

PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIONS AND REFLECTIONS ON THE POTENTIAL OF NUT PRODUCTION FROM WALNUT AND CHESTNUT IN THE UK

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There is now considerable interest in growing walnut in the UK for timber and nuts as evidenced by a number of research and amateur activities. Evidence of climate change in the UK indicates that the potential area for nut culture in the UK is increasing. Preliminary yield and flowering data for chestnut in Devon appears promising

Reflections on growth and yield information for walnut agroforestry from Buckinghamshire and Essex are discussed along with suggestions for further research.

Potential products from walnut and chestnut are discussed along with economic value and research needs.