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PECAN MANAGEMENT CALENDAR: NOVEMBER TO JANUARY

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To properly manage a successful pecan orchard, a well-developed plan should be implemented. Planning will help growers and managers be prepared for tasks that will need to be addressed throughout the year. This calendar can be used as a

resource to help with planning.

NOVEMBER

HARVEST

Continue to harvest your pecans.

ORCHARD MAINTENANCE

Mark trees for removal that are damaged, and have small or undesirable pecans.

PECAN NUT SHOW

Select the best examples of each nut cultivar and submit to the local or state show. Learn more about the Oklahoma State Pecan Show at bit.ly/opga-show

VIDEO TUTORIALS AVAILABLE ON YOUTUBE

January is the preferred time to collect graftwood. Go online to youtube.com/nobleresearchinstitute to learn the different methods of pecan tree grafting and pecan tree management.

DECEMBER

HARVEST

Continue to harvest your pecans.

ORCHARD MAINTENANCE

Mark for removal damaged trees and those with small or undesirable pecans.

JANUARY

HARVEST

Continue harvest if needed.

FLOOR MAINTENANCE

Complete needed ground work like tilling and packing (to smooth any rough spots on the orchard floor), remove debris left over from harvest, etc.

GRAFTWOOD

Collect graftwood while the trees are dormant. For more information on graftwood collection practices, visit bit.ly/storing-pecan-wood.

EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

Once harvest is complete, clean and perform any equipment maintenance needed before storing.

ORCHARD MAINTENANCE

Remove trees marked the previous year for removal.

PLANTING

Start planting trees.

PRUNING

Decisions will depend on the age of the tree.

- Young trees (trees not in production): Train to a central leader. Remove competing leaders and weak crotches.
- Older trees (trees that are producing): Remove damaged branches and low hanging branches that interfere with tree management. 🐄

