



WESTNUT RATED SUPERIOR BY AIB

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Hazelnut Growers of Oregon, Cornelius, Oregon

For a second straight year, Westnut, LLC, an operating division of Hazelnut Growers of Oregon, has achieved a "Superior Rating" in a Food Safety Audit conducted by AIB International (North American Institute of Bakers, founded in 1919). Through a rigorous independent inspection and audit process, AIB works to ensure the safety of the food supply chain. As the only AIB certified hazelnut ingredient manufacturer in North America, Westnut is honored to have received the highest possible AIB rating for its Cornelius, Oregon facility, where diced, sliced, paste, butter and other hazelnut ingredients are manufactured to kosher standards. With over 20 years of industry experience, year-round product availability, a dedicated full-time staff and on-site food chemist, Westnut has built its reputation on delivering the highest quality Oregon hazelnuts in the safest and most reliable manner, within customer specifications and on time. Says Compton Chase-Lansdale, President & CEO, we are proud to once again receive the highest quality rating. We want our Westnut brand to stand for Responsiveness and Quality and our customers to have full confidence in the safety and quality of our products.

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