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Marion Iowa Hazelnut Field Day October 22nd Celebrate National Nut Day with Iowa Nut Growers

MARION, Iowa (Sept. 23rd 2022) — October 22nd is National Nut Day and the Iowa Nut Growers Association (INGA) is celebrating with a hazelnut field day at the Dell Lawrence Hazelnut Test Plot near Marion Iowa starting at 5:00 pm. Let out your inner nut and join the INGA in raising a glass of hazelnut beer to all things nuts.

Iowa produces more than corn and soybeans, we also grow black walnut, hazelnut, hickories, chestnuts, pecans, butternuts, heartnuts, and more. The INGA hazelnut test plot contains more than 20 different experimental cultivars being tested for the region with a focus on eventual release to growers for commercial production. Promising plant material from Canada, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa will be showcased.

Jeff Jensen will present on agroforestry, water quality, and the IA Hazelnut Project. “Hazelnuts have huge potential as an agroforestry crop because of all the things you can do with them. They are an oilseed crop with the kernel being 50% oil and the oil is almost identical to olive oil, our healthiest cooking oil,” said Jeff Jensen with the INGA

The field day begins at 5:00 pm and is free to attend; registration is requested. Light refreshments provided along with roasted hazelnut samples while supplies last. Enjoy fellowship and tell stories around the campfire with other growers and “nuts” from around the state.

Directions:

Test plot is ¼ mile south of the intersection of Oxley Rd and Marion Airport Rd just outside of Marion Iowa. – ***Look for the signs***

Register online at this link <https://forms.office.com/r/nAXrQgAhKD> or contact Jeff Jensen at jjensen@treesforever.org or via phone at 515-320-6756.

Dell Lawrence Address:
1290 Marion Airport Rd
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