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## **Growing Hazelnuts in Central Iowa Field Day**

### **Hazelnut production, processing, and water quality to be discussed**

**EARLHAM, Iowa (Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> 2022)** — The Iowa Nut Growers Association will host a hazelnut field day at the Rich Taylor Farm near Earlham on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Owner Rich Taylor will lead a tour of his mature hazelnut planting, one of the biggest in the state, and showcase how he husks the nut clusters to get in-shell nuts to sell or process for value added products.

“This will be a field day for new growers, experienced growers, or those looking to learn more about the opportunity to grow this perennial crop right here in Central Iowa. The Nut Growers will be talking about the IA Hazelnut Project and how others can get involved; we’ll be processing some nuts, it is going to be a really fun day,” said Rich Taylor, owner and operator of the farm.

The IA Hazelnut Project is an effort led by the Iowa Nut Growers Association and partners to commercialize hazelnuts in Iowa as a perennial crop for diversification, improved water quality, and enhanced rural vitality. The Nut Growers Association works with landowners to establish hazelnut test plots all over the state to evaluate promising hazelnut seedlings with improved genetics.

The field day begins at 1:00 pm and is free to attend; registration is requested. Door prizes, hazelnut seedling giveaway, hazelnut treats and more will be on hand for a fun day of learning. Register online at this link <https://forms.office.com/r/BF6Jz3r7xs> or contact Jeff Jensen at [jeff@jenagres.com](mailto:jeff@jenagres.com) or via phone at 515-320-6756.

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