



Missouri Chapter News

Walnut Council

Growing Walnut and Other Fine Hardwoods

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Missouri Walnut Council
Forestry Field Day - “Overcoming Hurdles”
Friday, October 13, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Branded Steer Restaurant – Richmond
Saturday, October 14, 2023; 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Black Oak Ranch
8920 SE Soo Line Dr, Cowgill, MO 64637
(One Hour NE of Kansas City)

The “**Missouri Walnut Council Forestry Field Day**” and business meeting will be held **Saturday, October 14th, 2023, at Black Oak Ranch hosted by Schatzi and Jim Ball.** Jim is our Chapter *Regional Landowner Representative* for the Northwest Region of Missouri, and a past Missouri and Regional Tree Farmer of the Year in the 10 state north-central region. This is a great opportunity to learn about woodland and wildlife management from landowners, foresters, and forest industry representatives.

There will also be a **buffet dinner and social Friday evening, October 13th** at the **Branded Steer Restaurant** in Richmond. **The charge will be \$20 for a full buffet dinner with a cash bar.** We hope you can attend and network with fellow members. Our field day theme is **overcoming hurdles** in managing trees, native grasses, wildlife, and water quality concerns caused by livestock, flooding, drought, depleted or marginal soils, toxic fescue, predators, invasive species, wildfires, ever changing government programs and challenging economics. Plus, enjoy viewing Monarch Butterfly plantings and wildlife habitat.



This is a unique opportunity to view and learn about managing hardwood trees while enhancing wildlife and pollinator habitat.

A Word from our President:

Dennis Evans

We are in the middle of the dog days of summer. I'm ready for cooler weather and getting back into the forest.

The Missouri Chapter had a wonderful representation at the **“2023 Joint Conference of the Northern Nut Growers Association, the Chestnut Growers of America, and the Walnut Council”**, and the meeting was a resounding success. It is always great to visit with people who have the same interests. A special thank you goes to John Buchanan for donating two hogs and cooking the Sunday evening pig roast and to Dusty Walter for helping cook the hogs.



The presentation that stood out for me was the USDA Forest Service report on black walnut inventory in the U.S. We are growing more trees than we are harvesting. The nationwide inventory is up 18 percent from the previous report and the quality of the trees has not decreased during the analysis period. Missouri is growing three times more walnut trees than we are harvesting!

Brian Brookshire, Missouri Forest Products Association, gave a current view of the walnut market. The short-term view of the walnut lumber market is trending negative. However, we need to continue to take a long-term approach and produce the highest quality product as possible. There will always be a market for high quality walnut logs.

The European Union (EU) is planning on implementing a sourcing requirement policy for wood products entering the EU in 2025. The sourcing requirement is the EU response to the mass deforestation of forested areas and the release of carbon into the atmosphere. I feel this policy could be a bonus for our members since we will be able to provide a higher volume of logs to suppliers and easing the sourcing burden if the products are from one or two producers.

Dr. Shaneka Lawson reinforced what we have been advocating for years. We need to plant and manage our walnut trees on the best soils. In her study, trees on a desirable site even with a lower pH level did better than walnut trees with more favorable pH and a less than desirable site. Therefore, one should grow the species that's best suited for the site. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Web Soil Survey site for Missouri includes a Black Walnut Suitability Index that lets you know if your soil is suited for growing black walnut trees.

Dr. Jerry Van Sambeek presented a program on soil fertility and the method of correcting any fertility deficiencies that may be affecting tree growth. We want to maximize the growth of our trees since time is money and determines if growing trees is cost-effective.

We are finalizing our forestry field day at the Black Oak Ranch in Caldwell County near Braymer, MO. The farm is owned and operated by Jim and Schatzi Ball. This field day is a must attend event for anyone growing and managing fine hardwood trees. On Friday evening at the **Branded Steer Restaurant** in Richmond, MO there will be a social hour and dinner giving you an opportunity to network with fellow members and ask questions to a panel of experts.

May the FOREST be with you,

Dennis Evans

President

Missouri Walnut Council

Forestry Field Day

Saturday, October 14th, 2023

Registration Form

<u>Items</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u># Attending</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Coffee, Doughnuts, Beverages & Lunch Saturday	\$20 ea.	_____	\$_____
* Box lunches will include ham or turkey sandwich, potato salad, fruit, chips, cookie, soft drink, or water.			
* Contact Fred Crouse with any special dietary needs.			
Non-member Fee (Join WC; Fee Excluded!)	\$5 ea.	_____	\$_____
Herbicide Order Total = (<i>Refer to Price List – Page 6</i>) *			\$_____
Donation to “ Missouri Walnut Council ” or “ MWC ”			\$_____

Total Payable to “*Missouri Walnut Council*” = \$_____

Note: Receipts will be provided on the field day. Walk-ins are welcome; however, **we cannot guarantee lunch will be available without prior registration.** There is no food service nearby.

Names of Registrants: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Telephone: (_____) _____

Email: _____

Mail this registration form and your check to arrive by Wednesday, October 4th to:

Fred Crouse, Treasurer

Missouri Walnut Council

1805 Bettina Dr.

Columbia, MO 65202

Cell: (573) 449-1950

* **Because prices can vary, we recommend paying for herbicides at the event!**



FORESTRY FIELD DAY AGENDA

Friday, October 13

6:30 Dinner and Social at the **Branded Steer Restaurant** – Richmond, MO

Saturday, October 14

8:30 Meet at Black Oak Ranch

- Coffee, Doughnuts and Conversation!

9:20 **Welcome** – Dennis Evans, President, Missouri Chapter, and Jim Ball, Host

- Missouri Chapter Walnut Council Business Meeting - Dennis Evans

9:50 **Orientation to Black Oak Ranch**, Theme – “*Overcoming Hurdles*” & Day’s Events - Jim Ball

10:10 Begin Field Presentations

- Walk to the Wine Cave - Soil Health & Rain Table Demonstration - Luke Skinner, NRCS

10:30 Begin Wagon Tour (Stops #1 and #2)

- Soil Health – Fescue Toxicity and Soil Fertility - Impacts on Tree Growth - Luke & Jim
- Demonstration of Equipment & Tools for High Pruning - Jim Ball
- USDA Financial Assistance Programs & Practices for Forest Health - Tyler Rhodes, NRCS

12:00 **Lunch at the Covered Bridge** (Porta Johns available)

1:00 Walking Tour Through Native Timber to Wildlife Food Plots

- Using a Forrest Stewardship Plan – Shane Strommer, MDC
- Black Walnut Tree Inventory - Fred Crouse, Consulting Forester

1:40 Wagon Tour Resumes – on to Haunted Pond

- Controlling Autumn Olive (Invasive Species) – Jim Ball
- Wildlife Habitat Management, Challenges, and Financial Assistance - Jim Ball
- Soil Health & Tree Growth at Smitty Walnut Plantation; Pollinator Planting – Jim Ball

3:30 **Questions & Closing Remarks** - Dennis Evans **Safe Travels!**

Note: There will be some casual walking, but most of your travel will be on wagons. Wear appropriate clothing and shoes for the day. Limited ATV/UTV transportation will be available.

Lodging

Do NOT delay in making your lodging reservations! Local lodging options are limited.

➤ **Option in Richmond:**

[Super 8 by Windham](#)

888 Slumber Lane

(816) 776-8008

Steele.super8@gmail.com

(8 guest rooms have been reserved under Walnut Council)

(These rooms will be released October 1st.)

➤ **Option in Excelsior Springs:**

[The Elms Hotel and Spa](#)

401 Regent Street

Excelsior Springs, MO 64024-2694

Refer to [Trip Advisor.com](http://TripAdvisor.com) for the latest contact information and special pricing for these and other lodging options in or near Richmond, Missouri.

Travel Directions

Coming from the south and west - Travel north from I-70 on Hwy. 13, through Richmond (where our Oct 13 dinner is) to Polo, Mo. Go 1 mile north of Polo and turn right (east of Hwy. 116). Travel 6 miles to Cowgill turnoff, but do not exit. Travel 2 more miles to SE Oliver Rd. and turn right (south) 1.1 miles to SE Soo Line Dr. Turn left, east and travel 0.9 miles to 8920 SE Soo Line Drive; wrought iron gate on right, travel down driveway to parking.

Coming from the north and east - Travel south from Hwy 36 on Hwy A to Braymer, Mo. Turn right(west) on Hwy 116 - 6 miles to SE Oliver Rd. Turn left (south) on SE Oliver Rd for 1.1 miles to SE Soo Line Dr, turn left (east); travel 0.9 miles to 8920 SE Soo Line Drive; wrought iron gate on right; travel down driveway to parking.

Watch for our red and white **“Walnut Council”** signs with arrows to guide you when near the ranch.

Note: The Soo Line Drive Street sign may be missing.

Herbicide Orders

You can purchase three herbicides for timber stand improvement at our actual cost by contacting Fred Crouse, Consulting Forester, (fcrouse@centurytel.net) by Monday morning, **October 9th**. These products reflect actual prices at Van Diest Supply Company; tax is included. **Actual prices may vary.** **We recommend placing your product order and paying at the event to ensure you are paying current prices.**

✓ **Pathway** is \$42.15/gallon available only in 2.5-gallon containers for \$105.38.

○ A case is 2 – 2.5-gallon containers for \$210.75.

✓ **Remedy Ultra** is \$81.50/gallon (2.5-gallons = \$203.75)

○ A case is 4 – 1-gallon containers for \$326.00.

✓ **Buccaneer Glyphosate** is \$20.80/gallon available only in 2.5-gallon containers for \$52.00.

“Chemical Warehouse” Online herbicide purchasing option. Quality name brand products; reliable; currently **no shipping charges**. Excellent location to do comparison shopping.

- **Contact:** 1-877-272-0244 or via Internet at: www.ChemicalWarehouse.com
- Monday - Friday - 9AM - 4PM CST; 6650 US Highway 54 Osage Beach, MO 65065.



Efficient pruning operations on this ranch depend on the use of machinery and power tools to remove the number of limbs annually at these heights.

Overview of Saturday's events:

Following a welcome from **Dennis Evans**, Chapter President, and a brief chapter business meeting, we will tour "**Black Oak Ranch**" viewing:

- 150 acres of native timber where black walnut is the dominant crop tree.
- 240 acres of plantations of oak and black walnut. Plantations vary in age from a few years to 32 years growing high quality lumber and mast for wildlife.
- Methods used to overcome hurdles: Forest Stand Improvement (TSI), herbicide applications, right trees in the right soil, plantation layout, pruning, thinning, maintenance, with right equipment, fertilizer, and lime.
- Use of three USDA programs: CSP, CRP and EQIP, plus programs from the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) to help the ranch economics.
- Extensive wildlife habitat projects; and
- Visiting a 73-foot covered bridge using timber principally from the farm. The major timbers are all black walnut. Jim designed the bridge, sawed out the lumber, and (with Schatzi's help) managed construction. This bridge handles a 130 hp tractor and implements.

Please invite your local timber industry representatives, consulting forester, MDC field forester, fellow woodland landowners, students and teaching faculty interested in managing our woodland resources to this event. We welcome guests! You need not be a member of Walnut Council to attend although we have a \$5 fee for non-members. Membership forms will be available for those wanting to join Walnut Council. ***Those who join Walnut Council will not pay the \$5 "non-member" registration fee!***

We look forward to seeing you Friday, October 13th and Saturday, October 14th at the times on the agenda. **Join us Friday, October 13th with a cash bar and socializing at 6:30 p.m. and buffet dinner at 7:00 p.m. at the Branded Steer Restaurant "Oink & Moo BBQ" in Richmond (816) 776-6465.**

If you are not able to attend on Friday evening, do plan to join us on Saturday. A notice about this event will be posted at our chapter website and our Facebook page. See those links below.

Sincerely,



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