

OTHER KNGA ACTIVITIES



A pecan shaker attached to a tractor to shake nuts from the tree and onto the ground so that they can be swept up, dried and sold. The demonstration was held at the "Ed Yates" pecan grove owned by Joe Ballard during a fall meeting.



Fred Blankenship demonstrates grafting techniques at a spring KNGA meeting.

Check out the Kentucky Nut Growers Association Web Site at:
<http://www.pawpaw.kysu.edu/KNGA.htm>

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION: KENTUCKY NUT GROWERS ASSOCIATION

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Dues are \$5.00 for one year. Annual membership begins January 1st. New members joining after July 1st will be credited as paid in full for the next calendar year. For more information, contact Dr. Kirk W. Pomper at 502-597-6174 or kirk.pomper@kysu.edu

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Kentucky Nut Growers Association (KNGA)



Devoted to the advancement of
nut growing in Kentucky and
the surrounding region

KENTUCKY NUT GROWERS ASSOCIATION

The Kentucky Nut Growers Association (KNGA) is a non-profit organization that was formed to promote interest in nut bearing trees; research in their breeding and culture; dissemination of educational material and information; and to encourage locating and reporting of promising seedling trees which may be adaptable to the regions represented by the membership. KNGA has about 300 members who are interested in growing nut trees, pawpaws, and persimmons.

Association Activities:

- A Spring Meeting and Plant Auction on the fourth Saturday in April
- A budwood exchange of nut varieties during the spring meeting and July grafting workshops
- A Fall Meeting on the fourth Saturday in October
- A quarterly newsletter, the Kentucky Colonels 'Kernel'
- Support for nut tree variety trials and nut research



Budwood exchange at KNGA spring meeting



Joe Ballard Pecan orchard at fall meeting



Sample nuts for tasting at fall meeting



Cracking nuts and nut display cases

CAN NUTS BE GROWN IN THIS REGION?

- Kentucky and the surrounding region are generally well-suited for growing nut trees.
- Northern pecans, black walnuts, heartnuts, hickory nuts, hardy Persian walnuts (Carpathian), American hazelnuts, and Chinese chestnuts all grow well in here.
- Nut trees grow best in deep, well-drained soil of medium to good fertility with a soil pH of 6.5-6.8. Chinese chestnuts grow best on acidic soils.
- Pecan growing in Kentucky should be limited to "Northern" varieties because Kentucky's growing season is usually not long enough for southern pecans to mature, i.e. for kernels to fill the shell.