

'Pawnee' pecan
Carya illinoensis
PI 518101



Plant breeders in the USDA-ARS Pecan Breeding Program developed 'Pawnee' pecan thanks to genes from 'Starking Hardy Giant' (PI 518128) that shortened the nut maturation period and advanced the harvest to earlier in the fall. This game-changing trait enabled growers to deliver pecans to market earlier than other cultivars that typically mature several weeks later.

Since its 1984 release, 'Pawnee' has become a global favorite, widely planted for its early yield and market advantage. Its legacy continues—'Pawnee' is now a key parent in breeding new early-harvest pecan cultivars.

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