



**CHESTNUT CHAT – Q & A**  
**CHAT # 15: PESTS AND PATHOGENS**  
**DATE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2020**

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| I have one small tree which in the last two years the leaves had black spots. Then the leaves curled length wise turned brown and fell off the end of August. I've tried several products and remove dead leaves to no avail.                       | Anonymous Attendee | live answered   |
| We just started planting a few 100% American chestnut seeds, have about 10 tree seedlings growing well in NW Pennsylvania. Some of them had black mold and eventually died. Is sulfur or copper a good treatment?                                   | rosemarie pavolko  | live answered   |
| Jimmy Carter is in the GA news today for celebrating his 96th birthday Should we contact him to try to determine if the chestnut trees he talks about in MIGHTY GAINTS in Plains, GA in the Coastal Plain in the 1920's died of blight or root rot? | Roger Willby       | Hi Roger, thanks for your question. I am in touch with President Carter regularly, mostly through his staff at the Carter Center. He's been an amazing advocate for chestnut restoration and continues to support us even at 96 years old! But to answer your question, my understanding is his trees died of blight. We have some of our hybrid trees planted in Plains on his personal residence land as well as the NPS's Boyhood Home site. |
| Do you have Asiaian Ambrosia Beetles in MI? Control procedures for AAB?   | Roger Willby       | live answered   |
| What's the best way to destroy an infected tree in an orchard? Bulldoze up the roots and then burn?   | Hardy Mason        | live answered   |
| Has TACF licensed any commercial growers to use the back-crossed, mostly American trees? If not, when or why might TACF want to?  | Anthony Sutton     | live answered   |



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| How do the weevils spread to areas where there were none before?   | Eric Massant   | live answered |
| In Michigan, cherry and apple orchards seem to be replanted periodically. Silver and purple tape, one side silver and the other purple is hung from branches. Is this done to repel deer pests and is this effective?  | RobertNClark   | live answered |
| I was interrupted by a phone call, so I missed all that was said about weevil control. Is it possible to control weevils once they've dropped to the ground and entered the soil. I've been told nematodes may help to control populations, and I'd like to know if this is helpful. | John Wenderoth | live answered |
| See my question in CHAT  | Steve Jeffers  | live answered |
| Would it be bennificial to plant only 3 or 4 trees in several loations to enhance chances of survival of 100% AMC groves?  | Chad           | live answered |
| I understand your talk focuses on mostly comercial orchards which requires large plantings, but . . . what information can you pass on to folks who want to help with natural AM Chestnuts?  | Chad           | live answered |
| Excellent presntation!   | RobertNClark   | live answered |