

# Texas Pecan Board

2022 –  
2023  
Report Out



Troy Swift  
President  
TPB

Mission  
To Develop,  
Promote,  
and  
Protect the  
Texas  
Pecan  
Industry

# since last TPGA Conference

**STARTIN  
G UP  
AGAIN**

Oct 13, 2022  
Nov 7, 2022  
Jan 23, 2023  
Mar 23, 2023  
July 30, 2023

We are active and  
accomplishing tasks we  
were established to do.



# Texas Pecan Board



The formation of a statewide Texas commodity board for pecans was approved by Texas pecan farmers on August 25, 1998. The Board members are **ELECTED** by and on **BEHALF** of Texas pecan farmers.

The law and rules: <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/AG/htm/AG.41.htm>



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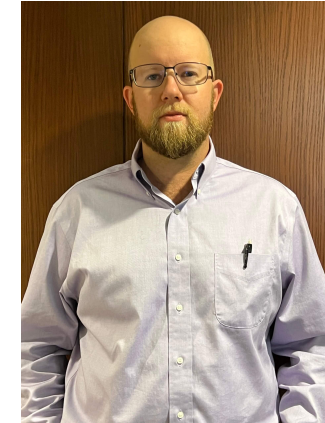
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***TPB Board Members***

# What Good is the Texas Pecan Board?



As a state entity, the TPB qualifies for federal, state, and other state money. Without the existence of the TPB, Texas growers and industry would not have access to as much research money.

The APC and APPB do not channel money for explicit use of the Texas Pecan Industry – **TPB DOES.**

# What Good is the Texas Pecan Board?



**As a governmental entity, the TPB qualifies for inter-governmental USDA, NMDA, etc. funds and enforcement activities that help the Texas Pecan industry.**

**Like: Pecan Weevil Research**

**2022, 2023 Funds from NMSU , NMDA for \$30K**

**Future funds being discussed supporting Dr. Suh USDA - ARS Entomologist to study Pecan Weevil.**



Pecan Weevil Pheromone Project  
Turned into the Pecan Weevil  
Research Project.  
Brings MUCH MORE to the  
industry.

- \*Genetic Sequencing – ability to determine a weevil's origin.
- \*Update Supercooling Data – Can we reduce the number of days it takes to treat inshell pecans?
- \*What attracts pecan weevils to each other? Is it pheromone or is it another form of communication



Photo source Dr. Suh

# TPB Efforts and Accomplishments



CHAPTER 19. QUARANTINES AND NOXIOUS AND  
INVASIVE PLANTS SUBCHAPTER L. PECAN WEEVIL  
QUARANTINE 4 TAC §19.121, §19.123

**Proposed amendments add Pecos County to the list of pecan weevil free areas in Texas not subject to quarantine. The addition of Pecos County has been requested by the **Texas Pecan Board** after a survey was administered by AgriLife Extension which showed that pecan weevil trap counts in 2021 and 2022 yielded zero pecan weevils.**

TPB Developing a strategy to leverage this study to other **LOW RISK** counties



# TPB Efforts and Accomplishments

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- Followed up and reviewed the TPB and TDA Funded Study titled:
- Pecans and Its Polyphenols Prevent Obesity, Hepatic Steatosis and Diabetes by Reducing Dysbiosis, Inflammation, and Increasing Energy Expenditure in Mice Fed a High-Fat Diet. - Dr. Luis Cisneros-Zevallos



# TPB Efforts and Accomplishments

New Website



<https://erin99999.wixsite.com/my-site>

PECAN GROWER & HANDLER RESOURCES

PECAN GROWER & HANDLER REPORTING

ARD

## GROWER & HANDLER Reporting Forms

[VIEW REPORTING FORMS](#)

Assessments due by the 10th day of each month



TEXAS PECAN BOARD  
**Pecan Grower/First Handler Report Form**



Mail Checks to:  
 Texas Pecan Board  
 PO Box 15889  
 College Station, TX  
 77841

**Pecan Grower**  
 Selling Directly to Public  
 (No Handler Involved)

(Check Box)

**First Handler**  
 Buying Pecans from  
 Grower

(Check Box)

Assessments due by  
 10th day of each month

Name (First & Last):	
Company/Farm Name:	
Mailing Address, City, State, & Zip:	
Primary Phone:	
Email:	

**First Handler Only**

Please list the information of the pecan grower(s) you purchased pecans from for this reporting period.  
 A separate attached list with the same information is acceptable.

Grower Name: _____
Company/Farm Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Primary Phone: _____
Lbs Purchased: _____
Native <input type="checkbox"/> (Check Box)      Improved <input type="checkbox"/> (Check Box)

Grower Name: _____
Company/Farm Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Primary Phone: _____
Lbs Purchased: _____
Native <input type="checkbox"/> (Check Box)      Improved <input type="checkbox"/> (Check Box)

<b>Lbs Sold</b> (Pecan Grower)	<b>Lbs Bought</b> (First Handler)	<b>Assessment Calculation</b>
Native: _____	Native: _____	_____ X \$ 0.005 = \$ _____
Improved: _____	Improved: _____	(Total Lbs Bought or Sold) X (\$0.005 (1/2 cent assessment)) = (\$ owed to Texas Pecan Board)
Total: _____	Total: _____	Report & Assessment for the month of _____, 20____

I certify that I am authorized to make this report to the Texas Pecan Board and Texas Department of Agriculture, that it was prepared by me or under my supervision and direction and that the information stated herein is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Print Name (First & Last): \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_





## TPB Efforts and Accomplishments

To increase the Board's visibility and participation in industry events the Board President has attended the following events:

5 TPB Meetings

SE Pecan Growers Assn Convention Gulf Shores Alabama

West Texas Pecan Growers Annual Meeting - Gave TPB  
Presentation

Western Pecan Growers Assn Convention Las Cruces NM

Visit to Belding Farms

APC, APPB Summit March 2023 DFW

## **Reminder:**

**Unless exempt, the .05 cent assessment per pound of pecans is required by law, per Chapter 41 of the Texas Agriculture Code.**

**If not paid and should the Department determine a processor failed to collect or remit an assessment to the Board the Department can:**

- Request a hearing to be conducted by the State Office of Administrative Hearings to determine the amount owed to the Board, and then issue an order requiring this amount be paid;**
- Impose an appropriate administrative penalty; and**
- Refer the matter to the Office of the Attorney General or county or district court having jurisdiction to bring an action for appropriate civil or criminal penalties or injunctive relief.**
- the Department may also suspend, revoke, or deny any Department-issued license or permit for failing to remit assessments collected from pecans.**

**This money is used for creating, implementing, and administering programs of research, disease and insect control, education, and promotion designed to encourage the production, marketing, and use of Texas pecans.**

**Please pay the \$.005/ lb (1/2 cent/lb) assessment and / or make sure your handler paid it if it was deducted from your sale price.**



## **The Future:**

**Become financially capable of hiring a Field Agent to run the daily affairs of the TPB.**

**Seek grants that are identified by the Board that will help the Texas Industry the most.**

**Develop a TPB Certified TEXAS brand and work to market the brand. Influence major stores these products should be on their shelves.**

**Leverage from and promote the Health Benefits of Pecans**

I heard a big western grower say:

“Keeping Weevil out of the west is the most important preventative measure there is.”

**The Texas Pecan Board and TDA has been, is, and will be (if funded) trying to keep the West free of Weevil.**







Pay your assessments by accessing the form at:

[Texaspecanboard.com](https://texaspecanboard.com)

Thank you for your attention