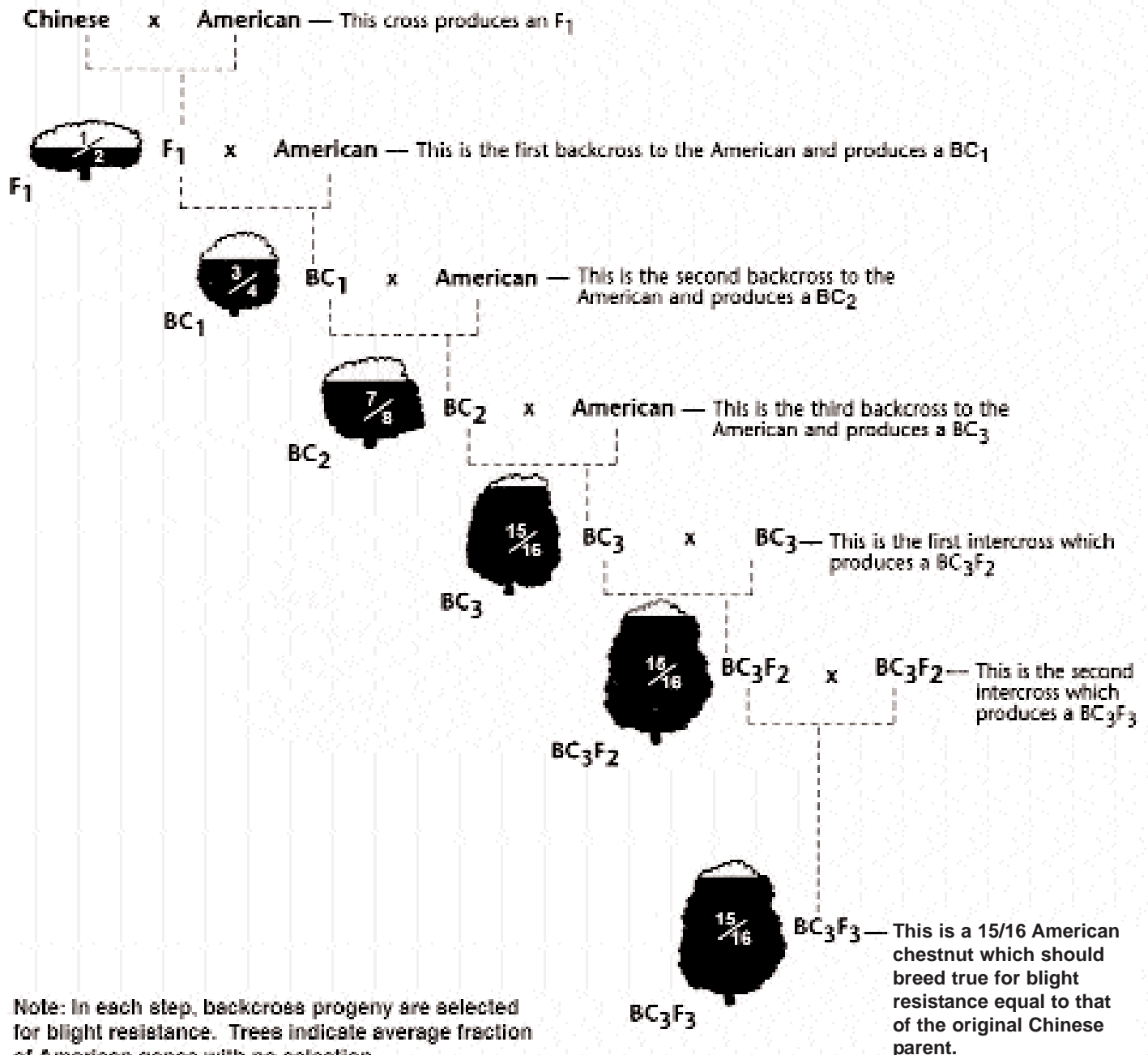




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## BACKCROSS BREEDING PROGRAM

With each cross, additional American chestnut characteristics are regained.  
Only at the final cross, however, is blight resistance equal to that of the Chinese parent reintroduced.



Note: In each step, backcross progeny are selected for blight resistance. Trees indicate average fraction of American genes with no selection.