

## *Concho Valley Pecan News*

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### Concho Valley Pecan Show

We are pleased to announce that the Annual Concho Valley Pecan Show will be held on Friday, December 3rd at the Tom Green County Extension Office.

#### Concho Valley Pecan Show Schedule:

Pecan entries are due by 12pm on Wednesday, December 1st to the Extension Office (113 W. Beauregard). The Pecan Show (processing and judging) will occur Friday, December 3rd; results will be available in the extension office after judging is complete.

We will begin processing the pecans at 9:00am on December 3rd and welcome anyone who would like to help. Please contact me if you would be willing to volunteer to assist in shelling the pecans, and/or could provide any cracking or shelling equipment.

#### Entry Details:

Any pecan grower in the area may submit entries to the show and there is no entry fee. This includes Tom Green, Coke, Concho, Irion, McCulloch, Runnels, Schleicher and Sterling counties. There is no limit to the number of varieties entered, but participants are limited to one entry of each named variety they grow. The grower may enter as many seedlings, known hybrids or natives as they wish. The exhibitor must be the grower. Entries must be received by 12pm on Wednesday, December 1st in the Tom Green County Extension Office.

A minimum of 42 pecans are necessary for each entry. This sample of 42 should represent the variety or individual seedling tree and be uniform in size and shell color. Mixed samples - more than one variety in any entry - are disqualified.

***Attach contact information for the grower to the entry with name, address, email address and phone number; also include the variety name if known.***

The grower may wish to select the heaviest pecan by weighing individual nuts. This will eliminate poorly filled pecans, but certainly isn't an entry requirement. A varietal entry may be composed of

nuts from more than one tree. For example, if the grower has 10 Choctaw trees, each tree could contribute nuts to the grower's one Choctaw entry.

Nuts should be free of dust, dirt, and shuck remnants. They should not be buffed to the extent that shape or color is altered. Discolored shells and kernels may result from peeling pecans from the shucks too early. Pecans must be from the 2021 crop. Judging is based on the size of the pecans, appearance, and kernel quality which includes color, percent kernel (as relative to shell) and percent edible kernel. Winning entries in each class may be advanced to the regional show.

Ribbons will be given for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners in a variety class. Entries chosen by the judge will continue on to the West Region Pecan Show. Pecans become property of the show and entries not entered in the regional pecan show will be sold to defray the cost of the show.

Sincerely,



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