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To Ontario Hazelnut Association Members and Prospective Members

The Ontario Hazelnut Association has been very active over the past three months. Elliott Currie has been named Executive Director of the Ontario Hazelnut Association for the next year. He will have responsibilities of shepherding through a number of different support programs (including new opportunities with the Agricultural Credit Corporation (ACC), work with the agri-insurance organizations, development of marketing material for members, managing the Board of Directors.

The Ontario Hazelnut Association Symposium was a great success. We will be posting the presentations on the member's only link by the end of June. If you have not received your access code to the website, please contact Elliott Currie ([ecurrie@uoguelph.ca](mailto:ecurrie@uoguelph.ca)) and he will provide you with the code. On this website you will find a tremendous inventory of information on growing hazelnuts in Ontario and other areas, which can be applied to Ontario.

There has been a lot of interest in acquiring trees to plant in 2014. To our knowledge, the nurseries are sold out. They will also need some indication from growers who are interested in planting in either the fall 2014 or spring 2015. Key contacts for member nurseries are Robert Haynes at Mori Nurseries ([www.moriessex.com](http://www.moriessex.com)), Linda Grimo ([www.grimonut.com](http://www.grimonut.com)) and Adam Koziol ([www.earthgen.ca](http://www.earthgen.ca)).

The Memorandum of Understanding between the Ontario Hazelnut Association and Ferrero has continued to develop, and more correspondence on the working groups established through this MOU will be forthcoming.

The preliminary economic tool being developed through the University of Guelph for analysis of the hazelnut opportunity will be completed by the end of July, 2014. It will be moving to the testing phase throughout the last summer early Fall. Results will be reported to members through email correspondence.

In the coming months, we will be having some tours of hazelnut orchards, information sessions, continuous bi-monthly information packets which will update the membership on the activities of the association, and opportunities to learn more about the markets for Ontario hazelnuts.

Membership forms are available from Elliott Currie. Please email him at [ecurrie@uoguelph.ca](mailto:ecurrie@uoguelph.ca) to receive the form. Annual membership for growers is \$100. Only members have access to supplemental information and programs at reduced costs. Other benefits include reduced tree costs from some member nurseries.

If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to connect with Elliott or myself and we will provide you with information on your interests in hazelnuts

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Kelly".

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Chair of the Board of Directors

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