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## QUATTRO® 2016 *Olio Nuovo* Update

### **SIZE MATTERS**

Dear Family and Friends,

Earlier this year we wrote to you and discussed our hope that this year's crop should be really good because we had relatively mild weather, sufficient rain and no brutal storms. While we are still in the middle of the growing season, and we are not counting our chickens before they hatch, it does appear that the crop is doing well. We anticipate harvesting in middle to late October. Our goal will be to harvest and press our olives within hours after the harvest.

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Quattro 2016 Work Team

As a small enterprise we try to harness any available family assistance. We particularly delight in the active participation of grandchildren. This summer we were fortunate to have the 2016 work team comprised of Jake (23) Ben (13) and Nate (11). When the boys/men started working, we had not thought about the benefits of age and size, but our tasks quickly revealed that this work crew was just the right size. Jake is tall and ideally suited by size and interest (organic sustainable gardening) to engage in tree pruning. In addition to pruning, one of our major endeavors revolves around our efforts to contain the dreaded olive fruit fly. Although there are commercially available traps, we discovered we can make our own very effective fruit fly traps. Ben is big and strong enough to make the traps. Once the traps were made they needed to be installed in the trees; that was when we discovered Nate's specialty. Each trap needs to be hung on the north side of the tree. In order to hang the trap you have to crouch down below the branches to get close to the tree trunk and this can be difficult. Nate is exactly the right size and can scoot under the branches. Nate accomplished a time consuming task in a fraction of the time it would ordinarily take.

As we get a bit closer to harvest, we will update you and ask that you let

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plan, we will have the shipping boxes addressed and ready to go. As soon as our extra virgin olive oil is in the bottles, we will fill the boxes and get truly fresh oil on its way to you.

Burt and Raleigh

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