

Registration Form

Name1 _____

Name2 _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Telephone # _____

E-Mail Address _____

**Submit names and addresses for each registrant.*

Conference Registration Fee:

The conference registration fee includes speakers, printed materials, break food, and lunch on Saturday. Lodging and Friday dinner are on your own. Add \$5/person for registrations after February 27.

Full Conference

No. Attending: _____ x \$50.00 each = \$ _____

Friday Only

No. Attending: _____ x \$25.00 each = \$ _____

Saturday Only

No. Attending: _____ x \$40.00 each = \$ _____

Total Enclosed:..... \$ _____

Make check/money order payable to:

Iowa Nut Growers Association

and return with completed registration to:

Jeff Jensen
3503 40th Ave
Fenton IA 50539

Registration Deadline: Monday, Feb. 27th

DIRECTIONS

From Hwy 52 North

- State Hwy 52 to Pole Line Rd (east)
- Pole Line Rd becomes College Drive
- Take slight left onto Water St.
- Hotel Winneshiek on left (north), however parking is in the back accessed by Court St from the west or State St from the east.

From Hwy 52 South

- State Hwy 52 to IA Hwy 9 (east)
- Left onto Short St.
- Take slight left onto S Mechanic St.
- Right onto Water St.
- Hotel Winneshiek on left (north), however parking is in the back accessed by Court St from the west or State St from the east.



Suggested Lodging

Hotel Winneshiek – 1-800-998-4164

Quality Inn & Suites – 563-382-2269

Super 8 Decorah – 563-382-8771

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hotel Winneshiek at a slightly reduced rate. Call them directly and ask for the Hazelnut Growers Conference. Call by Feb. 1st for guaranteed availability.

The Iowa Nut Growers Association (INGA) would like to welcome you to picturesque Decorah IA and the beautiful Hotel Winneshiek for the 3rd Annual Upper Midwest Hazelnut Growers Conference March 2nd & 3rd. This conference will be structured similar to the 2011 conference with a few twists. We will be dedicating the afternoon of Friday March 2nd to new or prospective growers with our Hazelnuts 101 course. Learn about the basics of hazelnut production from selecting plants, to establishing & caring for plants, to fertilizing and processing, we'll touch on it all.

Saturday March 3rd will be geared for new and existing growers alike. Hear presentations from Minnesota, Iowa, and Wisconsin highlighting what is new at Badgersett, starting a nutty business, and future cultivars of wild American hazelnuts.

New this year will be a processing demonstration and trade show at the Winneshiek County Fairgrounds Community Building a short three minute drive from the Hotel Winneshiek. Growers with their own home built equipment, as well as companies with machinery to sell or rent, will be showcasing at the event. This will take place on Saturday March 3rd from 2:30 – 5:00. Come see how hazelnuts are husked, sized, cracked, and sorted.

Participants are again encouraged to bring their favorite hazelnut treat to share on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. The selection was great last year and we hope to have even more this year. Be sure to bring a placard to display your name, contact info, product name, and product ingredients.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's conference and getting down right nutty!

Questions or comments can be directed to:

info@iowanutgrowers.com

3rd Annual Upper Midwest Hazelnut Growers Conference



**Friday - Saturday
March 2-3, 2012**

**Hotel Winneshiek
104 East Water St.
Decorah, IA 52101**



**Upper Midwest
Hazelnut
Development Initiative**

**UNIVERSITY
OF MINNESOTA**



**Minnesota
Hazelnut
Foundation**

**UW
EXTENSION**

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CONFERENCE AGENDA

Friday March 2nd

Hazelnuts 101

Noon – 1:00 Registration

1:00 – 1:30 Welcome & Introductions

1:30 – 2:15 Choosing Hazelnut Plants

Jason Fischbach

2:15 – 3:00 Establishing & Caring for Hazelnuts

Jeff Jensen & Norm Erickson

3:00 – 3:15 Break/Networking

3:15 – 4:00 Fertilizing Hazelnuts

Lois Braun & Jim Mickelson

4:00 – 4:30 Upper Midwest Hazelnut Development Initiative

Jason Fischbach, Lois Braun, Jeff Jensen

4:30 – 5:00 Processing 101

Jeff Jensen & Jason Fischbach

5:00 – 7:00 Networking and Association Meetings

Growers are encouraged to use this time for meetings and other networking. The Wisconsin hazelnut growers association steering committee and Minnesota Hazelnut Foundation meetings start at 6PM

Hazelnut 101 Instructors

*Jason Fischbach - UW-Extension Jeff Jensen - Rural Advantage
Lois Braun - University of Minnesota Norm Erickson - Hazelnut Grower
Jim Mickelson - Hazelnut Grower*

Saturday March 3rd

8:00 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome & Introductions

9:15 – 10:00 What's New at Badgersett?

Dr. Brandon Rutter – COO & V.P. Badgersett Research Corporation

10:00 – 10:45 Starting a Nutty Business

*Tom Wahl – Marketing Coordinator, Prairie Grove Nut Growers
Owner, Red Fern Farm*

10:45 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 12:00 Future Cultivars from Wild American Hazelnuts: Updates from the Wisconsin Hazelnut Research Team

*Jason Fischbach, UW-Extension Mike Demchik, UW-Stevens Point
Brent McCown, UW-Madison Anthony Kern, Northland College
Jim Lane, UW-Superior*

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch/Networking

1:00 – 2:30 Hazelnut Processing Panel

*Jason Fischbach – UW-Extension
Jeff Jensen - Rural Advantage
Hazelnut Growers*

2:30 – 5:00 Hazelnut Processing Demonstrations and Trade Show

Winneshiek County Fairgrounds – Community Building

Hazelnut processors will be on hand to demonstrate their processing equipment. See what's new and what needs to be done.

Adjourn

Do you have equipment you use to husk, size, crack, or sort hazelnuts that you'd like to share with other growers? Contact info@iowanutgrowers.com for information on how to participate in the processing demonstration.