

ACORNS

Both Susie and Joe linked to this story saying there are no acorns this year.

As the story points out, though, that's true for just some parts of the country.

Simmons has a theory about the wet and dry cycles. But many skeptics say oaks in other regions are producing plenty of acorns, and the acorn bust here is nothing more than the extreme of a natural boom-and-bust cycle.

We've got 5 mature oaks on our property, and there are about 15 across the street. And I can assure you, we've got plenty of acorns this year. And if the squirrel I saw waddling around my backyard last night is any indication, squirrels here are getting plenty to eat.

Though I will say that the squirrels also appear to have discovered the buttercup squashes that didn't quite make it out of my garden. Ironically, though, my local squirrels appear to like buttercup squash, but not acorn squash.

Obviously, the fact that my yard in cold Michigan has acorns doesn't alleviate the worry that the squirrels in DC's suburbs don't have acorns. But I thought it a worthwhile data point.