Pecan trees are the only native nut trees in North America. They grow up to 100 feet tall, and they need about 50 gallons of water per day! Alabama ranks 5th in U.S. pecan production and produces, on average, 7 million pounds per year.

Pecans grow in clusters with green outer coverings called husks on them. When the husk opens, it begins to turn black and eventually the pecan nut will fall out. Once the nut has fallen, it can be picked and the shell cracked open to reveal a little golden-brown nut that, when ripe, has a sweet flavor and a smooth texture. Not only are they fun to pick, but they are also very nutritious.

### Did you know?

Pecan trees only produce nuts every two years. A single tree can produce up to 45 pounds of nuts.