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2025 Vermont Maple Conference: Opportunities for All Maple Producers
December Hybrid Conference Offers Online and In-Person Events

LYNDONVILLE, VT – VMSMA and UVM Extension invite sugarmakers to register now for the 2025 Vermont Maple Conference, Dec 8-13. This year's conference offers sugar makers in the Northeast region opportunities to learn and engage with researchers, peers and manufacturers. Informative and engaging sessions, held both online and in-person, will be led by maple industry experts, researchers and maple producers.

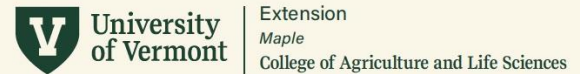
University of Vermont (UVM) Extension and the Vermont Maple Sugar Makers' Association (VMSMA) will host the hybrid conference, with the help of conference sponsors including Farm Credit East, Lapierre USA, CDL USA, Burch Bottle & Packaging, Dominion & Grimm, Butternut Mountain Farm, and Vermont Organic Farmers.

Daily sessions will be of interest not only to sugar makers but also to foresters who work with maple producers and forest landowners looking to lease to a producer. Forestry credits will be available for the online and in-person sessions of the entire conference.

For details and to register, visit www.vermontmaple.org/maple-conferences. Attendees can register for online sessions or a full conference pass and have access to all three days of the online sessions plus the in-person day on Saturday, 12/13 in Randolph. All sessions will be recorded for registrants' future enjoyment and learning.

Conference week kicks off with a full day Maple Quality School on Monday, December 8 featuring Mark Isselhardt from UVM Extension and Jason Lilley from UMaine Extension. This hands-on, in-depth session will cover the science behind great and off-flavored syrup, the best measurement tools and how to use them, and will offer plenty of hands-on activities to refine your skills. A "must attend" for new and experienced producers!

The online portion of the Conference kicks off on Tuesday, December 9 at 9 a.m. with the first of eight online sessions over a three- day period. On Friday (and new this year) the conference



includes a full day bus tour with visits to 4 sugarhouses in 4 different counties around the state to learn more about VMSMA's Sugarhouse Certification Program, Audubon Vermont's Bird Friendly Maple Program, value-added production, and much more. The Conference "grand finale" occurs on Saturday, December 13 with a full day of sessions, guest speakers and a tradeshow at the Vermont State University's Randolph campus.

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The Vermont Maple Sugar Makers' Association (VMSMA), founded in 1893, is one of the oldest agricultural organizations in the United States and represents over 750 members. The VMSMA helps to promote and protect the branding of pure Vermont maple products and to serve as the official voice for Vermont sugar makers. Our members take great pride in maintaining a prosperous maple industry and a working landscape that future generations will enjoy. Vermont sugar makers produce over 2 million gallons of maple syrup annually (about one half of the production in the United States). More information at www.VermontMaple.org.