During last year's pecan harvest, John Grundmann was sacking candy to keep busy. Drought decimated the crop, and there just weren't any nuts to crack and shell at his business, the state's only commercial pecan sheller, Valley View Pecan Co. in Shawnee.

This year is different. "I've got something to do this year," Grundmann said with the sounds of a busy season around him. jpalmer@opubco.com SUBHEAD: Despite the continued drought, the USDA predicts a bigger harvest. Original Print Headline: Pecan crop on the rebound Subscribe to Daily Headlines Sign up! * I understand and agree that registration on or use of this site constitutes agreement to its user agreement and privacy policy.