

# Let's Get Cracking



The West Virginia Department of Agriculture put the call out for black walnuts and people responded. During the Black Walnut Festival in Spencer, October 9, nearly 50 people lined up across from the Green Leaf Market to sell their black walnuts, hull and all.

More than 26,000 lbs. of black walnuts were delivered in everything from diaper boxes to feed bags. Folks from six counties brought their nuts to the drop-off point. Some arrived before dawn to take part.

The WVDA set up two cement mixers next to the festival parade route, one to hull the nuts, the other to clean them. On Saturday, while people waited for the parade, they got to see those mixers in motion and learn more about the black walnut project.

The nuts were then trucked to the WVDA Huttonsville facility where they will be power washed, spread out to dry, and packaged for sale at farmers' markets and other locations. Interested in buying some? We'll have all the details for you in the coming weeks!