

Press Release – For Immediate Release

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October is National Nut Month

“Go Nuts” this October with the Iowa Nut Growers Association

October is National Nut Month and the Iowa Nut Growers Association has lots of ways to celebrate in 2020. Join us for our Fall Meeting and Field Day on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. The meeting is a virtual Go To Meeting but the Field Day will be in-person at R&R Tree Farm located at 2463 Hilton Ave, Waverly IA. Ron & Rosemary Jacks have a fantastic site growing chestnuts, heartnuts, hazelnuts, paw paw and more. Recently Ron has been establishing a new section to the farm dedicated to pecans and hickories..... and the record keeping is top of the class. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about all sorts of nut and fruit crops. Due to Covid 19 we will be limiting participation to 10 individuals per session, however we will be offering two sessions, see details below.

Want another way to “go nuts” in October? Learn about the IA Hazelnut Project and consider participating in the Hazelnut Academy. The INGA is a partner in a larger hazelnut research project funded by the USDA to accelerate the development of hazelnuts as a viable crop in the Midwest. We are offering several ways to learn more about the IA Hazelnut Project; what it is all about, how you can get involved, and what we hope to achieve. Jeff Jensen, project coordinator, will be presenting on the IA Hazelnut Project during the Oct. 3rd Field Day at R&R Tree Farms, as well as a webinar scheduled for National Nut Day, Thursday, Oct. 22nd from noon to 1:00.

Thursday, Oct. 22nd will also be the kick off to the Hazelnut Academy. This 8-part training series will run Oct. through January and feature a 40 - 60 minute sessions geared towards new and intermediate growers addressing a range of topics from planning to planting to maintenance to harvesting, processing, marketing and more. Landowners and prospective growers completing the course will be eligible to partner with the Iowa Nut Growers Association to establish research plantings of some of the best available experimental geno-type bushes being developed. See the tentative session dates below.

Contact Jeff Jensen at jjensen@treesforever.org or his cell 515-320-6756 for, questions, concerns, or further information.

INGA Fall Field Day Schedule

contact Jeff Jensen at jjensen@treesforever.org to register for the session you want to attend

Session #1

3:00 p.m.	Registration
3:15 p.m.	IA Hazelnut Project Presentation
3:45 p.m.	Field Tour
4:45 p.m.	First session ends

Session #2

4:00 p.m.	Registration
4:15 p.m.	IA Hazelnut Project Presentation
4:45 p.m.	Field Tour
5:45 p.m.	Second session ends

IA Hazelnut Project Kick-off Presentations

Saturday, Oct. 3rd, in-person presentation at the INGA Fall Field Day, 2463 Hilton Ave, Waverly IA.
3:15 p.m. or 4:15 p.m. prior to the Field Tour

Thursday, Oct. 22nd, National Nut Day, Go To Webinar
Noon to 1:00 p.m.

IA Hazelnut Academy

All sessions will be virtual Go To Webinar

Session 1, 10-22-20	Noon to 1:00	IA Hazelnut Project
Session 2, 10-22-20	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.	Hazelnuts: a primer
Session 3, 11-5-20	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.	Planning
Session 4, 11-19-20	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.	Planting
Session 5, 12-3-20	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.	Maintenance
Session 6, 12-17-20	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.	Harvesting
Session 7, 1-7-21	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.	Processing
Session 8, 1-21-21	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.	Marketing