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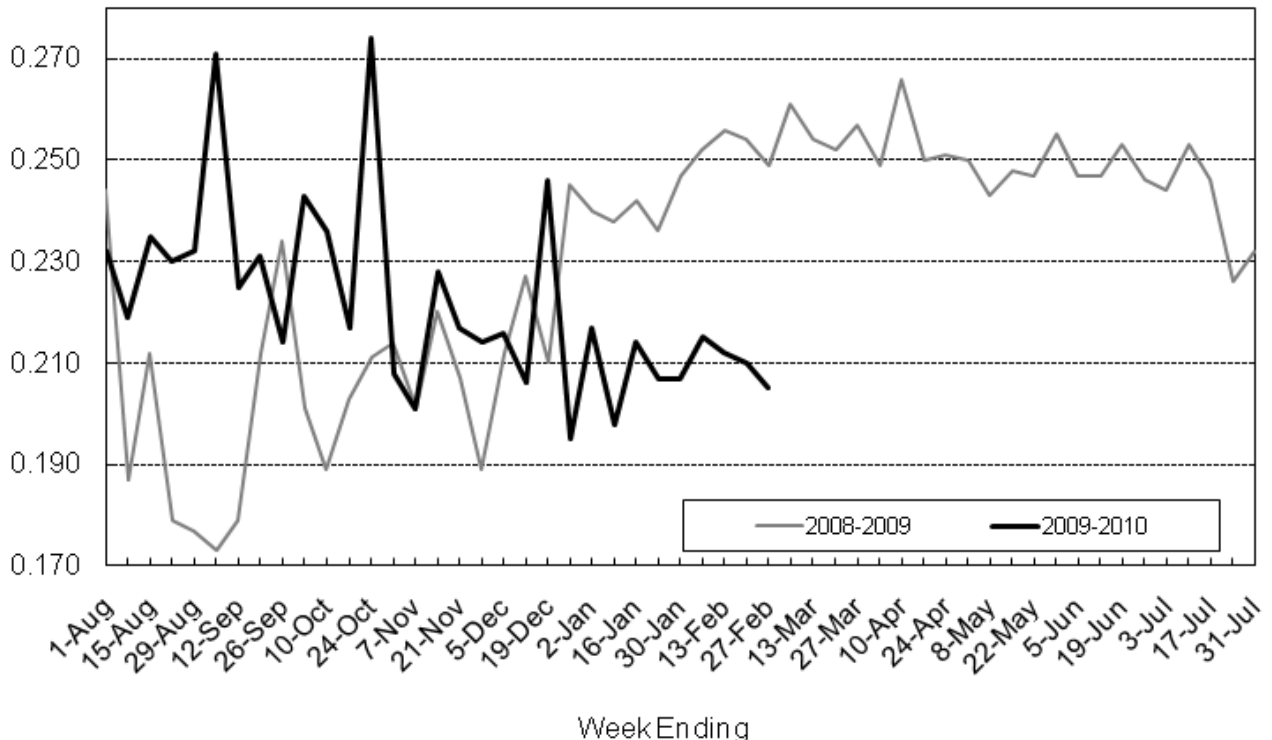
Peanut Price Highlights

Peanut prices received by farmers for all farmer stock peanuts averaged 20.5 cents per pound for the week ending February 27. The price per pound decreased 0.5 cent from the previous week. Marketings of all farmer stock peanuts for the week ending February 27 totaled 93.3 million pounds, up 48.1 million pounds from the previous week.

The average price of **Runner** type peanuts was 20.1 cents per pound for the week ending February 27, up 0.2 cent from the previous week. Marketings of Runner type peanuts were 76.3 million pounds, up 39.0 million pounds from the previous week.

U.S. All Peanut Prices

\$/lb.



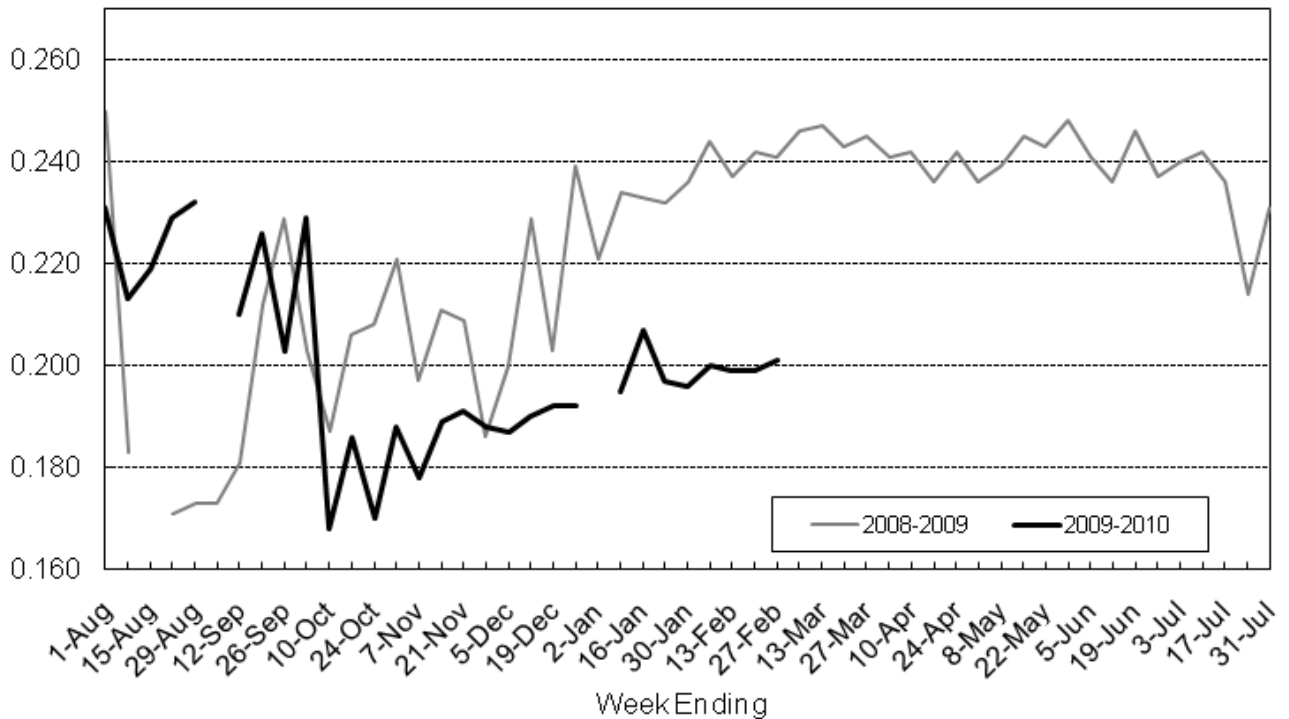
Peanut Prices and Marketings by Type and Week - United States: 2010

Item and Type	Week Ending				
	January 30, 2010	February 6, 2010	February 13, 2010	February 20, 2010	February 27, 2010
Average price	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)
Runners	0.196	0.200	0.199	0.199	0.201
Spanish	0.192	(D)	(X)	(D)	0.210
Valencias	(X)	(D)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Virginias	0.231	0.229	0.243	(D)	0.228
All	0.207	0.215	0.212	0.210	0.205
Marketings ¹	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)
Runners	75,397	64,555	49,753	37,290	76,250
Spanish	10,138	(D)	-	(D)	2,434
Valencias	-	(D)	-	-	-
Virginias	38,211	21,009	21,610	(D)	14,603
All	123,746	88,576	71,363	45,196	93,287

- Represents zero.
(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
(X) Not applicable.
¹ Quantity purchased from farmers.

U.S. Runner Type Peanut Prices

\$/lb.



Survey Procedures: Price and marketing information included in this report is provided the beginning of each week by first buyers of farmer stock peanuts. Each week, respondents are asked to report total pounds purchased (marketings) from farmers and total dollars paid, by type (Runners, Spanish, Valencias, and Virginias), for the previous week. The reported data is to include all qualities and grades and excludes peanuts used for seed. Data are collected by telephone, fax, and internet each week for the previous week. The peanut price survey is an enumeration of all known first buyers of farmer stock peanuts from growers. Every effort is made to obtain a report from all buyers.

Summary and Estimation Procedures: Since a complete report is not received from all buyers each week, the reported quantities purchased and total dollars paid for each type are expanded to account for non-response. These expanded data are then used to calculate the weighted average price for each type. Estimates of price and marketings are prepared by the Agricultural Statistics Board and reviewed for reasonableness with recent historic estimates and between the different peanut types.

Revisions: Price and marketing estimates for the prior 3 weeks are subject to revision based on late reports. At the end of the marketing year, all buyers will have an opportunity to update or provide any late data for any week during the marketing year. After this data is incorporated with previously reported data, revised weekly estimates will be published for the entire marketing year.

Reliability: The peanut price survey is subject to non-sampling errors such as omission, duplication, imputation for missing data, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. These errors cannot be measured directly, but are minimized through rigid quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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