

Coming Together

By pooling our hazelnuts we can access bigger markets and provide the consistent supply buyers want.



“ We all need a way to market the products, and we’re not going to build a market and do the processing individually, we have to come together for that. ”

— Paul Ronsheim, AHC Member

“ I was interested in hazelnuts for their nutritional and ecological benefits. AHC provides the market and technology I need to share them with the world. ”

— Pam Saunders, AHC Member



Resources

Grower Networks

Find your cluster to connect with growers in your area, share knowledge, and access equipment.

www.midwesthazelnuts.org/grower-networks



Upper Midwest Hazelnut Development Initiative

UMHDI provides information for all stages of growers. Learn how to buy seedlings, keep up with hazelnut research, connect with other growers, attend events, and more.

<http://www.midwesthazelnuts.org/>

Questions?

Don't hesitate to reach out!



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MIDWEST GROWER-OWNED

By Growers, For Growers

Since 2014, the American Hazelnut Company, LLC (AHC) has been building a brand that puts Midwest hazelnuts on the map. Whether you plan to establish a dozen bushes, or a dozen acres...

AHC is here when you're ready to bring your nuts to market.

Why Hazelnuts?

Easy to Grow

Simple

Hazelnuts require very little maintenance. Few farmers water their bushes or apply any inputs after the first year. Mowing may be all that is required to maintain your crops.

Flexible

Hazelnut bushes can grow well on sloped land not suitable for other crops.

Good for Business

Income Stream

Hazelnut bushes can be integrated into your current system as windbreaks, silvopasture, or riparian buffers that can simultaneously create nutritious food, ecological services, and income.

Industry Growth

As consumers become increasingly interested in hazelnuts and regenerative agriculture, now is the perfect time to get involved.

Grow delicious protein and healthy fats all on a plant that belongs on the Midwestern landscape.

Membership

We need your nuts! AHC is seeking new grower-members to help keep up with demand and share in the company's growth.

We doubled the number of hazelnuts purchased from growers over the past two years, and sold out of Midwest-grown hazelnuts in 2021.

Benefits

Processing: ACH purchases in-shell nuts, and provides sanitization, shelling, sorting, packaging, and marketing. We turn shelled hazelnuts into oil, flour, roasted kernels, and snacks.

Prices: Receive a member price of \$1.60/lb of in-shell nuts (\$1.30/lb for non-members). Members also receive discounts on AHC products!

Priority: Members have priority to sell their hazelnuts.

Input: As owners, members have a say in the future of the company.

Investment

AHC members make a one time investment of \$1000 in exchange for 10 units of company ownership.

This investment can be paid over time with cash, nuts, and/or in-kind contributions (e.g. labor, mileage, equipment).

No nuts yet? No problem. Join us as your bushes mature to start your investment, establish your priority to sell nuts, and become a part of the company.

Ecological Benefits

Help diversify Midwestern agriculture with a climate solution!

Hazelnuts are native to the Midwestern landscape and provide a host of ecological benefits.

Perennial crops

Hazelnuts cover the ground year after year, preventing erosion, cycling nutrients, and avoiding annual tillage inputs.

Climate Solution

Hazelnut bushes sequester and store carbon. They are resilient to variable weather; Their roots help with flood mitigation and drought resistance.

Clean Water

Hazelnuts protect water by filtering excess nutrients from runoff. They make excellent buffer species.

