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Workshops at 5 NNY Sites to Discuss Latest Maple Sap Yield Research; Speakers Evaluate Spout and Dropline Replacement Strategies

With support from the Northern NY Agricultural Development Program, a series of workshops in September and October will highlight research on maple sap production yields. Speakers will present evaluation of the use of different spouts and droplines.

Workshop leader Northern New York Maple Specialist Michael Farrell says, “These workshops offer maple producers the opportunity to learn about the developments and experimentation in recent years to determine what type of spout will produce the greatest amount of sap.”

Farrell is the director of Cornell University’s Maple Syrup Research & Extension Field Station at Lake Placid, NY.

Workshop participants will come away with useful guidelines for how to improve sap yields and profitability through cost effective spout and dropline replacement techniques.

Pre-registration for the maple workshops is required. The workshop schedule includes sessions as follows:

September 20 in Lake Placid, 4-8 pm

This workshop includes a 4pm tour of the sugarbush at Cornell University's Uihlein Forest and presentation of research results, followed by a maple-themed dinner at Heaven Hill Farm compliments of Chef David Hunt of Generations Restaurant, Lake Placid, and presentation of additional 2013 maple sap research trials. Preregistration is required by September 17 with payment of \$20 at the door. Contact Michael Farrell at mlf36@cornell.edu or 518-523-9337.

September 21 in Croghan, 9am- 3:30 pm

This workshop at the American Maple Museum will also feature a sugarbush evaluation seminar by Cornell University Maple Program Director and NYS Extension Forester Peter Smallidge and a field trip to a local sugarbush. Lunch will be served. Preregister by Tuesday, September 17 with Cornell Cooperative Extension Lewis County at 315-376-5270; \$8.00 per person payable ahead of time or \$10.00 at the door.

October 1 in Canton, 5-8 pm

This workshop at the Cornell Cooperative Extension of St. Lawrence County Extension Learning Farm includes a tour of the sugarbush where research trials were performed followed by an inside presentation of research results. A pizza dinner will be provided; pre-registration is required by September 27 with Brett Buchanan, bab22@cornell.edu, 315-379-9192 and \$10 payment at the door.

October 3 in Malone, 5- 8pm

This workshop at Titus Mountain, this workshop includes a tour of the new Moon Valley Maple sugarbush and a pizza dinner sponsored by the Franklin County Maple Producers Association. Pre-registration is required by October 1 with Richard Gast, CCE Franklin County, rlg24@cornell.edu, 518-483-7403; free for association members, \$20 for non-members.

October 5 in West Chazy, 9am - 4 pm

This workshop is part of the 1st Annual Parker Family Maple Farm Open House. Michael Farrell will provide a seminar on the 2013 maple research results; Michael Parker will offer guided tours of the sugarbush and sap collection operations. The Parkers will demonstrate their new wood-pellet fired evaporator and hold seminars on maintaining reverse osmosis units and making value-added maple products. Lunch provided compliments of Parker Family Maple Farm. Pre-register by October 3 with Parker Family Maple Farm, 518-493-6761, parkerfamilymaple@yahoo.com.

The farmer-driven Northern NY Agricultural Development Program (NNYADP) funds on-farm research, technical assistance and outreach education for producers of all types of agricultural products in Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties. More information on NNYADP-funded research on the regional production of maple, dairy, fruit, vegetable, bioenergy and other crops is on the NNYADP website at www.nnyagdev.org. -end-