

ORGANIC HAZELNUTS

SECOND ANNUAL SUMMER FARM TOUR

Join us!

AUGUST 15, 2018
9:30 AM – 4:30 PM



**ORGANIC
HAZELNUT
GROWERS
ASSOCIATION**



Organic hazelnuts are now proudly grown in Oregon and gaining interest with new growers!

Join the Organic Hazelnut Growers Association's summer tour at one certified organic farm and one transitioning farm in the mid-Willamette Valley.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- **Growing Organically:** A systems approach to fertility, pest management and more
- **Research Findings:** Recent findings from organic farms
- **Organic Certification:** Understanding organic certification and transition
- **Finding Success:** Shared challenges, needs and solutions for organic processing and marketing

Check-in starts at 9:00 at Cold Springs Farm at 35541 Cold Springs Road, Lebanon, OR.
For lunch and the afternoon sessions we'll transition to the Lackner Family Farm at 40455 Gisler Road, Scio, OR.

Lunch is served. Pre-registration is required.
Cost: \$18 for Organic Hazelnut Growers Association members. \$45 for non-members.
Join the OHGA and save!

For more information and to register visit www.pesticide.org/organichazelnuts



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AGENDA

Meet the Organic Hazelnut Growers Association — Linda Perrine, Honor Earth Farm and Board President, OHGA



The president of Oregon's newest agricultural cooperative, the Organic Hazelnut Growers Association, will discuss what the OHGA offers for you. Together, organic and transitioning growers and producers can solve the challenges of successfully growing and processing organic hazelnuts, and expand markets for this healthy food while we take care of the earth. Learn about the opportunities to contribute to this new association and grow the organic hazelnut sector in Oregon. Linda is the farmer/owner of Honor Earth Farm, a 32-acre certified organic hazelnut farm near Eugene. Linda is a graduate of the UC Santa Cruz Organic Farm & Garden apprenticeship, taught environmental education in Saratoga, CA, and founded Full Circle Farm, a non-profit educational organic farm in Sunnyvale, CA.

Lackner Family Farm Tour — Joe Lackner, Lackner Family Farm

Walk through the Lackner's 27-acre certified organic and transitioning hazelnut orchards. Joe and Cindy Lackner and their children, Bee, Brad, and Sarah will answer questions and discuss their cover cropping practices, and their methods of promoting natural predation on filbert worm and other pests. Check out their mower and harvester in action, see their hedgerow that will protect their trees from drift when mature, and learn about the particular needs and challenges of young trees. Lackner Family Farm has been in the Lackner family since 1962. The farm includes conventional grass seed and a young hazelnut orchard with 10 acres of certified organic Sacajawea and 17 acres transitional McDonald varieties. The Lackners value family, hard work and being good stewards of the land by continually building fertility and soil health and creating a diverse habitat.



Organic Hazelnut Research Trials — Nik Wiman, Oregon State University Extension

Nik will discuss his research and key findings on hazelnut cover crops and organic methods of managing filbert worms. As Assistant Professor and Orchard Specialist at Oregon State University, Nik supports commercial orchards through research and extension and works to advance sustainable production systems. Nik's previous work for Washington State University provided him with invaluable experience in organic orchard production.



Cold Springs Farm Tour — Don Hatai, Farm Manager, Chess Ag Full Harvest Partners

Don will discuss his strategy for converting from conventional to organic on Cold Springs Farm, and lessons learned during transition. He'll also showcase the farm's irrigation system, cover crop, weed and insect control practices, and fertility management. Don Hatai looks after permanent crop farming for Chess Ag, an agricultural investment firm. Previously, Don was the production manager for Berries Northwest, a 450-acre Oregon blueberry farm, and he farmed citrus, stone fruit and olives in California for 30 years. Don was born and raised on a family farm.



Understanding Organic Certification and Transitioning — Drew Katz, Transition Services Coordinator, Oregon Tilth

Drew will summarize the National Organic Program rules, the certification process, and what to expect during the transition. Drew Katz is Oregon Tilth's Transition Services Coordinator and provides outreach and education to farmers transitioning to organic. He manages Oregon Tilth's Farmer to Farmer Mentorship Program and also conducts trainings for organic food processors and handlers.



Protecting Yourself from Loss — George Harris, Northwest Farm Credit Services

Learn about Whole Farm Revenue Insurance and other programs offered by the USDA designed for specialty crop and diversified farms. George Harris has been with Northwest Farm Credit Services since 2006, with a complete focus on crop insurance. George was raised in Cottage Grove, Oregon and co-managed a cow/calf operation with his father in his younger days. George and his wife Pati also own and operate a small retail and wholesale nursery in Silverton, Oregon.

