

HARVEST OF THE MONTH

Hazelnuts

ABOUT HAZELNUTS

- The American hazelnut is native to the Chicago region.
- Hazelnuts are cholesterol-free, naturally sodium-free, and a good source of fiber. They are rich in healthy fat and many vitamins and minerals.
- The edible nut is enclosed in a frilly husk. Try to harvest before the fall rainy season. Gently shake tree limbs in early fall and gather nuts from the ground.
- Soak your harvested nuts in water. Any that float should be discarded as they may be infested with worms or other insects.







HAZELNUT BUTTER

From The Sioux Chef's Indigenous Kitchen Cookbook



Ingredients:

- 4 cups unsalted toasted hazelnuts
- 2 teaspoons smoked or coarse salt
- 2 cups honey or maple syrup

Steps:

- Working in batches, put 1 cup of the hazelnuts into a food processor fitted with a steel blade and grind.
- Add 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/2 cup of the honey or maple syrup and process until a ball forms.
- Remove and repeat until all ingredients are used.
- Store in a covered container and refrigerate for about one month.
- Serve as your favorite spread, add to a smoothie or mush, or use it in baking!

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