

Chestnuts

Castanea sp. (Fagaceae)

Fast Facts:

Acres in Washington: less than 100 acres. Number of Growers: 43 Per Acre Value: \$6400
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**Description
of crop:**

Chestnuts have limited production in Washington and most are grown on the west side of the state. They are a unique crop that can offer potential for the small grower but are a very labor intensive crop. Chestnuts are often popular during the Christmas holiday season but are available year round.

Key pests:

The main pest effecting chestnuts is the shothole borer. It has two flight a year that generally occur when the temperature reaches 70° or above.

Key pesticides:

The best way to treat for this pest is with preventative maintenance. Most growers fill a trap with cheap vodka to attract the shothole borer. They often spray Tanglefoot on the outside of these traps to make them sticky.

**Critical pest
control issues:**

Being a minor crop there is little promotion or research given to the chestnut here in Washington.

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**Location
of production:**

Benton, Chelan, Clallam, Clark, Franklin, Grant, Gray Harbor, Jefferson, King, Kittitas, Lewis, Mason, San Juan, Skagit, Spokane, Stevens, Thurston, Walla Walla and Whatcom counties

