



**CHESTNUT CHAT – CHAT ROOM**  
**CHAT # 19: CHESTNUT SUMMIT**  
**DATE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 09, 2020**

ORIGINATOR	QUESTION / COMMENT
Jules	Link to all recorded Chestnut Chats on TACF's website: <a href="https://acf.org/resources/chestnut-chat-series/">https://acf.org/resources/chestnut-chat-series/</a>
Lisa Thomson	Hi David!! Your question will come up early. Thanks for joining us!
Steve Johnstonbaugh	Of all the webinars I have attended during the time of COVID the ATF's Chestnut Chat series set the standard for all others. Sara has a natural talent for putting the panels together and acting as moderator. Sara, your new talent has truly blossomed over the course of the series. Great Job!
Sara Fern Fitzsimmons	Thanks, Steve! I appreciate the positive feedback! It's been a lot of fun working on these and putting them together.
Peter Lane	Thanks from Kennett Square PA. This is fun. Pete Lane
Sara Fern Fitzsimmons	Hi Pete! Great to see you here!
Joseph Golden	A "Hmm" thought is why chestnut seedlings and young trees maintain resistance to the blight fungus which is omnipresent in their environment, and only become susceptible when the trees reach a certain age.
Jules	Thank you, Steve! Agreed that Sara does a great job!
Clark Beebe	Lisa, how do the number of comments compare to other similar USDA applications?
goodlatte4@gmail.com	what has generated 1500 or so comments in opposition?
Sara Fern Fitzsimmons	Hi all - Bill Lord and I wrote up an article about the Dunstan tree in our magazine a couple years ago. Jules is looking for that and will post that link here in a minute.
Jules	Link to Dunstan chestnut article in Chestnut magazine. Article can be found on page 21: <a href="https://acf.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Chestnut_Winter2016_lr.pdf">https://acf.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Chestnut_Winter2016_lr.pdf</a>
Lisa Thomson	Are you asking about other USDA APHIS applications? Other species? Maybe Andy can help answer.
Dan Mckinnon	Please call 276-944-4631 or 276-525-2489 to schedule a tour of the Meadowview Research Farms, BUT please remember that due to COVID-19 safety precautions, we are currently not allowing non-farm staff inside our facilities or vehicles and masks are required to be worn at all times, so I am suggesting that folks wanting to tour the operation wait until next Summer. Thank you for your interest! -Dan
frank	did I hear you right? the transgenic tree may have a slower growth rate?
Anne Duncan	Hello everyone from Paris! I just want to echo Steve Johnstonbaugh's remark at the beginning. TACF's webinars have been a joy during this period. Thank you to the talented team to create so many interesting and different sessions with both experts and those of us who are not. Just outstanding! Thank you! ;-) Anne D.
goodlatte4@gmail.com	I am asking about your APHIS application. She said 62% were favorable. a few responses were neutral but the rest were opposed to APHIS approval and I'd like to know why they were opposed. Thanks!
Sara Fern Fitzsimmons	Thanks Anne! It's been fun to see folks who return regularly, like yourself! Thanks for all your participation and great feedback!



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Jim English	Be careful attributing growth rates to transgenics, until you compare base non-trans Darling 58 trees growth rates to all American Chestnut trees. It may just be that any difference in growth rate may be inherited from the base genetics, and really have nothing to do with it being a transgenic tree.
Jules	Information about Seed Level Membership: <a href="https://support.acf.org/membership/new-seed-level">https://support.acf.org/membership/new-seed-level</a>
Andrew Newhouse	Jim, we're absolutely looking very carefully at this! We're comparing full-sibling trees with and without the transgene, which should account for most of the background genetics.
Peter Lane	lunch time â€¦ gotta go BUT Iâ€™ll be patient for the Trans-Genic offering.
Sara Fern Fitzsimmons	Thanks, Pete!
Kendra Collins	<a href="https://acf.org/resources/identification/">https://acf.org/resources/identification/</a>
Jules	Will find article Tom referenced and share shortly.
Kevin	What was the name of the app that takes a picture and adds gps coordinate s
Kendra Collins	tree snap
Sara Fern Fitzsimmons	TreeSnap: <a href="https://treesnap.org/">https://treesnap.org/</a>
Jules	Article about how to locate American chestnut: <a href="https://acf.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/How-to-locate-wild-American-chestnut-2020-fall-Chestnut.pdf">https://acf.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/How-to-locate-wild-American-chestnut-2020-fall-Chestnut.pdf</a>
Kevin	thanks
Joe Lamp'l	Hi, Sara and panelists. This was my first chat and I thoroughly enjoyed it! I look forward to the next ones. Thank you! Joe Lamp'l
Jules	acf.org
Louise Aucott	Wonderful Job by all of you! Thanks!
Anne Duncan	Thanks again! I have chestnuts roasting now! Bravo to all the team and wishing all of you an excellent end of the year!
Jules	Great to see you, Joe!
Joe Lamp'l	Hi, Jules!
Jules	<a href="https://support.acf.org/EOYAppeal2020">https://support.acf.org/EOYAppeal2020</a>
Jules	I let the GA chapter folks know you joined!
Robbie Shaw	THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU GUYS DO