

2026 Joint NNGA/CGA Conference Registration Form

The 2026 Joint Conference of the Northern Nut Growers Association (NNGA) and the Chestnut Growers of America (CGA) will be held July 31 thru August 3, 2026 at the UMASS campus, Amherst, MA and surrounding field sites. Register online at bit.ly/NNGA26 or complete this form and send with payment to the Northern Nut Growers Association, c/o Debbie Milks, PO Box 1166, Lawrence, KS 66044. Register by June 15 to avoid the \$50 late fee. For additional copies of this form, go to the NNGA website (nutgrowing.org) and download and print the form.

Who is this registration for? Please fill out a separate registration for each adult attending.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Affiliation (if wanted) for your name tag: _____

For students: Enrolled at: _____ Field of Study: _____

Email Address: _____ Mobile Phone Number: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

Registration and Discount Options

*(If a Sponsor/Exhibitor contributing at the \$500 to \$10,000 level, write **waived** for those items included in your benefits package. See page 23 in the Spring 2026 issue of The Nutshell.)*

\$ Amount

\$ _____ Full, Friday thru Monday **\$265/person** (after June 15 add \$50 late fee below)

Full registration includes program packet with program booklet; Friday Yellowbud field tour; Friday welcome dinner and show-and-tell in Sunderland; Saturday and Sunday technical sessions and forums; Saturday auction; Sunday social/banquet; and Monday field tour including box lunch and bus transportation.

\$ _____ Friday thru Sunday **\$215/person** (after June 15 add \$50 late fee below)

This registration includes everything in the full registration minus the Monday field tour.

\$ _____ Saturday and Sunday only **\$175/person** (after June 15 add \$50 late fee below)

This registration includes program packet with program booklet, Saturday and Sunday technical sessions and forums; Saturday auction; and Sunday social/banquet.

\$ _____ Monday Field Tour only **\$130/person** (after June 15 add \$10 late fee below).

This registration includes program packet with program booklet, box lunch, and bus transportation to Carr's Cider House, Big River Chestnuts, and either Breadtree Farms or Lockwood Farms/Sleeping Giant Plantation.

\$- DISCOUNTS

*If a student, subtract \$100 on full or \$75 on partial registration, if a NNGA or CGA member subtract \$20; if a speaker, subtract \$50. **Circle items that apply to you.***

\$ _____ Late Registration

For Registration after June 15 add \$50 to your registration. Organizers need to start making non-refundable commitments to vendors after June 15 on numbers of participants, services, and culinary needs.

\$ _____ Exhibitor table **\$100/table** with two chairs.

Please register above if participating in technical sessions and forms, welcome dinner, banquet, and field tours. Please contact NNGAconference@gmail.com if you want to send handouts in advance for registration packets or setting up a display table in your absence.

\$ _____ Extra Welcome Dinner Tickets **\$30/person.** Ticket(s) for _____

\$ _____ Extra Banquet Ticket **\$50/person.** Ticket(s) for _____

\$ _____ Accompanying adults/children No charge if they are not participating in welcome dinner, banquet, or field trip.

List name(s) of accompanying adult(s) and children: _____

\$ _____ Contributing Sponsorship or Exhibitor:

You help support activities at this conference and future scholarships and receive substantial benefits when contributing at one of five levels: Nut Lover (\$500), Tree Lover (\$1,000), Grower Supporter (\$2,500), Orchard Supporter (\$5,000), or Nut Industry Supporter (\$10,000).

\$ _____ Donation to help support activities at this conference and future scholarships (if not a contributing sponsor or exhibitor)

\$ _____ **Total for Registration and Other Options**

Please turn over and complete the second page →

2026 Conference Registration Form, continued:

Volunteering: Are you willing to volunteer during the conference? We need help with activities like check-in, hospitality, monitoring display/exhibit area, session moderators, etc. _____

Restrictions: Please list any dietary restrictions (vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, etc.) you have. We want to accommodate your needs at the Friday Welcome Dinner or the Sunday Banquet: _____

Accessibility: Activities may require attendees to stand for 20 minutes or more, walk short or moderate distances, and sit in classroom chairs for periods of up to 60 minutes or more. We recognize not all attendees are comfortable or able to complete these tasks without assistance. If you will need assistance with any of these activities, let us know: _____

Transportation: For the Friday activities, you will be asked to drive your own vehicle or arrange to carpool with someone when registering Friday afternoon. Please indicate if you wish to ride the bus or take your own car for the Monday field trip (no price difference): _____

Housing and Parking: Book before July 1. Blocks of rooms have been booked for Thursday thru Monday night. UMASS will provide us with an on-line link at nutgrowing.org showing all options available in the North Residential Area, Commonwealth Honors College Residential Community. The link will have a page listing all of the dorm options. Residential housing is apartments or suites with multiple single or double bedrooms, one or two bathrooms, and a common area, some with kitchens. Suite assignments are made based on accessibility needs, special requests, room/suitemate requests, and gender. If you want to share a suite or double room with someone, both parties need to submit each other's name in the request section. When reserving dorm rooms, guests are required to pay in full at the time of booking. Along with lodging (\$75/person/night), guests will be billed \$15/person for a linen set (two sheets, pillow with case, a blanket, and two towels), taxes (6%), and administrative fees (3%). UMASS will provide parking information after you book your lodging for the Campus Center Parking Garage or a surface lot. A very limited number of rooms are booked at the UMASS Campus Center Hotel for those with accessibility issues.

Please share some information about you and your interests with us!

Is this your first NNGA/CGA conference you have attended?

Yes No

What is your principal background and interest in nut trees?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Grower – Commercial Production | <input type="checkbox"/> Grower -- Hobbyist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Research – Academia, Natural Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer – Marketing, nutrition, uses, etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extension Specialist | <input type="checkbox"/> Nut Processor |

Which tree crops are you most interested in?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Black Walnut | <input type="checkbox"/> Pecan | <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese Chestnuts | <input type="checkbox"/> Persimmon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Butternuts | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Hickories | <input type="checkbox"/> American Chestnut | <input type="checkbox"/> Pawpaw |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heartnuts | <input type="checkbox"/> Low Tannin Oaks | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Chestnuts | <input type="checkbox"/> Pine Nuts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carpathian (Persian) | <input type="checkbox"/> Beechnuts | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazelnuts/Filberts | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Which nut culture topics most interest you? Will help the Publications Editor choose content.

- Orchard Establishment – site selection, site preparation, planting designs, planting stock, weed control
- Vegetative Propagation – tissue culturing, budding, grafting, rooting cuttings
- Cultivar Selection – genetics, breeding, nut evaluation
- Damaging Agents – insects, diseases, herbicide injury, climate change
- Orchard Management – pruning, thinning, fertilization, cover crops
- Harvesting and Processing – nut harvesting equipment, nut crackers, oil extraction
- Marketing – On-line sales, farmer markets

Send completed form with payment to: Northern Nut Growers Association, c/o Debbie Milks, PO Box 1166, Lawrence, KS 66044.

Make checks payable to the Northern Nut Growers Association.

If you have questions or want to check on cost or status of your registration, please call 785-766-8849 or email to Debbie Milks at NNGAconference@gmail.com.