Chestnut Chat: Planting American Chestnuts

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How to Get Chestnuts

TACF Chestnut Distribution Programs
Ways To Get Chestnuts...

TACF Programs
• Wild-type American chestnut seedling sale
• Seed Level memberships
  • Seeds with elevated blight resistance

TACF Chapter Programs
• Chapter-run programs
• Primarily wild-type American seeds or seedlings for chapter members
Wild-Type American Chestnut Seedling Sales

- Nursery-grown, bareroot seedlings from wild-type American chestnuts
- Seedlings have not been improved for blight tolerance and will succumb if exposed
- May still survive and thrive for years to come
- Great learning experience
- Helps preserve genetic diversity of the species
Wild-Type American Chestnut Seedling Sales

• Sale open to TACF members before the general public

• Seedlings available in bundles, shipping included:
  • 5 - $35
  • 10 - $70
  • 25 - $175
  • Limit of 25 seedlings/person

• Sale is in early March, seedlings ship in early April
Seed Level Membership Program

- Intermediate blight-resistant seeds - our very best to-date from Meadowview Research Farms
- From select parent trees with elevated blight resistance
- Represent nearly 40 years of research and development
- Limited quantities, availability may vary annually
Seed Level Membership Program

• Seeds are the ‘Thank You’ gift for supporting our programs
  • $300 - Root Seed Level: 4 seeds
  • $500 - Branch Seed Level: 6 seeds
  • $1,000 - Canopy Seed Level: 12 seeds

• Covered by TACF’s Germplasm Agreement

• Membership must be purchased by January 1 to receive seeds the same year
  • Memberships purchased later will have seeds distributed the following year

• Shipped in early March
TACF Chapter Distribution Programs

• Usually wild-type American chestnuts
• Direct sales or promotions from the chapter –
  • Opportunities for members to purchase seeds or seedlings
  • Incentives to join as a new member
Shipping Restrictions

• Bareroot seedlings are only shipped to locations east of the Mississippi

• Seeds may be shipped west of the Mississippi, and to Michigan, with these conditions:
  • Seeds are treated in a 10% bleach solution as a horticultural best practice
  • Will not impact viability or germination
  • Can not ship to WA, OR, or CA due to Department of Agriculture restrictions

• No shipping outside of the continental US
Questions?

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