

MNGA Nut Show Awards

07Feb2026, Crop Year 2025

Black Walnuts

Juglans Niger

Crop Year 2025

Scoring System

Additions

- How well does it crack out? → # of halves and quarters
- How big is it? → avg nut wt / “standard wt” for cultivar
- How much nutmeat → % nutmeat / “standard %” for cultivar



Deductions

- Is it pretty? → dark kernels or dark veins in kernels
- Is it usable? → shrunken or unusable kernels, packing

Black Walnut Summary

Year	Total Entries	Total Cultivars	No. of Contestants
2022	31	15	9
2023	24	13	7
2024	33	26	6
2025	16	9	7
2026	16	15	7

Entries mostly unique - judged as “misc” category

Categories: Miscellaneous (16 entries) , English (2 entries)

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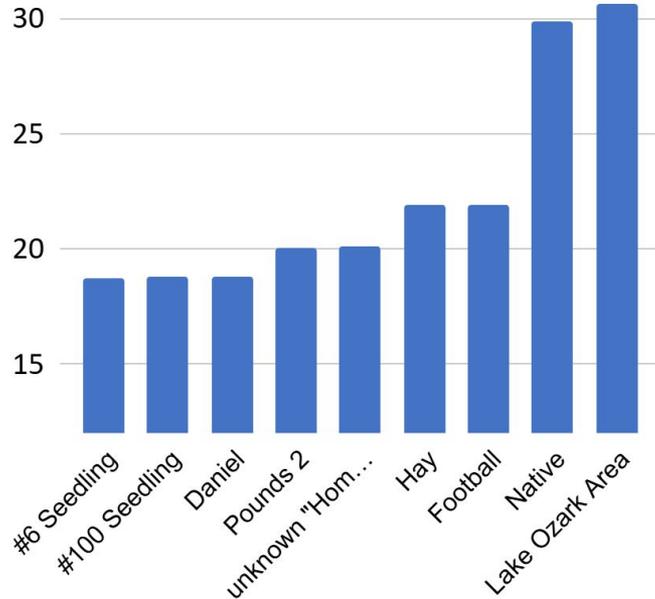
Miscellaneous Category (16 entries)

Exhibitor	Cultivar	Score	Avg Nut Wt (g)	% Nutmeat
Sara Peters	Daniel	104.9	18.7	36.7
Mike Lucas	Football	100.6	20.1	38.7
Sara Peters	#6 Seedling	98.0	17.7	28.4
Dennis Bacon	Lake Ozark Area	95.0	21.9	29.3

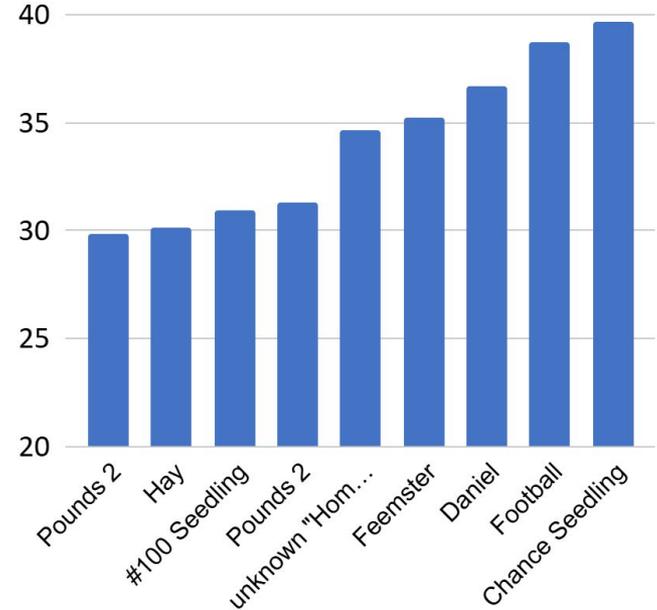
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Honorable Mentions

Black Walnut Average Nut Weight (g)
Top Performing Cultivars 2025 Crop Year



Black Walnut Percent Nutmeat Top
Performing Cultivars 2025 Crop Year



Black Walnut Kernel Percentage Top Performers

BLACK WALNUT KERNEL PERCENTAGE TOP PERFORMERS				
Show Year	Cultivar	Contestant	Wt / nut (g)	% kernel
2022	Surprise	P Moore	20.82	33.9
2022	Emma K	Noel Fischer	17.92	36.4
2022	Sparks 147	Noel Fischer	18.3	37.3
2023	Emma K	Phil Moore	19.6	34.8
2023	Sparks 147	MU Agroforestry	13.4	35.1
2023	Sparks 147	Noel Fischer	17.8	36.4
2024	1002 MU508	MU Agroforestry	13.1	35.6
2024	Little Andy	Phil Moore	13.68	36.1
2024	Sparks 147	Noel Fischer	16.38	43.6
2025	Kwik Krop	Merlin Ring	22.26	32.9
2025	Kwik Krop	Beverly Ring	21.98	33.0
2025	Sparks 147	Noel Fischer	19.88	34.3
2026	Daniel	Sara Peters	18.74	36.7
2026	Football	Mike Lucas	20.14	38.7
2026	Chance Seedling	Sara Peters	16.04	39.7

Black Walnut Nut Weight Top Performers

BLACK WALNUT NUT WEIGHT TOP PERFORMERS

Show Year	Cultivar	Contestant	Wt / nut (g)	% kernel
2022	Football	Noel Fischer	26.54	21.6
2022	Not Grafted	SJ Peters	27.44	32.1
2022	Abraham-Sparrow	Noel Fischer	29.06	21.1
2023	Hay	Noel Fischer	23	23.6
2023	Cheeks	Fred Blankenship	24.38	27.3
2023	Football	Noel Fischer	25.14	18.3
2024	Football	Noel Fischer	23.84	18.2
2024	Not Grafted "the judge"	Sara Jean P	26.96	20.0
2024	Grandview	Fred Blankenship	32.42	22.3
2025	Football	Noel Fischer	28.68	19.8
2025	Not Grafted	Dell Lawrence	31.16	27.0
2025	Sparks 127	Noel Fischer	33.28	23.0
2026	Lake Ozark Area	Dennis Bacon	21.92	29.29
2026	North Carolina Area	Dennis Bacon	29.88	15.8
2026	Sparrow Seedling	Kevin and Vicky McGraw	30.64	26.24

Pecans

Carya illinoensis

Crop Year 2025

Pecan Summary

Year	Total Entries	Total Cultivars	No. of Contestants
2022	15	12	4
2023			
2024			
2025	12	9	5
2026	21	15	7

Categories:

Kanza (5 entries), Pawnee (3 entries), Miscellaneous (13), Hickory (1)

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Kanza Category (5 entries)

Exhibitor	Cultivar	Score	Avg Nut Wt (g)	% Nutmeat
Kevin & Vicky McGraw	Kanza	112.1	9.4	48.8
Paul Manson	Kanza	104.7	8.1	46.8
Greg Heindselman	Kanza	103.8	7.6	47.8
Merlin Ring	Kanza	101.9	6.5	53.5

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Pawnee Category (3 entries)

Exhibitor	Cultivar	Score	Avg Nut Wt (g)	% Nutmeat
Kevin & Vicky McGraw	Pawnee	99.6	12.6	54.3
Paul Manson	Pawnee	97.9	10.6	52.7
Mike Lucas	Pawnee	88.5	9.3	53.0

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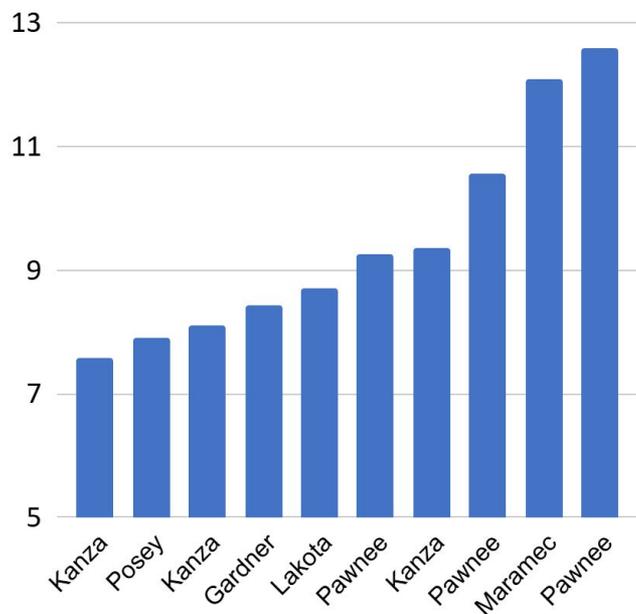
Miscellaneous Category (13 entries)

Exhibitor	Cultivar	Score	Avg Nut Wt (g)	% Nutmeat
Kevin & Vicky McGraw	Meramec	102.9	12.1	54.2
Mike Lucas	Shepherd	98.0	6.0	44.7
Mike Lucas	Manson	97.0	6.0	45.9
Vernon Spavnhorst	Peruque	96.8	6.6	53.2

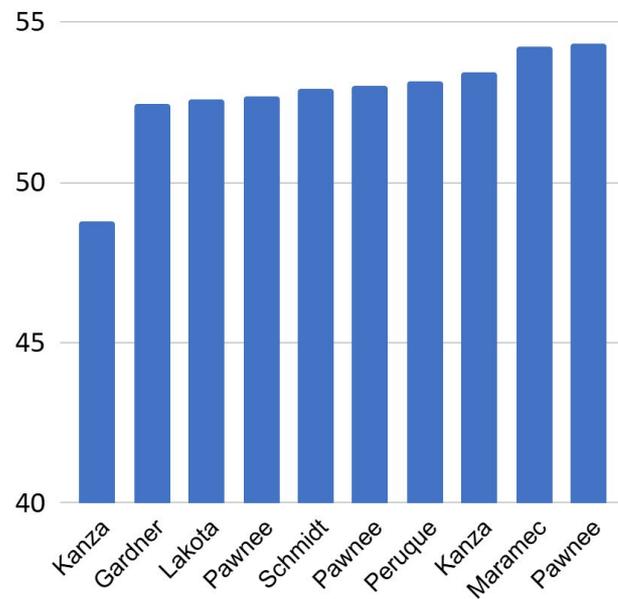
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Pecan % Nutmeat
Top Performing Cultivars 2025 Crop Year



Other Cool Nuts

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Other Nut Species



For Info Only - Not Judged

Exhibitor	Species	Identity	Avg Nut Wt (g)	% Nutmeat
Kevin & Vicky McGraw	English Walnut	Front Yard	14.9	50.3
Paul Manson	English Walnut	Linda's Tree	12.9	51.8
Greg Heindselman	Shag Bark Hickory	native	5.3	29.6

Special Thanks!!!

Sara Peters & Mike Lucas, for entering lots of nuts in the show!

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