Badgersett 2012 Woody Agriculture Short Course: March 30-April 1

"I know that you probably wanted a shorter, one-paragraph testimonial, but there was so much to brag about, that I had to include everything…"
-Matt Nowak, KS Grower. Natural Resources Specialist for Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, US Army.

Held nearly every April since 2006, Badgersett Research Corporation's two-day short course is one of the cornerstones for people building experience and expertise in Woody Agriculture. This event is primarily focused on hazelnut production, but also includes some chestnut and hickory-specific material. Attendance is highly recommended for current and potential serious producers. The most up-to-date and advanced material is covered, some of which is only available here or through our consulting services.

The pricing is still the same as 2008, but now includes evening meal and lodging on Friday the 30th as part of the package, making it even more of a steal. **Early-bird registration at $279 is still open for payments received by March 15**. Current details and registration instructions are on the web: http://www.badgersett.com/news/events/2012/shortcourse.html

Tentative Schedule:

Day 1: Classes will start with Woody Agriculture theory and progress to details of establishment and planning, primarily focusing on hazels:

Woody Agriculture Introduction: Theory and Energetics: Why; and How
Basic Hazel Biology—plant morphology, physiology, genetics, species ecology
Chestnuts, Hickories, and Others
The Badgersett Hazel Breeding Program - Specifics on Cycles 1 through 4, with math.
Establishment— site selection, planting, and weed control
Life Cycle Hazel Spacing & Layout— with effects on yield and long-term management

Day 2: The detail continues, with fertilization, pest management, marketing and sales:

Fertilizing— how to assess and optimize hazel fertility
Harvest and Post Harvest— ripeness assessment, state of the art hand harvest techniques and NEW: current machine harvest capability
Pest Management in Detail—mammals, birds, insects, plants and fungi
TENTATIVE Propagation, high and low tech—involving examination of actual plants in class, and including our proprietary on-farm cloning method.
TENTATIVE Coppice— important details of this field renovation practice
Nut Quality– faults, sorting, grading for sales; with hands-on materials
Marketing– Including specifics on creating markets for new products.