

CHESTNUTS

Chestnuts are magnificent, large trees with elegant green, glossy leaves which become golden in the fall. In early summer they produce yellow catkins. Two trees are recommended for pollination, and different species can cross pollinate.

Chestnuts can reach up to one hundred feet for European hybrids such as 'Colossal'. They require full sun and well drained soil for nut production. Fruit is contained in a spiny and very sharp capsule called a burr. When fruit reaches maturity, the burr turns yellow-brown and can split. Often the burrs will remain on the tree after mature fruit drops to the ground.



Trees should be spaced 40' apart for long term production, or 20' apart is appropriate for about twenty years. Grafted trees will bear in two to three years and seedlings bear in five to seven years.

If you have questions please stop by our Information Desk. *We're happy to help!*

VARIETIES EXPECTED FOR 2026

COLOSSAL	Hybrid of Japanese, Chinese and European chestnuts. Large to very large, sweet nuts. Good quality fruit on a beautiful, large tree. Can produce up to 400 pounds of fruit annually! Does not produce pollen, so will not pollinize other trees. May be susceptible to blight.
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