

American Chestnut Cooperator's Foundation

2023 Cooperating Grower Agreement

The Cooperator Agrees to work with the ACCF in conducting the research outlined below:

Conduct at the Cooperator's location(s), as appropriate, research directed toward the growing and testing the field performance of all-American chestnuts from the ACCF breeding program.

Plant all-American chestnut seednuts from ACCF breeding orchards collected at harvest or received from a cooperating harvester. Following the first planting of no more than 10, the number of seednuts planted each year will be the Cooperator's decision (pending seednut and planting-site availability).

Report annually to the ACCF the numbers and progress of all surviving American chestnuts which were grown from seednuts from the ACCF breeding program. All seednuts, whether produced by ACCF on ACCF breeding or research orchards or by ACCF Cooperators at any other location, are ACCF proprietary property, and annual reporting is required for both. Include location(s) of planting(s) and a plot map identifying the seednuts in their positions in the first report and update the plot map, as necessary, to show changes due to death and seednut replacements.

Participate with ACCF director(s) in evaluating the field blight resistance and forest tree form of the all-American chestnuts received from the ACCF breeding program, to be done when trees are >2.5 inches in diameter and breast height (dbh).

Include ACCF director(s) or officer(s) as coauthor(s) in the preparation of manuscripts and publication of papers resulting from research with chestnuts grown from seednuts from the ACCF breeding program.

Record names and contact information for all individuals who receive seednuts harvested from chestnut trees grown from seednuts from the ACCF breeding program, indicate the number of seednuts provided and parentage information for those seednuts, and promptly provide a copy of this information to ACCF. Obtain individual copies of this 2023 Grower Agreement signed by each of the forementioned individuals and forward these to ACCF. Growers shall not exchange money or any other payment for seednuts grown from the ACCF breeding program.

I agree to the above as a Cooperator of the ACCF. Further, **I pledge that the chestnut orchard(s), grove(s), plot(s), or any other planting(s) which I establish will be 100% all-American chestnuts from the ACCF breeding program and that genetic materials (any germplasm, tissues, pollen, nuts, trees or scions) from ACCF chestnuts will not be used in hybrid or other breeding programs or any other research project without specific permission from the ACCF Board of Directors.**

Signature _____ Date _____

Name(please print) _____

Address _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

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2023 Nut Request - Closed Harvest

Harvest will begin in September and end in October. **We will send *treated nuts* as they are available during the month of October.**

Please Note:

1. The number of nuts sent will be limited and determined at harvest.
2. Nuts will be sent out to growers in the same order as Nut Request Forms are received by us.
3. We will honor as many requests as possible for Cooperators with membership established as of 2022.
4. Read through the Planting Instructions attached to the newsletter before requesting nuts. (*Planting sites should be prepared ahead of harvest, by the end of September at the latest, to allow soil to settle before planting.*)
5. Nuts should be planted as soon as possible after receipt.
6. Please send in this Nut Request Form by September 29th. Requests postmarked before September 10th will have priority.
7. Indicate in the space below how many nuts you have spaces prepared for. *First time growers can request up to 10 nuts.*

I have read the ACCF Planting Instructions and would like to receive nuts from the 2023 Harvest _____

I have prepared spaces for _____ nuts.

Mail completed Nut Request Form to:

ACCF, P.O. Box 102, Ridgecrest, NC 28770.