

Policy on Pest Control and Bird/Bat Exclusion

The following policy specifies how {name of sugarhouse} controls pests, birds, and bats.

Off-Season Pest Control

Select one of the five paragraphs below that describes your means of pest control when you are not using the facilities to produce syrup.

- 🍏 We use water traps, a 5-gallon bucket baited with {describe bait}. The locations of the water traps are indicated on the Facility Map <see Appendix 3.1>. This works best because we don't need to check traps daily or reset or rebait traps. The water trap system doesn't use poison, which is safer for the ecosystem as mice predators such as foxes, coyotes, and raptors won't ingest poison into their systems when eating poisoned mice.
- 🍏 We do not use the water trap during the season as the {describe bait} is an allergen and could contaminate the syrup.
- 🍏 We use {brand name} bait stations. The locations of the bait stations are indicated on the Facility Map <see Appendix 3.1>.
- 🍏 We use mechanical traps baited with {describe bait}. The locations of the traps are indicated on the Facility Map <see Appendix 3.1>.
- 🍏 We use {brand name} sticky traps. The locations of the traps are indicated on the Facility Map <see Appendix 3.1>.

Traps are checked weekly or whenever someone is in the sugarhouse.

In-Season Pest Control

Select one of the four paragraphs below that describes your means of pest control when you are using the facilities to produce syrup.

- 🍏 We do not use any pest control when the facilities are in use.
- 🍏 Sticks are placed in all open sap and water tanks so that any rodents that fall in may exit.
- 🍏 We use {brand name} sticky traps. The locations of the traps are indicated on the Facility Map <See Appendix 3.1>.

- 🍏 We use mechanical traps baited with *{describe bait}*. The locations of the traps are indicated on the Facility Map <See Appendix 3.1>.

Traps are checked daily.

Bird/Bat Exclusion

Select one of the three paragraphs below that describes your means of bird/bat exclusion when you are using the facilities to produce syrup.

- 🍏 All windows and doors remain closed to keep out birds and bats. If any birds or bats do get in then remove them as soon as possible.
- 🍏 If windows are opened, then ensure that there are screens on the windows and the screens don't have holes in them.
- 🍏 If you need to open a door or a cupola for draft then close them when you have finished production for the day. If any birds or bats do get in then remove them as soon as possible.