



Granary Oils & Warwickshire Walnuts



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New completed Processing line

This June we purchased a walnut cracking machine from AMB Rousset in France to replace a borrowed one, we now have a modern cracking and shelling line. This follows on from last year's purchase of a large commercial drier from them that can handle tonnes of nuts rather than a few hundred Kilos.

We have been offering drying and shelling as a service to customers for a while now so this addition means we can crack and shell at up to 120Kg per hour after drying a customers harvest. The line will also handle Hazel/ Cobnuts once they have been de-husked & cracked. *Contact David for more information—07806 917587.*



2021 Season

This year has been very mixed, a very cold late spring meant many cultivars didn't get pollinated as the catkins either aborted or just died but some like Lara, Franquette, Fernor & Fernette flowered much later than normal (into July) and although there didn't appear to be many, if any, male flowers locally we have a crop on some of these young trees. The upside since has been generally warm/hot weather with periodic rain, we've irrigated the new trees we planted last winter but a lot less than previous years. We should have good root systems establishing which will pay dividends with next years growth even though this year they had a very late start.

Advice & Visits



We've always had people asking to visit to see the orchard and learn more about our trees and in the last few years an increasing number of customers approach us for advise on walnut growing, both commercial and small scale as part of a small fruit orchard. Increasingly Agroforestry / Silvopasture is becoming a central theme for farming interest and with Defra gearing up for the new ELMS to replace the Single Farm Payment & Countryside Stewardship it's possible fruit orchards will gain a new level of appreciation and financial support.

If you need advice on drying, processing or planting trees in small or large numbers please contact us and we'll be glad to help and advise. We've been building a database of knowledge from our experience and our trials of cultivars and probably have one of the largest range of trees in the country, all proven cultivars in their own countries.

Grafted Nut Trees



We have a range of cultivated walnuts from around the world including giant nuts (like small apples), red kernels, commercial desert nuts and genuine Dwarf Trees. We also sell Carya cultivars (Pecans, Hickories and Hicans) and expect to have an expanded range next summer including black walnuts and butternuts.



The Heartnuts in particular have grabbed peoples attention and we have sold out very quickly in previous years, this year we have managed to get larger quantities of 3 cultivars and expect to have more next summer. Being out of Europe has increased costs for importing mainly as some of the European countries have taken a while to get their Plant Health regimes up to speed. **Stock list on page 2.**

Walnuts are a super food!

Who knew? Well apparently all the press articles on the benefits of eating walnuts are starting to have an effect on the general population's awareness of nuts in general and walnuts in particular. Recent studies that indicate a benefit to brain health along with general health and well-being have given walnuts a lift, this short article is typical of what has been published in the last few years—

<https://erbology.co/walnuts-brain-health/>

We have certainly seen a very large increase in customer sales of dried in-shell nuts from the door, we're starting to think of the walnuts (and all nuts) as a year round healthy snack and catching up with the rest of the world.

Walnut and Rapeseed Products

Whilst walnuts are our future we still sell Rapeseed Oil, flavoured oils are very popular and particularly the Chilli & Garlic.

Walnut oil is still high in demand and we're improving our capacity so we can meet the demand, at the moment it's still very time consuming but we hope to have an increased supply this winter.

Skincare products using our Walnut & Rapeseed Oils are very popular and meet the demand for more environmentally efficient products produced locally.



Among the best cultivars grown around the globe **LARA** has proven to be very popular as a dried nut, a nice clean nutty flavour with a creamy sweetness. Alongside the Grenoble nut '**Franquette**' another French cultivar and one of its pollinators they have comprised more than 90% of our dried nut sales.

In the next few years we will have a growing supply of other varieties to increase our range of dried nuts, many with slightly different flavours for individual palates and choice including Red Kernelled nuts.

This year we also had a few more customers asking for 'WET' Walnuts & Cobnuts, something of a lost taste in our modern consumer society. Traditionally a large part of any local walnuts would be eaten wet rather than dried.

The wet walnut is literally de-husked and washed, left in it's shell and eaten immediately. Most people cracked the shell and peeled the kernel to get at the sweet milky nut during October and November.

If you want to dry and consume your walnuts over the next year then there are a few rules to follow to avoid bitter or rancid nuts;

- 1—Make sure the nuts you're collecting contain enough oil to be dried, some seedlings don't and giant horse nuts rarely do!
- 2—Nuts should never be on the ground for more than 24 hours if you can avoid it, shaken off the tree is even better.
- 3—Remove any remaining husk and wash immediately.
- 4—Air dry after washing and then they need to be dried to about 12% moisture, don't over dry them, keep cracking and testing
- 5—Store somewhere cool and dry (Vermin Proof!) and they'll keep for a year, some cultivars for longer than that.

Current Tree Stock List

Bare-rooted trees will be available early December, numbers shown are already available, larger quantities are available on request.

Trees can be collected or sent by carrier at cost. The web site shows all trees available and those expected next summer (subject to grafting success!). **For tree related enquiries contact Tom on 07816 674854.**

Cultivar		Available Now	Available December		Price	
Juglans ailantifolia Campbell CW4	Heartnut	19		3L Pot	£ 36	
Juglans ailantifolia Fodermaier	Heartnut	22		3L Pot	£ 36	
Juglans ailantifolia Jewelbox	Heartnut	21		3L Pot	£ 36	
Juglans regia Buzsaki Pirosbelu	Red Walnut (Rare)	23		3L Pot	£ 32	
Juglans regia Kardinal (DR-1)	Red Walnut (Rare)	3		3L Pot	£ 32	
Juglans regia Laciniata	Cut leaf ornamental (Rare)	2		7L Pot	£ 55	
Juglans regia Purpurovy	Red Walnut (Rare)	19		3L Pot	£ 32	
Juglans regia Rote Gubler II	Red Walnut (Rare)	21		3L Pot	£ 32	
Juglans regia A117 Kései	Desert Nut		15	Bag Pot	£ 32	
Juglans regia Bonifác	Large Desert Nut		15	Bag Pot	£ 32	
Juglans regia Dryanovo	Large Desert Nut	1		Bag Pot	£ 32	
Juglans regia Izvor 10	Large Desert Nut	9		Bag Pot	£ 32	
Juglans regia Perushtenski	Desert Nut	1		Bag Pot	£ 32	
Juglans regia Robert Livermore	Red Walnut (Rare)		15	Bare-root	£ 25	
Juglans regia Sheinovo	Desert Nut	3		Bag Pot	£ 32	
Juglans regia Silistrenski	Desert Nut	7		Bag Pot	£ 32	
Juglans regia Slivenski	Desert Nut	1		Bag Pot	£ 32	
Juglans regia Chandler	Desert Nut		8	Bare-root	£ 24.50	single tree, volume discount available
Juglans regia Fernette	Desert Nut		29	Bare-root	£ 24.50	
Juglans regia Fernor	Desert Nut		27	Bare-root	£ 24.50	
Juglans regia Franquette	Desert Nut		29	Bare-root	£ 24.50	
Juglans regia Lara	Desert Nut		54	Bare-root	£ 24.50	