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Time	Judd Hall	Conant 101 (classroom)	Conant 102 (auditorium)	Conant 103 (classroom)	Green 128 (classroom)	Green 228 (classroom)
8:00am - 4:45pm	Tradeshow (Judd Hall)					
8:30 - 8:40am	Welcome (Campus Center): Mark Isselhardt, UVM Extension & Allison Hope, VMSMA					
8:40 - 8:50am	Opening Remarks (Campus Center): Secretary Anson Tebbetts, Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets					
8:50 - 9:20am	Guest Speaker (Campus Center): Ihsan Shawki Akili, PhD Fellow, Food Systems Research Institute, UVM					
9:30 - 10:30am		Climate Adaptive Tapping Practices: Does the Timing of Taphole Installation Impact Sustainability? Brendan Haynes	Industry Panel Mark Isselhardt, Moderator Matthew Bascom Fran Sladyk	<i>Maple Confidential: Individual Tasting with Henry Marckres (sign up at registration table)</i>	Agency Insights: Maple Product & Maple Processor Inspections Tucker Diego	Exploring Interest in Conservation Programs Kelsey Jennings, PhD
10:45 - 11:45am		Advanced Maple Sensory Class Ellie Palmer	Care & Maintenance of RO Membranes Lapierre USA	Maple Syrup Quality Testing Lab Joanna Haas	The ANR Atlas: How to Use Publicly Available Mapping David Wilcox	Exploring Interest in Conservation Programs Kelsey Jennings, PhD
12:00 - 1:00pm	LUNCH in Morey Dining Hall					
1:15 - 2:00pm	Annual Maple Awards (Campus Center), presented by Jacob Powsner, VMSMA Board Member					
2:15 - 3:15pm			Evidence of Advancement of the Sugaring Season Dr. Tim Rademacher	My Life in Maple Henry Marckres	Using Current Research to Set Prices & Understand Consumer Demand Mark Cannella	Visaed Employees in the Sugarbush Read Miller
3:30 - 4:30pm	Basics of Tubing System Installation Wade Bosley	Insights into Organic Certification & Production Nicole Dehne	Effects of Summer Drought on Sap Yield and Sugar Content Dr. Tim Rademacher	Maple Contests Henry Marckres & Mark Isselhardt		

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