



Buck Creek Hops Alliance Program

Mark Pattison, Founder

An Introduction to Our Own Farm...

Buck Creek Hops started this adventure in the spring of 2014 when founder, Mark Pattison, decided to plant two varieties of hops rhizomes to see if the fertile soil of East Central Iowa could produce aroma and taste enhancing hops just as well as it does corn, soybeans and alfalfa. With the help of precisely timed fertilizer, irrigation, and the strong foundation of black Iowa top soil, the trial was a great success!

Mark since teamed up with his brother Lee Pattison, brother-in-law Dan Paca, and friends Chad Henry and Spencer Weeks to form Buck Creek Hops, LLC. These five individuals have a combined 180 years of commercial row cropping experience and are turning their agronomy know how and efforts to provide the adult beverage industry with the freshest, most flavorful hops selection available on the market today.

Our 100-acre farm is located in Johnson County by Solon, Iowa. 2015 was our first commercial production year with approximately 25 acres of hops. On site, Buck Creek Hops Farm has equipment designed for the purpose of handling hops properly to retain essential oils and deliver the best product for brewers.

Our team consists of five homegrown, corn fed, Iowa boys looking to utilize and share our knowledge, experience, and Iowa black dirt to provide the beverage world with a little bit of what we know.



Hop Growers Alliance

Our Objective:

- To promote the growth and use of Midwest hops as a sustainable crop through education and shared resources for commercial and home brewers.
- To act as a central voice for growers in Iowa & the Midwest and promote hop-growing fundamentals through education, research, promotion, and marketing.

Who Can Benefit?

- Current hop growers, prospective hop growers, commercial brewers, home brewers, hops enthusiasts or historians, education or government outreach groups and more!

Why Join?

- To be included in a network of growers, suppliers, craftspeople, business, researchers and academics
- Form a network of information sharing, research and project collaboration
- Encourage interest in Midwest hops
- Share knowledge regarding propagating, growing, and drying of hops
- Education and professional development



Alliance Membership

Membership Includes:

- Access to Buck Creek Hops processing facilities with discounted rates! (including but not limited to harvesting, drying, pelleting, packaging, etc)
- Discounted pricing on trellis, irrigation, and chemical supplies
- Invitation to display products and materials at Buck Creek Hops sponsored events
- Attendance to our annual Alliance educational meeting
- Quarterly News Letters with valuable information directly from our horticulturalist
- Notification and information exchange of Buck Creek Hops or hops related events
- Marketing opportunities at events in which Buck Creek Hops participates (e.g. – festivals, agricultural fairs, brewing/culinary events etc.)

Membership Cost:

- There is a one time membership set up fee of \$100.00 which provides a lifetime membership with the Buck Creek Hops Alliance Program.
- Become a Contract Grower with Buck Creek Hop to become an instant member and have your membership fee waived!



Thank You for Your Interest In Becoming an Alliance Member!



For more information regarding membership or general information, feel free to contact us!

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