



**TOPICS AND QUESTIONS FOR CLARIFYING DISCUSSIONS ON PROPOSED
U.S. GRADE STANDARDS FOR PECANS**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023
1-4 PM EST**

BOTH STANDARDS

- Loose, extraneous foreign material requirements
- Basic requirements for kernel development
- Rancidity (in-shell §51.1419; shelled §51.1453)

IN-SHELL STANDARDS

- Tolerances for U.S. Choice grade to be based on damage or serious damage
- Moisture limits/well dried
 - Mandatory vs. optional
 - Should vs. shall

SHELLED STANDARDS

- Tolerances: number of weevil larvae in 30lbs of product
- Uniformity of Color
- Size: Halves; Pieces; and Halves and Pieces

QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO MOISTURE

- What is currently done to determine moisture?
- What equipment is used?
- Has industry conducted any research on methods and equipment?
- Has industry approved equipment or procedures that are used to determine the accuracy of moisture determination?