

SPECIAL OFFER!

As part of our annual 2022 Spring Tree Sale, we have a special offering from a local (Southern Cayuga County) farm. Finger Lakes Nut Farm, one of our Agricultural Environmental Management Program farms, is offering a limited number of Chestnut trees to the public through our Annual Spring Tree Sale! These, along with the rest of our tree sale items are available through our website at www.cayugaswcd.org

These seedlings will be sold in a bundle of 5 for \$35.

To order, just add them onto your order sheet (enclosed.)

12"-24" bare root chestnut seedlings of locally grown pure Chinese and Chinese hybrid heritage. Grown in central NY zone 5b. Selected from best producing trees in a 1200 tree chestnut orchard. Growth to 40 to 60 feet with comparable spread. Dense, lustrous foliage gives good shade. Turns yellow to bronze in fall. Grows best in full sun; deep, sandy loam. These dense and round headed ornamental trees, bear large, sweet, delicious edible nuts. Chinese chestnuts are not self fertile and needs at least one other tree for pollination. It is best to plant 3 or more for best pollination and nut production. Should start bearing nuts in 3 to 5 years. Blight resistant.
Zone: 4-8

About the farm:

Finger Lakes Nut Farm

Located on the southern edge of Cayuga County and nestled in the Owasco valley, we are a small farm dedicated to growing nut crops including, pure Chinese chestnut, Chinese hybrid trees, hybrid hazelnut bushes and heartnuts. Currently, we are up to 1200 trees located on 15 irrigated acres within a fenced-in enclosure. The goal is to produce and market fresh chestnuts to supply the Northeastern market.

Chestnuts are an amazing tree capable of producing an enormous amount of nuts on an annual basis over the lifespan of the tree. The chestnut trees in the orchard are a mixed variety of pure Chinese and Chinese hybrids and are all cold hardy in zone 5b. We are fortunate to have deep, well drained, glaciofluvial soils that are conducive to growing chestnuts. What started out as a hobby has now turned into a venture to prove that perennial agriculture can be a viable operation.

