

Applied Post-Harvest Farmer Trainings



We have reached 900 hazelnut farmers through trainings held within the scope of post-harvest practices in provinces of Düzce, Sakarya, Zonguldak, Kocaeli, Samsun, Ordu, Giresun.

In our trainings, we gave 'pruning shears' as gifts to the farmers and applied tip pruning.

Our training topics:

- Certification
- Traceability
- Composting
- Soil analysis
- Organic soil conditioner
- Winter fertilizer applications
- Pruning
- Chemical waste management
- Winter diseases and pests
- Good social practices
- Occupational health and safety



At the end of the training, personal protective equipment was distributed to each farmer. In addition, we provided one-on-one support to farmers in line with our “farmer coaching” program and visited their gardens in line with their demands.

Good Agricultural Practices Certification in Hazelnut Production

A material and equipment distribution ceremony was held within the scope of the "agriculture for our future, good agriculture for the future of hazelnut" project. The project, which is carried out by Balsu, is the only good agricultural practices certification in hazelnut implemented partnership with the private sector and the ministry in Türkiye.



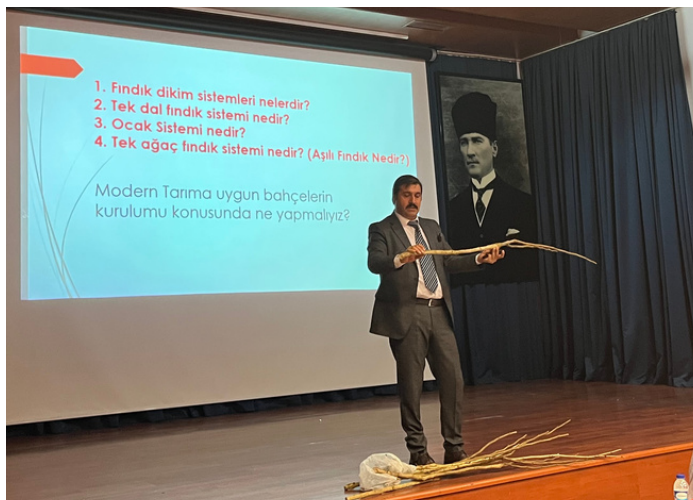
The public, local authority and Balsu officials participated in the ceremony held in Başören village of Zonguldak.

Hazelnut Workshop in Sakarya Hendek



In cooperation with Balsu and Hendek Municipality Agricultural Services Directorate, we carried out the training program for increasing the yield and quality in sustainable hazelnut cultivation for the third time.

Düzce University Hazelnut Research and Application Center, Sakarya University of Applied Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture and Agricultural Insurance Pool Management (Tarsim) attended the workshop as speakers.

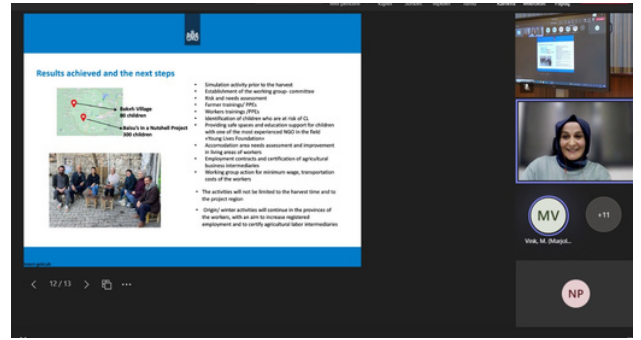


Farmers were informed about single branch hazelnut cultivation, the effects of climatic changes on hazelnut cultivation, the importance of pollinator hazelnut varieties, agricultural insurance and Balsu sustainable agriculture program.

The farmers who took the floor during the program asked questions about the cost of seedlings in single branch hazelnut cultivation, the cost of orchard establishment, the transition period to full yield, the resistance to diseases and pests, the advantages and disadvantages compared to the "quarry" system.

The Commercial Approach To Combating Child Labor In The Supply Chain

We took part as a speaker in the 'regional-based approach' breakout session of the seminar titled "commercial approach to combating child labor in supply chains" organized by the Dutch Development Agency. We shared our experiences on 'sustainable hazelnut villages' project that we realized with the fund of FBK (Fund against Child Labor).



After the introduction to the concept of area-based approach, Balsu shared the practices, challenges, lessons and opportunities regarding the monitoring and remediation of the child labor prevention project namely 'sustainable hazelnut villages' in Ferizli Sakarya with the participants.

“In a Nutshell” 2022 Children Protection Program

Balsu has been collaborating with Young Lives Foundation and international non-governmental organizations, universities, local and national governmental offices since 2014 to provide safe spaces for children while seasonal migrant agricultural worker families work for the hazelnut harvest.



As of 2020, we added the mobile workshop/on-site education model to the summer school model that we have implemented every year since 2014.

We improve the academic success, personal and social skills of children with educational content applied in safe areas. We also support healthy eating habits and physical development through nutrition and sports activities.



In cooperation with Young Lives Foundation, 3,375 children were identified during the 2022 hazelnut harvest period. 2,712 children participated in the summer school and on-site education model in 5 provinces and 20 different districts.

The formal education attendance status of 500 seasonal migrant agricultural worker's children, who is identified during the harvest period, will be monitored in the provinces of origin until May 2023 and necessary guidance will be made. Since 2014, Balsu provided support to 7,572 children of seasonal agricultural workers through summer schools and on-site child labor intervention method.