



Peanut Prices

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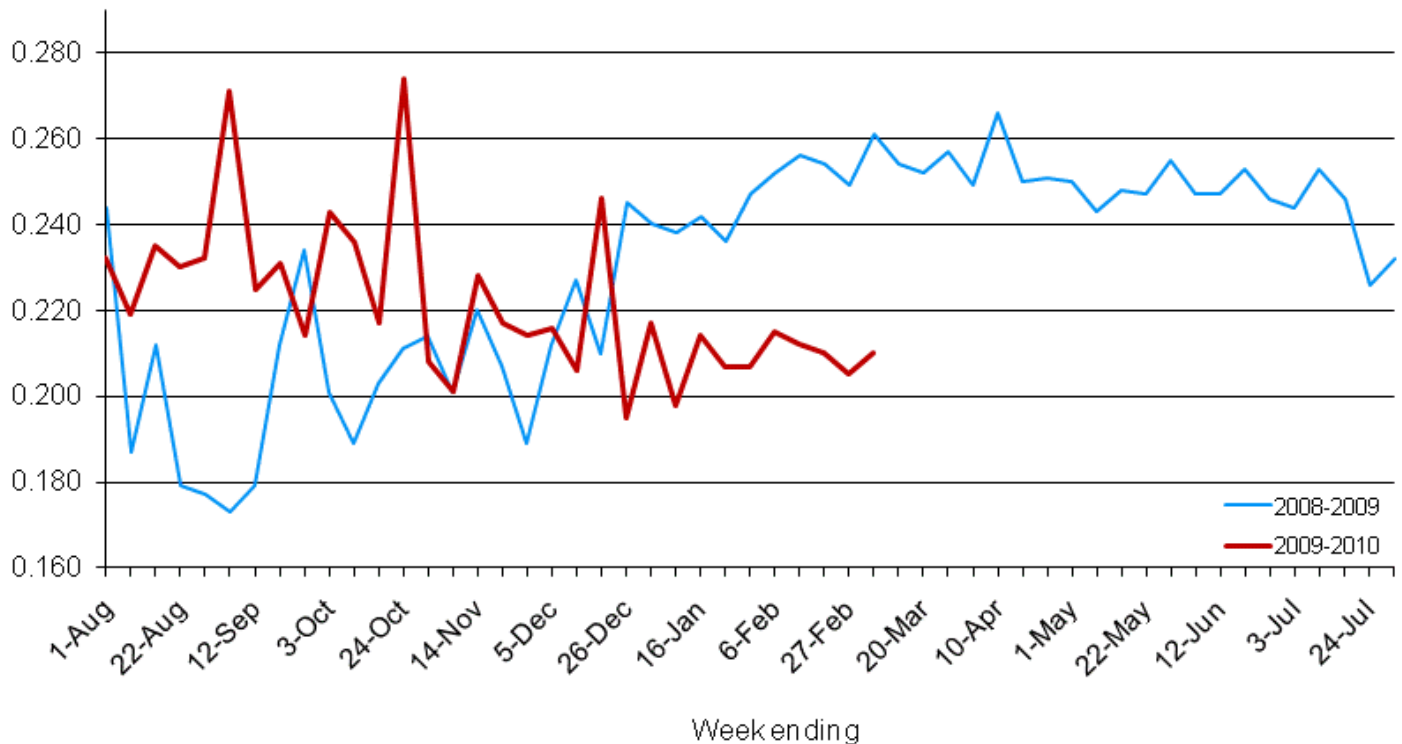
Peanut Price Highlights

Peanut prices received by farmers for all farmer stock peanuts averaged 21.0 cents per pound for the week ending March 6. The price per pound increased 0.5 cent from the previous week. Marketings of all farmer stock peanuts for the week ending March 6 totaled 67.2 million pounds, down 26.1 million pounds from the previous week.

The average price of **Runner-type** peanuts was 20.3 cents per pound for the week ending March 6, up 0.2 cent from the previous week. Marketings of Runner-type peanuts were 52.7 million pounds, down 23.5 million pounds from the previous week.

United States All Peanut Prices

Dollars per pound



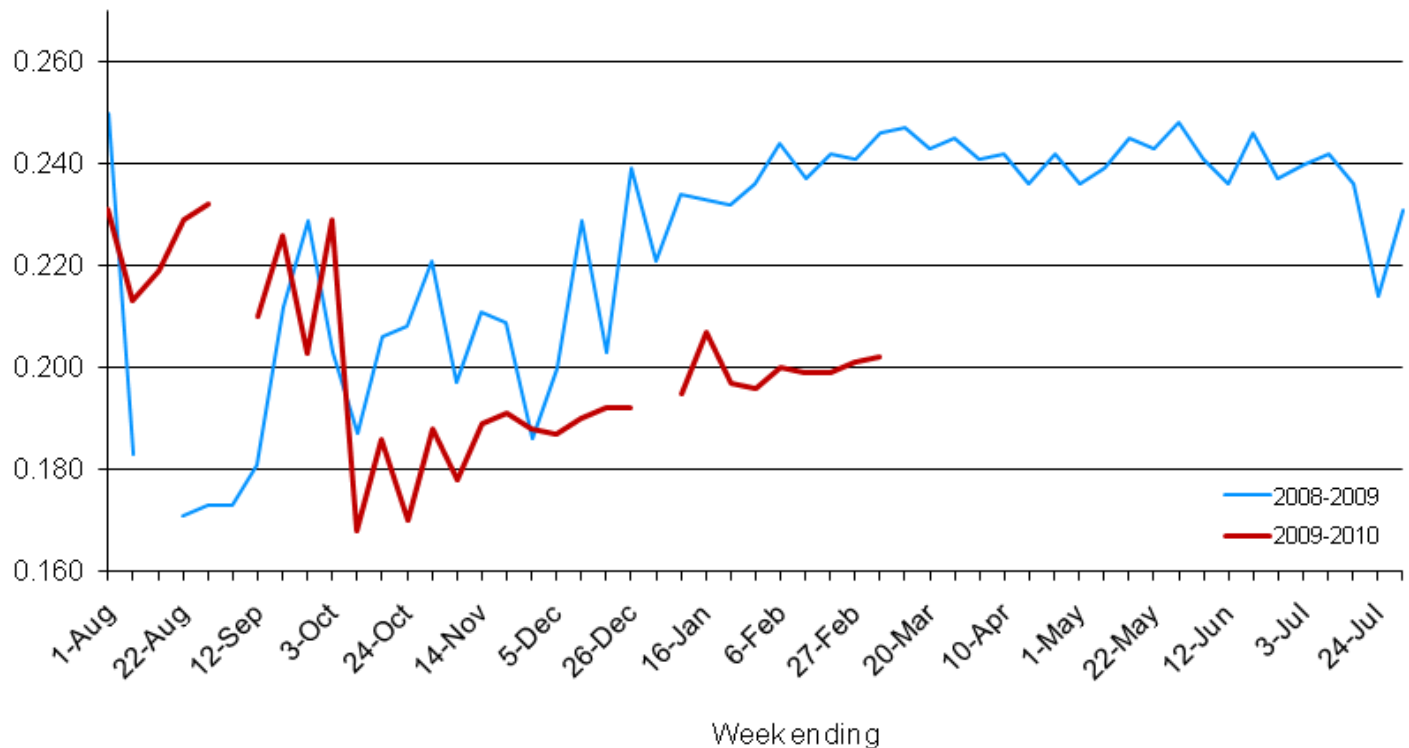
Peanut Prices and Marketings by Type and Week - United States: 2010

Item and type	Week ending				
	February 6, 2010	February 13, 2010	February 20, 2010	February 27, 2010	March 6, 2010
Average price	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)
Runners	0.200	0.199	0.199	0.201	0.203
Spanish	(D)	(X)	(D)	0.210	(D)
Valencias	(D)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(D)
Virginias	0.229	0.243	(D)	0.228	0.240
All	0.215	0.212	0.210	0.205	0.210
Marketings ¹	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)
Runners	64,555	49,753	37,290	76,250	52,744
Spanish	(D)	-	(D)	2,434	(D)
Valencias	(D)	-	-	-	(D)
Virginias	21,009	21,610	(D)	14,603	13,231
All	88,576	71,363	45,196	93,287	67,178

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

United States Runner-Type Peanut Prices

Dollars per pound



Statistical Methodology

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 are to include all qualities and grades and exclude 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.

Revision Policy: 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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