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October 1st Southern Iowa Nut Tour Hazelnuts, chestnuts and a sawmill to visit

Centerville, Iowa (Sept. 19th 2022) — October is National Nut Month and the Iowa Nut Growers Association is kicking things off with a Southern Iowa Nut Tour on Saturday, October 1st starting at 10:00 am. We'll start our day at Indian Hills Community College learning about the IA Hazelnut Project and getting an update on the hazelnut test plots being established around the state. Jeff Jensen will have some of the processing equipment set up to husk, separate, sort, and crack nuts. We will also take a tour of the Indian Hills Nut Research Planting that boasts chestnuts, hickories, black walnut, persimmon, paw paw, pecans and more.

After lunch, we'll visit the farm of Virgil Knobloch who is establishing a chestnut planting this fall. Learn about the planning process Virgil went through before ever putting a plant in the ground. Site selection, site preparation, planting, maintenance and more will be discussed.

The day will wrap up at a local sawmill north of Bloomfield where Raymond Yutzy is processing logs from all over the Midwest, including some impressive black walnut logs. Don't miss your chance to see what a modern-day lumber mill looks like and how it operates.

This is a free event with lunch available at the Indian Hills Community College cafeteria. More information about National Nut Month, the Iowa Nut Growers Association, and other great events available on the Iowa Nut Growers website at <https://iowanutgrowers.com/> The direct link to register is here <https://forms.office.com/r/r3tnfesgtp>

Starting Location: Indian Hills Community College, 721 N 1st St., Centerville IA 52544

Chestnut Location: Virgil Knobloch, 13222 262nd St. Bloomfield IA 52537

Sawmill Location: R J Lumber, 19198-19196 160th St Bloomfield IA 52537

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