



Peanut Prices

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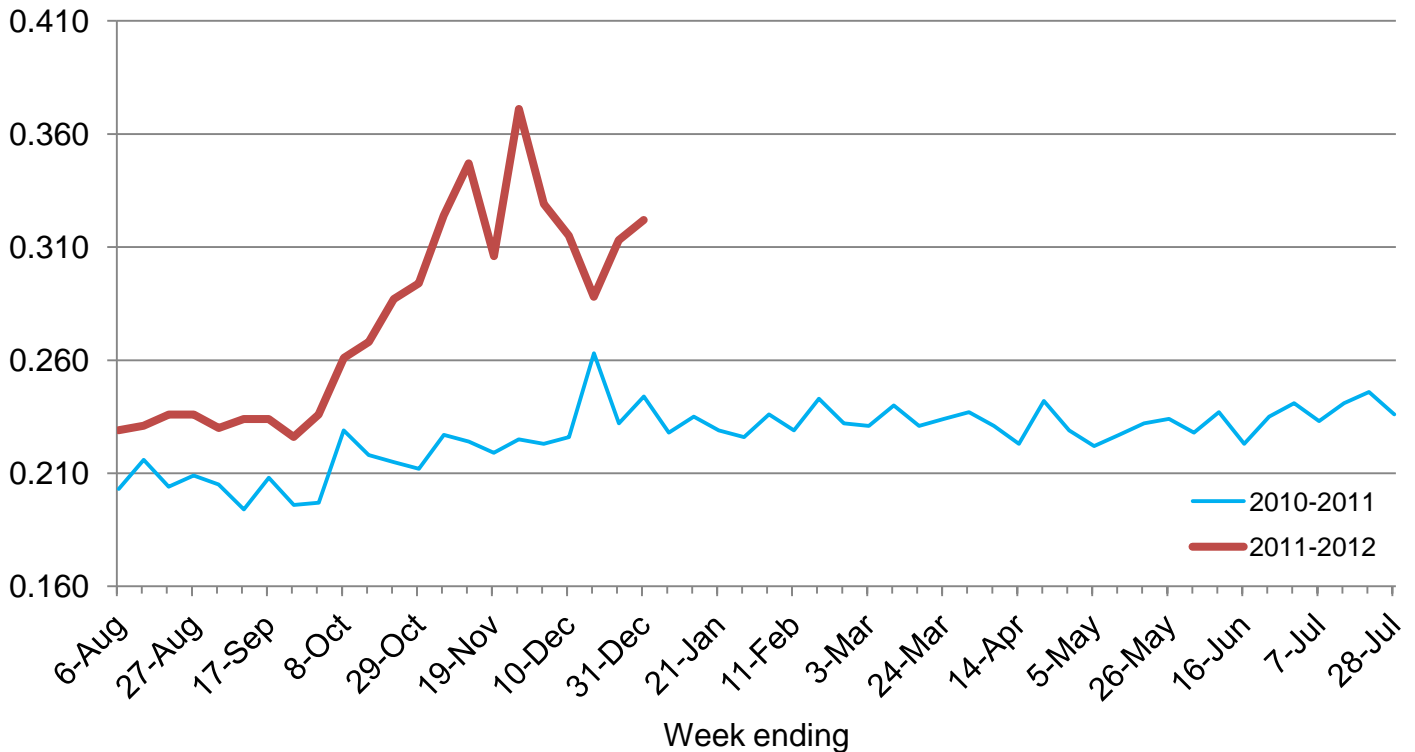
Peanut Price Highlights

Peanut prices received by farmers for all farmer stock peanuts averaged 32.2 cents per pound for the week ending December 31, up 0.9 cent from the previous week. Marketings of all farmer stock peanuts for the week ending December 31 totaled 4.51 million pounds, down 60.9 million pounds from the previous week.

Runner-type peanut prices averaged 32.6 cents per pound for the week ending December 31, up 2.0 cents from the previous week. Marketings of runner-type peanuts were 4.20 million pounds, down 49.3 million pounds from the previous week.

All Peanut Prices – United States

Dollars per pound



Peanut Prices and Marketings by Type – United States: December 3, 2011-December 31, 2011

Item and type	Week ending				
	December 3, 2011	December 10, 2011	December 17, 2011	December 24, 2011	December 31, 2011
	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)
Average price					
Runners	0.320	0.301	0.286	0.306	0.326
Spanish	0.437	(D)	0.394	0.240	(D)
Valencias	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Virginias	0.375	(D)	0.355	0.356	(D)
All	0.329	0.315	0.288	0.313	0.322
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)
Marketings ¹					
Runners	75,549	67,397	95,801	53,507	4,195
Spanish	717	(D)	516	1,237	(D)
Valencias	-	-	-	-	-
Virginias	13,268	(D)	2,666	10,682	(D)
All	89,534	75,990	98,983	65,426	4,511

- Represents zero.

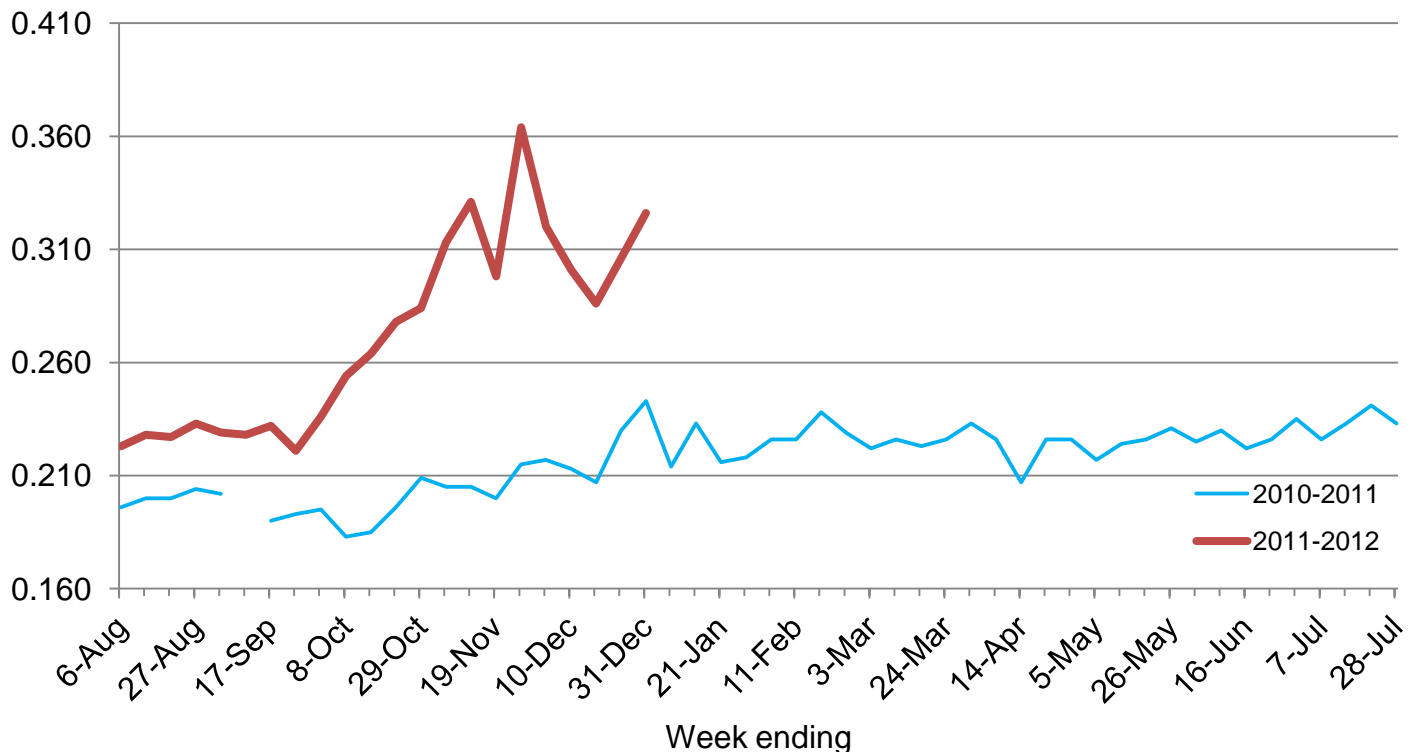
(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Quantity purchased from farmers.

Runner-Type Peanut Prices – United States

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.

Estimating 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 three 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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