

Most Important Factors in Pecan Quality

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Keys

- Grower shadow
- Hard work, if easy, anyone could do
- Not rocket science
- Start small
- Keep your trees healthy
- Grow leaves and the pecans will take care of themselves





Deep, well drained soil, minimum of 3 feet



✓ Lots of water, 5 to 10 gal/min/A





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Must start early to bring roots to wet spots

A photograph of a young tree nursery. The trees are planted in neat rows on a light-colored, sandy or gravelly ground. In the foreground, there is a large, irregularly shaped area of dark, damp soil, indicating a wet spot. The sky is overcast with grey clouds. The text 'Must start early to bring roots to wet spots' is overlaid in yellow on the lower half of the image.

Adequate nut fill requires late season water





Not only is the water necessary to fill the nut, it is also necessary to cause shuck split.

Vivipary



- **Dig down 6 inches**
- **Get a hand full and if it balls together you have adequate moisture**





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Lots of Sun



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- **No sunlight hits ground**

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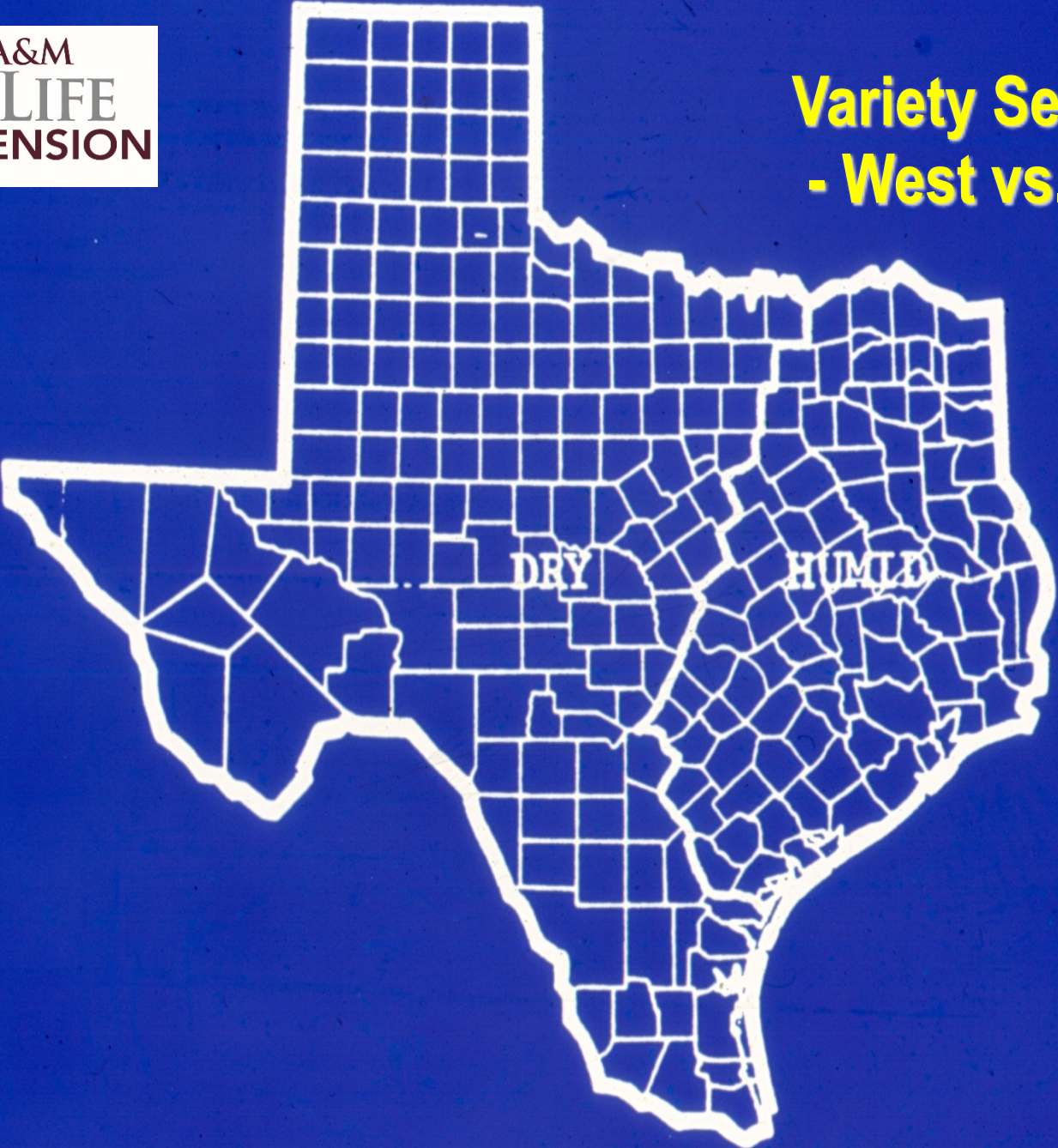
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Variety Selection - West vs. East



Weed Control

- Most important
- Weed free for 5 years
- Mechanical
- Herbicides
- Weed barrier fabrics



■ Nitrogen





Crop Load Management



Double Pads Lubricate Often



Pest management



Varmint pressure



- Opossums
- Raccoons
- Squirrels





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Must haves.....

Crazy, commitment, strong work ethic

Markets

Water, water, and more water

Sunlight

Management program, weeds, nutrition, water, pests & varmints