGA President

Another successful pecan convention has come and gone for 2012. The convention kicked off in Norman on June 21. Highlighted topics included global marketing, drought recovery, water rights and vacated pecan extension positions at Oklahoma State University. A trade show provided convention participants the chance to mingle with exhibitors and fellow pecan growers.

As usual, the pecan food show featured the best pecan dishes in the state. Winning recipes were auctioned that evening at the banquet. The auction was strong and demonstrated evidence of growers' interest in extension research. We thank the auction crew of Janna Kelley, Sue Hamilton and Justin McDaniel for their 15 years of help with the fundraising.

The field day was an excellent opportunity for pecan producers, both new and experienced, to gather information to implement within their own orchards. Presentations included thinning native trees; fertilization; pros and cons of running cattle in an orchard and the proper calibration of a spray rig. Equipment manufacturers demonstrated their products. We appreciated the Dr. Joe Kopta family for hosting the event near Pauls Valley, and Farm Credit Services of East Central Oklahoma for providing the meal.

The Oklahoma Pecan Growers' Association is developing their own web site. To better serve pecan growers in Oklahoma, convention proceedings will be posted at the new site.

With the prospect of a good 2012 pecan crop, we expect the attendance to be higher next year. Many of our pecan growers in Oklahoma are not members of our association. I challenge you to strengthen our organization by encouraging your friends and neighbors to join. One of my goals as president is to increase our membership. If you have any suggestions, please contact me.

Good luck in your fall harvest. Watch for our new website, and "like" Oklahoma Pecan Growers' Association on Facebook. If you have any suggestions or concerns, you may contact me at [rbryant@wildblue.net](mailto:rbryant@wildblue.net) or 580-320-1444.

**Pecan Kernel Necrosis**

Michael Smith, Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture

Pecan kernel necrosis is characterized by a dark necrotic area developing at the basal (stem) end in the dorsal groove. Severe symptoms include the entire 1/3 to 1/2 of the kernel basal end blackened, necrotic and shriveled (Fig. 1). A series of experiments has established that kernel necrosis is prevalent on 'Pawnee', common on 'Choctaw' and 'Oklahoma', and either does not occur or is rare on other cultivars. Kernel necrosis has been confirmed on 'Pawnee' in certain orchards in the Arkansas, Red and Rio Grande River Basins, but apparently does not happen on 'Pawnee' at several other sites. Kernel necrosis is slightly more frequent on young trees. The percentage of necrotic kernels decreases as yield increases. It was not related to temperature during selected fruit developmental stages. It is not caused by arthropod probing or feeding punctures nor related to N rate, but may be associated with either a Co deficiency or Li excess. One study suggested this malady might be exacerbated by vegetation control with glyphosate. Observations suggest that kernel necrosis may be suppressed by abundant K application, but this has not been confirmed experimentally.



**Fig. 1 - Pecan kernal necrosis**

**Check-off Program**

Bill Mackin

A national check off program would do a lot for the pecan industry. It would create an entity with full time employees who would be ready to respond to a crises should it occur. They could look after our interests in Washington. And they would generally promote pecans to both foreign and domestic consumers. I haven't seen statistics on this I would imagine that our domestic customers are on the older side so we need to cultivate younger people. It seems to me the way to do this is to educate the public of the health benefits of pecans and a national check off financed program would be the natural entity and the most successful over the long haul.

There must be a reason that the beef, egg, pork, honey, soy beans, and many other industries have these organizations that are financed by levies collected when their products are sold. We have all the same reasons these other industries have for forming trade organizations with real power because of the constant and reliable source of income. The pecan industry also has a unique reason why we need a national check off program. That reason is that because the price of pecans is so high that we sell a good part of our products directly to the customer and that means that there are less middle men and stores promoting our product.

**Horticulture Pecan Research Endowment**

Michael Smith, Dept. of Horticulture and L.A.

As of this writing contributions total \$86,100. Contributions to the fund will be used to endow a Professorship or as a perpetual endowment to support pecan research. Checks should be made out to the **O.S.U. Foundation** and mailed to **Michael Smith, Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, 360 Agricultural Hall, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK 74078.** Contributions to the Endowment are tax deductible.

Below is a list of those contributing to the endowment in 2012.

Frances Aldredge

**2012 OPGA Award Winners**

Field Day Hosts - Dr. Joe and Susan Kopta  
Grower of the year - Bob Knight  
Grove of the year - Dick Hoffman  
Herman Hinrichs award - Charles Rohla

**2011 State Pecan Show Awards**

**Largest Pecan:** Maramec, Walt Thrun, Rogers Co.  
41.9 nuts/lb, 57.2 % Kernel  
**Highest % Kernel:** Maramec, Walt Thrun, Rogers Co.  
41.9 nuts/lb, 57.2 % Kernel  
**Best of Show:** Maramec, Walt Thrun, Rogers Co.  
41.9 nuts/lb, 57.2 % Kernel

**2012 OPGA Food Show Grand Champions**

**Adult Division:**  
**Pecan Pies:** Linda Bryant, Ada  
Pecan Pie  
**Pecan Cakes:** Linda Bryant, Ada  
German Chocolate Cake  
**Pecan Bread & Rolls:** Conner Carroll, Tryon  
Pecan Pie Muffins  
**Pecan Cookies:** Ruth Ann Hightower, Ralston  
Orange Slice Cookies  
**Pecan Candy:** Suzen Ihle, Bristow  
Pecan Toffee  
**Salted & Spiced Pecans:** Linda Bryant, Ada  
Salted Pecans  
**Pecan Specialty Food:** Linda Bryant, Ada  
Pecan Pie Conserve

**Junior Division:**  
**Salted/Spiced Pecans:** Lauren Hoffman, Stillwater  
Cinnamon Pecans  
**Pecan Specialty Food:** Kade Hoffman, Stillwater  
Deviled Pecans



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Marilyn 972-236-3991  
[wallsfarm@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wallsfarm@sbcglobal.net)  
[wallsfamilyfarm.com](http://wallsfamilyfarm.com)

**ALMOND STREET COLD STORAGE, ABILENE, TX**

Will finance your storage and transportation cost until you sell your pecans. For more information, please call Larry Jones at 325-673-4801.

**FOR SALE - FMC 4300 Diesel shaker \$13,000.  
Call Tim Montz**

**FOR SALE: Nut Hustler harvester. \$5500. Air blast sprayer on two wheel trailer. \$1100. Both field ready. Pictures.**

**Fred Watson---okpecan@cablone.net.**

**FOR SALE BY OWNER**

38 acres, small progressive pecan operation. Property has 700 trees in four different varieties: Mohawk, Maramec, Pawnee and Oconee. There are currently 500 mature trees in production and 200 grafted. Two out buildings on the property, a 1800 sq.ft. shop with restroom and office and 4800 sq.ft. machine/sorting shed, below ground irrigation system as well as some above ground lines. Two large fishing ponds. Very nice 2500 sq.ft. home built in 1997, well groomed surroundings. Located between Hwy 69 and the Muskogee Turnpike, 10 minutes from Muskogee, 45 minutes from Tulsa. Secluded area near Arkansas River. Will provide photos upon request. 918-683-4017.

**TAKING ORDERS FOR CIRCLE PECAN WEE-VIL TRAPS.**

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**NEW PECAN BOOK --- by Wes Rice., Pecans - Volume II, A Grower's Perspective.**

Color pictures and descriptions of over 80 cultivars, including Oklahoma releases. Updates on all facets of pecan culture. Over 350 color pictures. Perfect bound - \$32.95+\$2.50 S&H and 8% sales tax or AG exemption. Hard cover - \$46.95 +\$3.00 S&H and 8% sales tax or AG exemption. Wes Rice, 580-765-7049, 333 Braden School Rd., Ponca City, OK 74604.

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