

Remembering our Past and How it Affected our Present and Future
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The history of the peanut industry in the United States including growing, storage, shelling, product manufacturing and the impact of legislation. Each segment has its own unique history that will include where we have been and where we are now. Growing will include early farming practices, effect of seed varieties, improving equipment. Shelling moved from hand trucks to forklifts, and hand sorting to electronic sorting. Storage started in the field in stacks and moved to 10, 00 ton warehouses. Product manufacturing continues to be creative, starting with the very basic roasted peanuts to innovative nutritional bars.

The future will also be a final focus to include probable innovations. Electronics provide new labor saving and quality improvements for all segments. Data mining will continue to make all segments more productive and with better focus on consumer's needs. All this and more will propel the industry into new and exciting opportunities.