

OREGON HAZELNUTS

Top Five Hazelnuts Producing Counties in Oregon



SPRING



As temperatures warm, the hazelnut tree begins producing fresh green leaves and new shoots. Tiny female flowers become pollinated by the pollen released from the hanging male catkins that formed during winter. By late spring, small hazelnuts begin developing inside leafy husks.

SUMMER



The tree is full of lush green leaves as the hazelnuts continue to grow and fill out. Throughout the summer, the nuts mature while the tree uses sunlight and water to produce the energy needed for a healthy harvest. The leafy canopy provides shade and supports rapid nut development.

FALL



In early fall, the hazelnuts reach maturity and naturally drop from the tree when they are ready to harvest. Leaves change from green to shades of yellow and brown before falling to the ground. After harvest, the tree begins preparing for its winter dormancy.

WINTER



The hazelnut tree rests during its dormant season with bare branches. Long, golden male catkins hang from the branches and slowly develop throughout the winter, while tiny female flowers remain tucked inside their buds. Even in the cold, the tree is preparing for the next growing season.