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Southern IA Nut Tour and Field Day

Nut production, agroforestry & water quality

Centerville, Iowa (Sept. 16th 2025) — Join the Iowa Nut Growers Association (INGA), Sustainable Iowa Land Trust (SILT), Wayne County SWCD, Trees Forever, and Indian Hills Community College for a fun filled day talking nuts and agroforestry at the annual Southern Iowa Nut Tour and Field Day on Saturday, October 4th at Indian Hills Community College.

We will meet at 10:30 am for a tour of the research planting & test plot on the campus of Indian Hills Community College located at 721, N 1st St. in Centerville Iowa. Attendees can enjoy a leisurely ride on the “Chestnut Express” wagon while learning about all the various nut species being grown, including hazelnuts, black walnuts, pecans, hickories, chestnuts and more. The afternoon features a field day from 2:00 to 4:00 at The Nut Farm located at 9255 120th St. Ottumwa IA 52501 just northeast of Ottumwa.

“The Indian Hills Research Test Plot contains lots of different species of pecan, hazelnut, hickory, black walnut, chestnuts and even some delicious persimmons” said Iowa Nut Growers Association President Mary Ellen Miller. Lunch is provided but registration is required for lunch count.

The afternoon tour of The Nut Farm, located just outside of Ottumwa, is your opportunity to see a producing chestnut and paw paw farm and even do some harvesting of ripe paw paw and chestnuts. David Farrell and Tierney Lain live on the farm and will be our guides as we learn all about what it takes to be successful on a nut farm. The Nut Farm is a SILT property and representatives will be on hand to talk about the history of the farm.

Attendees can ride the Chestnut Express, a “people mover wagon” supplied by Wayne County SWCD, as it cruises the Indian Hills Research Test Plot accommodating a wide range of participants. Lunch is free, a pizza party in the orchard, but registration is required for lunch count. Register here <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/TywVatkW3e> by Wednesday, Oct. 1st or visit the Iowa Nut Growers Association website at <https://iowanutgrowers.com/>

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What:	Southern Iowa Nut Tour and Field Day
Where:	Indian Hills Community College, 721 N 1 st St, Centerville IA & The Nut Farm, 9255 120 th St. Ottumwa IA
When:	Saturday, Oct. 4 th starting at 10:30 a.m.
Why:	Tour the research plot, learn about nut production, experience agroforestry
How much:	This event is FREE with lunch provided but registration is required at the link below https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/TywVatkW3e
Who:	Sponsors include Iowa Nut Growers Association (INGA), Sustainable Iowa Land Trust (SILT), Wayne County SWCD, Trees Forever, and Indian Hills Community College