

Hazelnut Improvement Program

Privacy and Intellectual Property Management Policy

General

By creating a HIP Account through the www.midwesthazelnuts.org website and entering data on hazelnut plants, the user agrees to share any and all data entered through the website with the Hazelnut Improvement Program Research Team (HIPRT) listed on Page 2 of this Policy, regardless of whether the user chooses to share the information with other growers. The HIPRT will use the data to better understand the quantity, geographic distribution, and performance of hazelnut plants entered in the HIP database. The HIPRT may use the data to generate research reports or other compilations, but the HIPRT will not release or publicize individual contact, planting, plant, or plant performance data without express written consent from the user.

Shared Data

Any user entering data into the HIP Database has the option to share data within each of the four database sections via the My Accounts page. By checking the “Yes” box to any of these sections, data within that section will be publicly available to any other user that has a HIP Account via the “Shared Information” tables. The HIPRT cannot be responsible for anything done with the Shared Information data.

Sharing Data with Plant Suppliers

When a user agrees to share plant performance information with the Plant’s Supplier via the “My Plant Information” section of the database, the user agrees to share all data entered for that plant with that plant’s supplier as entered in the “My Plant Information” and “My Plant Performance” sections of the database. That information will only be available upon request from the Plant’s supplier as listed in the “My Plant Information” section. The HIPRT cannot be responsible for how the plant supplier uses the shared data.

Further Evaluation of High-Performing Plants

When plants are identified by the HIPRT as potential high-performing plants, the plant’s owner may be contacted about propagating the plant for further evaluation in replicated performance trials. If the plant’s owner agrees to participate, the owner will be asked to sign a written “Hazelnut Material Evaluation and Propagation Agreement” outlining the propagation process and ownership of propagules. Entering data into the HIP database is no guarantee the plants will be propagated for further evaluation by the HIPRT nor does it commit the plant’s owner to participating in the propagation or evaluation process.

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