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Glenn County Walnut Buying Period Announced

Glenn County Agricultural Commissioner Marcie Skelton, announced today that the walnut buying period will begin November 2, 2020 pursuant to the County's walnut theft ordinance. Once the walnut buying period is determined and announced, non-processing walnut buying operations within the boundaries of Glenn County can legally purchase and receive shipments of walnuts that have not been dried or processed.

Walnuts are the second highest valued agricultural commodity in Glenn County, increasing its harvested value by 83% from last year. According to the 2019 Glenn County Annual Crop and Livestock Report, there were 34,371 bearing acres in Glenn County with a market value of \$143,459,000.

In addition to establishing the buying period, the ordinance also establishes requirements regarding the transportation and identification of walnut crops. A proof of ownership certificate or alternative form, shall be kept with the walnuts while in transport and until sold. The buyer shall retain the proof of ownership certificate or alternative form for a period of 2 years from the date of sale, as well as any resale information. For further information, please contact the Glenn County Department of Agriculture at (530)934-6501 or reference the [Glenn County Ordinance 1243 \(07.31.020\(10\)\)](#). The proof of ownership certificate can be found [here](#).