2026 VERMONT MAPLE CONFERENCE WEEK

Vermont State University, Randolph Campus

Saturday, November 7, 2026

Time	Judd Hall	Conant 101 (classroom)	Conant 102 (auditorium)	Conant 103 (classroom)	Green 128 (classroom)	Green 228 (classroom)
8:00am - 4:30pm	**Tradeshow** (Judd Hall)					
8:30 - 8:40am	**Welcome:** Mark Isselhardt, UVM Extension & Allison Hope, VMSMA					
8:40 - 8:50am	**Opening Remarks**: Sarah Waring, Executive Director, Northern Border Regional Commission					
8:50 - 9:20am	**Guest Speaker:** Dr. Abby van den Berg, President of the van den Berg Institute for Maple Science and Education & Research Professor at Future Generations University					
9:30 - 10:30am		**Award Winning Maple Cream for Any Sized Operation** Mike Christian & Kenn Hastings	**Industry Panel** Mark Isselhardt, Moderator Mark Cannella Dr. Abby van den Berg Charlie Hancock	**Sap & Syrup Filtration** Brad Gillilan	**Skill Development on Basic Tastes** Roy Desrochers	
10:45 - 11:45am		**Leak Checking in Tubing Systems** Joël Boutin	**Multi-Objective Sugarbush Management** Dr. Tim Rademacher Teaghan McAllister	**Sap & Syrup Filtration** Brad Gillilan	**The Latest in Consumer Market Research for Maple** Mark Cannella	**Maple Syrup Quality Testing Lab** Joanna Haas
12:00 - 1:30pm	**LUNCH** in Morey Dining Hall					
1:45 - 2:15pm	**Annual Maple Awards**, presented by Jacob Powsner, VMSMA Board Member (Judd Hall)					
2:30 - 3:30pm		**Award Winning Maple Cream for Any Sized Operation** Mike Christian & Kenn Hastings	**Digging Deeper on Yields** Dr. Abby van den Berg	**How Does Sap Harvesting Affect Tree Function?** Dr. Tim Rademacher Hannah McNulty	**Skill Development on Basic Tastes** Roy Desrochers	**Building Sugarbush Resiliency** Charlie Hancock
3:45 - 4:30pm	**Ask a Producer Panel**, moderated by Mark Isselhardt (Judd Hall)					



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