

# HAZELNUTS

ORGANIC / NATURAL

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# Happy Village Project

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The Turkish Black Sea region offers the optimal climate conditions for the cultivation of hazelnuts. More than two-thirds of the worldwide hazelnut production is grown here. Unfortunately, Turkish hazelnuts are not only known for their quality; they are also known for the harsh working conditions faced by those who harvest and their families. Happy Hazelnut wants to change these working conditions.

Happy Hazelnut was launched in 2013 with the aim of contributing to a socially and environmentally sustainable hazelnut production in Turkey. We work toward this goal by offering concrete and innovative solutions to the local challenges. The foundation ensures that the Happy Hazelnut initiative is funded in the long-term and is thus committed to a transparent, sustainable and child-labor free value chain for Turkish hazelnuts.

## Farmer Support

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### Training for hazelnut producers

The hazelnut producers are supported by our agronomists throughout the year. Various training activities are carried out in the field or in the village tea house. The workshops comprise a range of activities, such as having agronomists help in filling out the numerous documents needed for compliance with certifications or having farmers learn how to follow and comply with the different production standards and how to manage their plantations professionally.

### Pre-financing & access to inputs

The main part of the hazelnut production costs is the cost of labour to employ workers and costs for organic fertilizers, both of which incur before the producers sell their harvest. Not all farmers have enough money to sell their hazelnuts. Happy Hazelnut producers who need financial assistance get support from İşik Tarım, which pre-finances a large part of the costs. After the harvest, the repayment is made by offsetting the credit with the money gained in when selling the hazelnuts.



## THE SOCIAL HOUSE

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The hazelnut harvest in Turkey is extremely labour intensive. Numerous harvest helpers travel each year from other parts of the country to work in the hazelnut region. These migrant workers usually live with their families in provisional tent camps during the harvest. Child labour and a lack of hygienic standards are common problems. To address this situation, we built the Happy House in 2014, which has an integrated summer school for the children. It accommodates around 60 people during the harvest time. In the off-season, the facilities are used to teach children from the village in their free time or to celebrate village festivals or marriages.

## SUMMER SCHOOL IN THE SOCIAL HOUSE

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During their parents' working hours, our team takes care of the children in the Happy House. A professional teacher is responsible for the preparation of an engaging curriculum. In addition to providing regular meals, we also make sure the children have access to hands-on activities, singing, playing and dancing. Children who live with their parents in farmer accommodations surrounding the villages are transported to the Happy House every day.





# Our Bulk Products

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We offer organic hazelnuts to the packers as a snack or in many different forms such as whole, halve, chopped, flour, puree as an ingredient to the food industries; such as chocolate, biscuit, bakery, food preparation and spread manufacturers.

We're deeply involved at every stage of our supply chain, which allows us offering end-to-end traceability and transparency promise with greater supply reliability.



# Applications

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**Chocolate  
Manufacturers**



**Biscuit  
Manufacturers**



**Bakeries**



**Food Preparation**



**Chocolate Spread  
Producers**



**Snacks**



**Sauce  
Producers**



**Bar  
Producers**



**Hazelnut Oil  
Producers**





## RAW HAZELNUTS

<b>Forms</b>	Whole; In-Shell
<b>Packing Options</b>	Vacuum Bag, Carton Box, Big Bag, Craft Bag
<b>Sizes</b>	9-11 mm, 11-13 mm, 13-15 mm
<b>Available</b>	Organic / Natural
<b>Harvest Period</b>	August & September
<b>Earliest Shipment</b>	Second Half of September



## ROASTED HAZELNUTS

<b>Forms</b>	Whole; Chopped Flour; Salted, Cracked, Flavored
<b>Packing Options</b>	Vacuum Bag, Carton Box, Big Bag, Craft Bag
<b>Sizes</b>	9-11 mm, 11-13 mm, 13-15 mm <b>Chopped Sizes</b> 2-4 mm, 4-8 mm, 8-12 mm <b>Flour Sizes</b> 0-2 mm
<b>Available</b>	Organic / Natural
<b>Harvest Period</b>	August & September
<b>Earliest Shipment</b>	Second Half of September



## SALTED HAZELNUTS

<b>Forms</b>	Whole
<b>Packing Options</b>	Vacuum Bag, Carton Box, Big Bag, Craft Bag
<b>Sizes</b>	9-11 mm, 11-13 mm, 13-15 mm
<b>Available</b>	Organic / Natural
<b>Harvest Period</b>	August & September
<b>Earliest Shipment</b>	Second Half of September



## CHOPPED HAZELNUTS

<b>Forms</b>	Whole
<b>Packing Options</b>	Vacuum Bag, Carton Box, Big Bag, Craft Bag
<b>Sizes</b>	<b>Chopped Sizes</b> 2-4 mm, 4-8 mm, 8-12 mm
<b>Available</b>	Organic / Natural
<b>Harvest Period</b>	August & September
<b>Earliest Shipment</b>	Second Half of September



## HAZELNUT PUREE / LIGHT

**Packing Options** Plastic Pail, Drum

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**Available** Organic / Natural

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**Harvest Period** August & September

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**Earliest Shipment** Second Half of September



## HAZELNUT PUREE / MID

**Packing Options** Plastic Pail, Drum

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**Available** Organic / Natural

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**Harvest Period** August & September

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**Earliest Shipment** Second Half of September



## HAZELNUT PUREE / DARK

**Packing Options** Plastic Pail, Drum

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**Available** Organic / Natural

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**Harvest Period** August & September

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**Earliest Shipment** Second Half of September



## HAZELNUT FLOUR

**Packing Options** Vacuum Bag, Carton Box, Big Bag, Craft Bag

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**Sizes** 0-2 mm

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**Available** Organic / Natural

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**Harvest Period** August & September

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## Zonguldak-Ormanlı Hazelnut Facility

İşık Tarım, Zonguldak-Ormanlı Hazelnut Facility is located in a central location where our organic hazelnut projects are located. Hazelnuts produced within the scope of our Happy Hazelnut project are classified according to the organic or social certifications and stored in separate storage areas and silos in our factory after the tests at the raw material acceptance stage are completed.

The crushing and processing capacity of our Zonguldak-Ormanlı facility is 28 thousand tonnes/year of shelled raw material. The crushed products are processed through lines with high technology Laser and X-Ray machines. After the machine control, the sorting processes are repeated by our workers eye-checking on the production lines. In our hazelnut factory, which is an integrated facility, roasted hazelnuts, raw hazelnuts, chopped hazelnuts, hazelnut flour and hazelnut puree are also produced. Depending on the type of product and the demand of our customers, packaging operations are carried out with different packaging options from big bag, craft bag, bulk, vacuum and small weight packaging. IBC and HDPE plastic drums and metal drums are used for hazelnut puree. Finally, our packed organic products are passed through a metal detector, final quality controls are carried out and transported to our customers.

# Packaging Options

Big Bag



Craft Bag



Carton Box



Vacuum Bag



IBC



Plastic & Metal Drum



# Our Certificates

Organic Certificates



Social Certificates



QA & Other Certificates





# ORGANIC HAZELNUTS



INGREDIENTS:  
ORGANIC RAW  
HAZELNUTS



INGREDIENTS:  
ORGANIC ROASTED  
HAZELNUTS



# - ORGANIC HAZELNUTS -



## OUR HAPPY VILLAGE PROJECT

In 1991, we created an initiative with the aim of sustainable, transparent and ethical organic farming, to protect our land for future generations.

## OUR HAZELNUTS ARE GROWN BY HAPPY VILLAGE FARMERS



SUPPORTING FARMERS



SUSTAINABLY MADE



ETHICALLY SOURCED



FAMILY OWNED



PACKED AT SOURCE



SOCIALLY CONSCIOUS

## BE PART OF THE HAPPY VILLAGE PROJECT

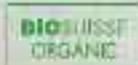
Choosing Happy Village brand makes you part of a movement. Each purchase supports our farmers, communities and villages.



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Social Certificates

QA & Other Certificates



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