

### Atchison To Host Walnut Council Field Day

(KAIR)--The walnut tree will take center stage next week when the Walnut Council holds it's annual Field Day in Atchison.

Atchison County Extension Agent Ray Ladd says it's a chance for walnut growers in Kansas and Missouri to get together and exchange information on how different people are managing walnut plantings, groves and stands.

Ladd says the day will include a visit to a local walnut grove owned by Jerry Botts. Ladd says that Botts "has seven acres that he has committed to walnut production...I think it's a little over fifteen years old now, so it's a very, very nice management of a walnut grove and what the future of those trees might hold, down the road of course."

Participants will also be exposed to walnut processing at the American Walnut Company in St. Joseph, which actually receives walnut logs. Ladd says "they turn those logs into wood products, and so it's an opportunity for those that come from outside northeast Kansas to see how walnuts are grown in northeast Kansas, some of the landscape of Atchison and Atchison county, and then to see where the actual logs are turned into the wood that is then put into either furniture or gun stocks and other products."

The Walnut Council Field day is scheduled to take place Wednesday at Atchison's International Forest of Friendship at Warnock Lake. Registration starts at 8:30AM with buses leaving for the walnut plantation at 9:00AM.

For more information or to register, just call 785-532-3300.

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