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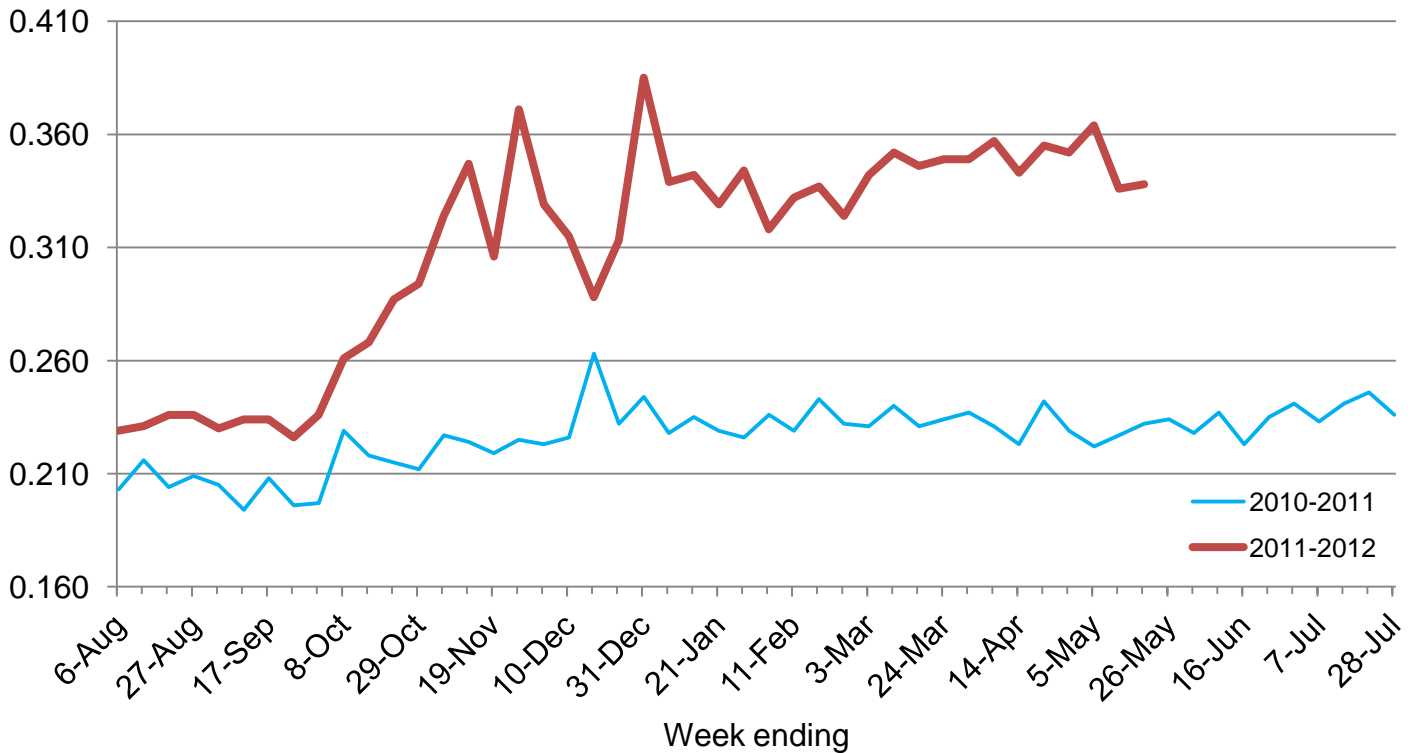
Peanut Price Highlights

Peanut prices received by farmers for all farmer stock peanuts averaged 33.8 cents per pound for the week ending May 19, up 0.2 cent from the previous week. Marketings of all farmer stock peanuts for the week ending May 19 totaled 85.8 million pounds, up 25.9 million pounds from the previous week.

Runner-type peanut prices averaged 31.3 cents per pound for the week ending May 19, down 0.9 cent from the previous week. Marketings of runner-type peanuts were 67.7 million pounds, up 13.8 million pounds from the previous week.

All Peanut Prices – United States

Dollars per pound



Peanut Prices and Marketings by Type – United States: April 21, 2012-May 19, 2012

Item and type	Week ending				
	April 21, 2012	April 28, 2012	May 5, 2012	May 12, 2012	May 19, 2012
	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)
Average price					
Runners	0.355	0.346	0.356	0.322	0.313
Spanish	(D)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(D)
Valencias	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Virginias	(D)	0.383	0.393	0.464	(D)
All	0.355	0.352	0.364	0.336	0.338
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)
Marketings ¹					
Runners	123,415	77,056	37,688	53,931	67,744
Spanish	(D)	-	-	-	(D)
Valencias	-	-	-	-	-
Virginias	(D)	13,952	9,818	6,006	(D)
All	131,444	91,008	47,506	59,937	85,798

- Represents zero.

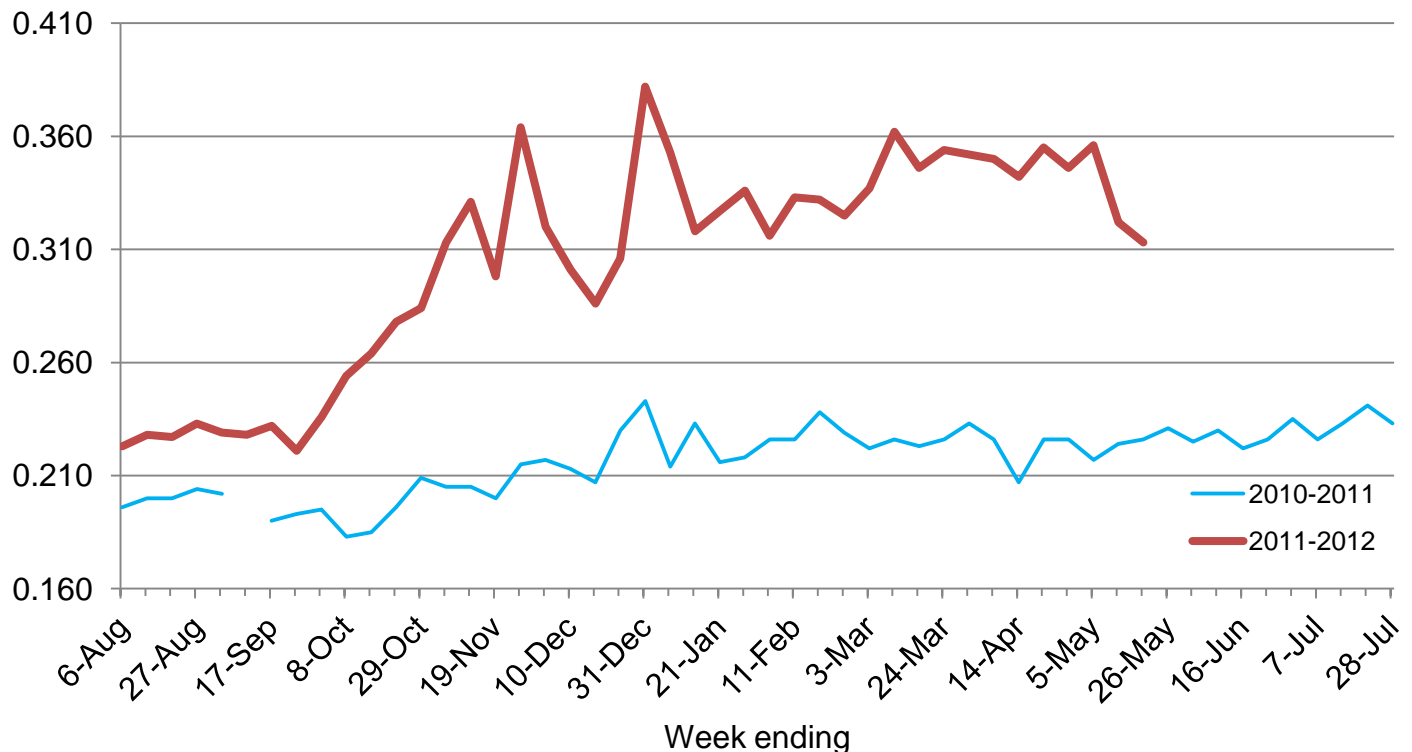
(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(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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