

# WPGA Meeting, March 2017

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## SA Pecan Industry

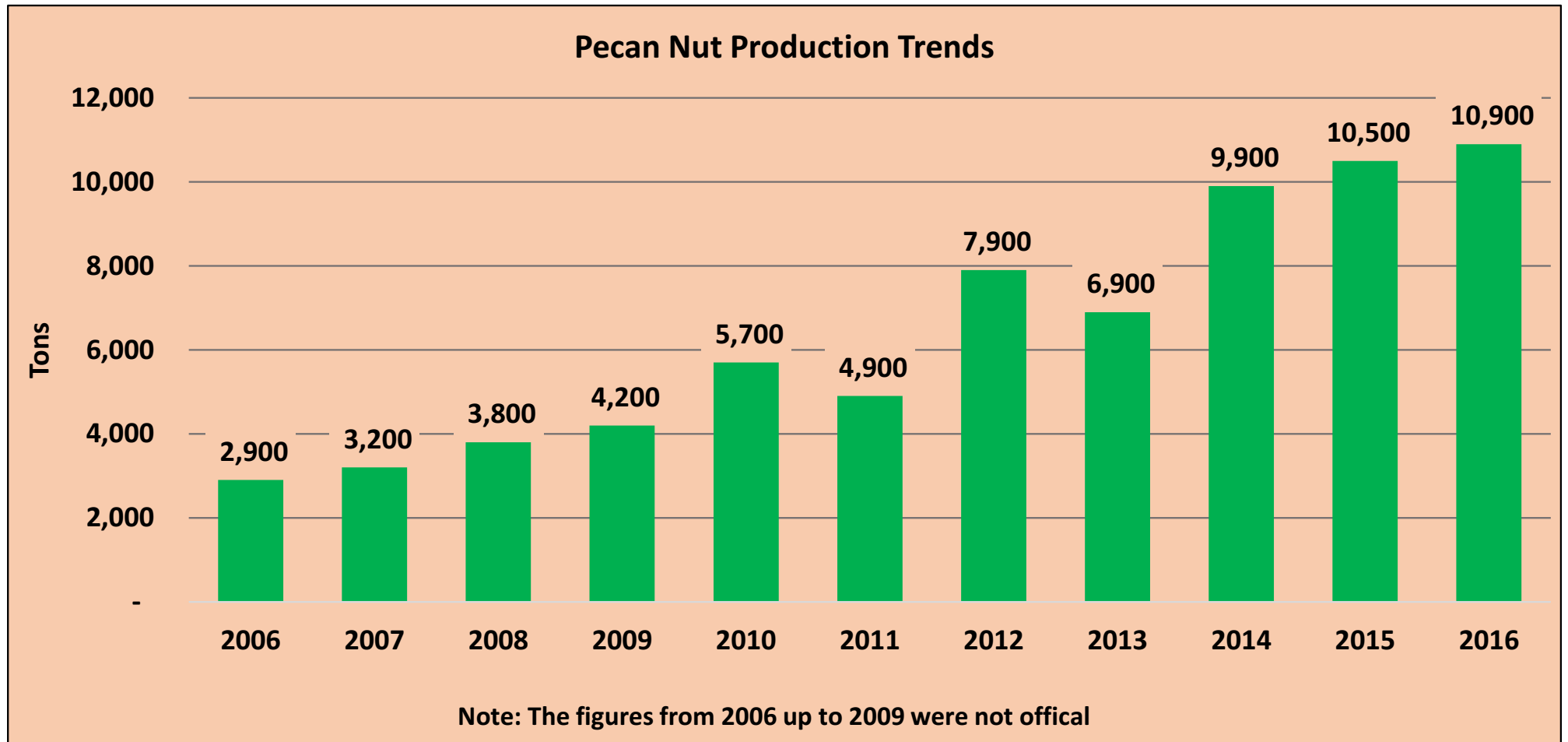


- First trees established in late 1800's – early 1900's
- Eastern part of the country – wetter and more humid

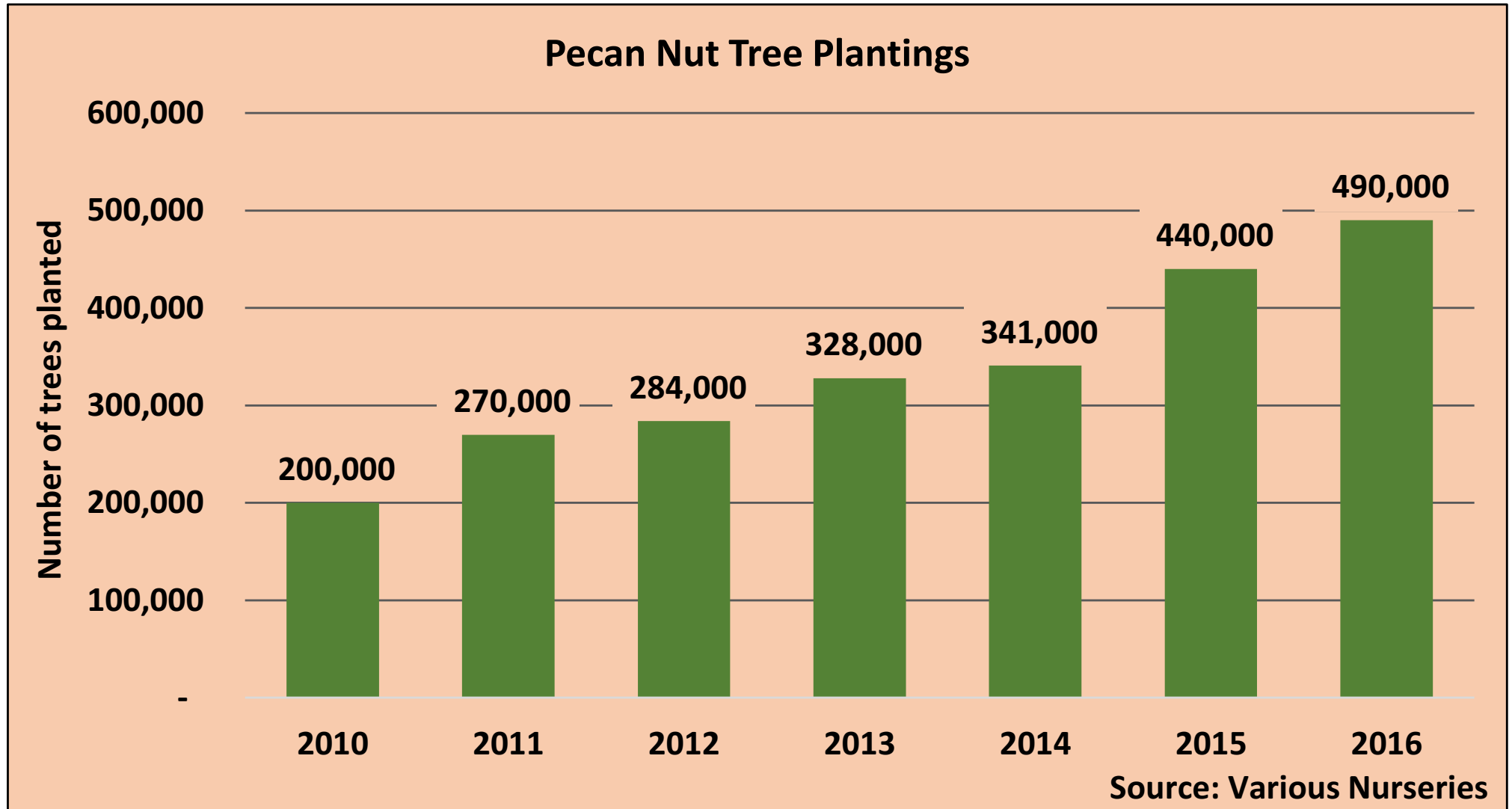


- Since 1980's – Industry moving West
- Dry arid climate – all irrigated, mainly the Vaal and Orange rivers
- Main varieties: Wichita, Choctaw, Western Schley, Navaho
- No formal extension
- No research until 2010 (Statutory Levy)

# South Africa: Pecan Nut Production Trends



# South Africa: Pecan Nut Tree Plantings



## South Africa: Future?

- INFO: Trees produced by formal pecan nurseries.
- 2010 to 2015 more than 1.8 million trees were sold.
- Assume that 50% of trees were planted in well managed new orchards:
- Additional 9 000 ha planted over the 6 years
- Total hectares with trees of 7 years and older by 2022 to  $\pm$  16 000 ha
- Total crop estimated: 24 000 tons (at 1,5t/ha).

Thank you for your hospitality!!