Don’t Forget to Collect & Enter Pecans for the 2027 State Pecan Show

The 2026 crop will soon be coming in as harvest will begin in the next couple of weeks. Samples can be from commercial growers, hobbyists, or homeowners.
Don’t get too busy that you forget to set aside some of your best pecans to enter the Oklahoma State Pecan Show. Send in your samples to compete for Best in Show!

Growers may enter pecans directly by sending samples to:

OPGA OK State Pecan Show
Attn: BW Savage
Savage Equipment Inc.
1020 N industrial rd.
Madill, OK 73446

Entries must be received prior to the June 3rd OPGA Annual Convention.

Samples should be entered in a **sealed** plastic or paper bag. Label the bag on the outside and place a label inside the bag. Information should include exhibitors name and address, county, and type of pecan entered. Be sure to follow the guidelines that are listed below before sending entries.

A few helpful hints: Take the time to select pecans that are all the same cultivar, or same size and shape natives – ***don’t send mixed pecans (they will be disqualified)***. Select uniform, clean, uncracked pecans. Presentation can make the difference between two very similar samples. Make sure to send 2 pounds of pecans in a labeled and sealed bag.

General Rules and Guidelines

- All entries must be grown in Oklahoma during the current season.
- Each entry shall consist of two pounds of nuts.
- Entries deemed unworthy by the judges will not compete for awards.
- Label each entry as to exhibitor’s name, address and cultivar of nuts. If more than one native (seedling) pecan exhibit is made, identify the nuts from separate trees by numbers. Only one exhibit of each cultivar or native tree may be entered by one individual.

- Each entry will compete in one of the following 26 classes:

    1. Barton
    2. Burkett
    3. Cheyenne
    4. Choctaw
    5. Comanche
    6. Gratex
    7. Kanza
    8. Kiowa
    9. Lakota
    10. Maramec
    11. Mohawk
    12. Nacono
    13. Oconee
    14. Pawnee
    15. Peruque
    16. Podsednik
    17. Schley (eastern)
    18. Shoshoni
    19. Squirrels Delight
    20. Stuart
    21. Waco
    22. Western
    23. Wichita
    24. Other Cultivars
    25. Large Native (seedling) 60 nuts/lb or larger
    26. Small Native (seedling) more than 60 nuts/lb

- Each grower is allowed to participate at one county show of his or her choice.

- Each grower is allowed to enter one entry in each show class with the exception of Class 24 (Other Cultivars), Class 25 (Large native) and Class 26 (Small native)

- Each grower may enter one entry from each native (seedling) tree.

- Entries should be shipped or mailed to arrive at the show at least one day prior to the deadline.

- County pecan shows will not be affected by these rules and procedures.

- Samples will be placed in cold storage and judged prior to the Oklahoma Pecan Growers Annual (OPGA) Meeting in June. At that time, the winning entries will be displayed with awards and recognitions. All entries will become the property of the OPGA.

- First, second, and third place winners in each class at the State Pecan Show will receive ribbons.

- State Pecan Show Special Awards – Plaques will be awarded for the largest pecan entry, the entry having the highest kernel percentage, the champion native, and the best entry of the show. The plaques are presented at the Award luncheon during the annual meeting.

- If a qualifying show is not available, growers may submit entries in accordance with these guidelines directly to the State Show. Entries must be received prior to the June 3rd OPGA Annual Convention.

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