

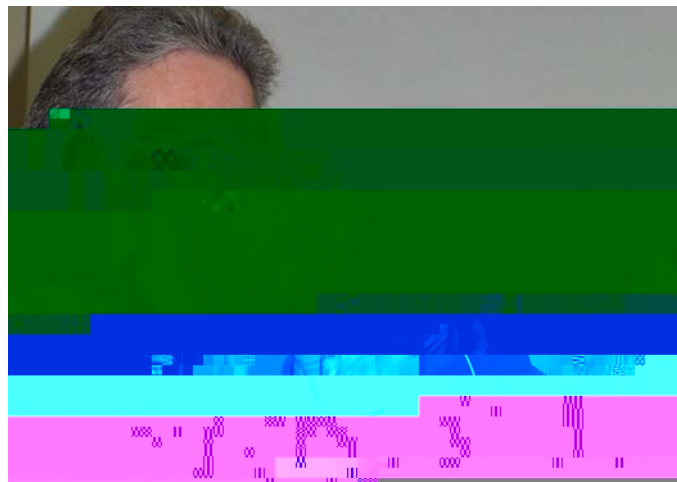
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2006 Vermont Maple Conference Notice & Registration

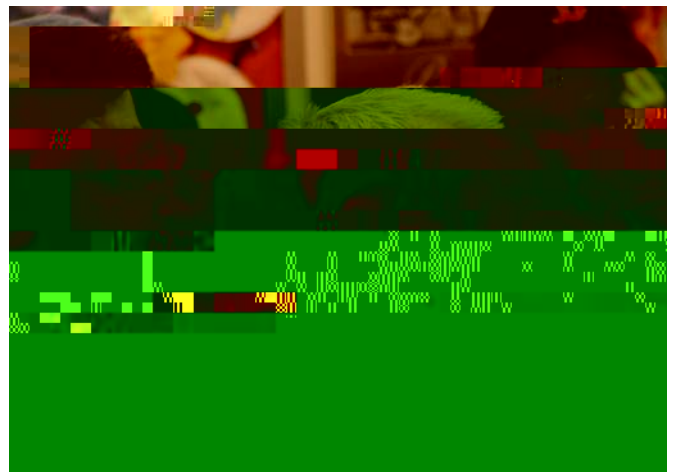
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Conference Planning Committee:

Cecile Branon, Ken & Francie Bushee, George Cook, Jacques Couture, Mary Croft, Gordon Goss, Henry Marckres, Rick Marsh, Carolyn Perley, Linda Scharrenberg, Tim Wilmot.



**Henry Marckres demonstrates how to test for
Invert Sugar**



**Attentive Sugarmakers listen to Vermont Maple
Conference speaker**

2006 Vermont Maple Conferences

The University of Vermont Extension, in conjunction with the Vermont Maple Sugar Makers' Association, will host the 2006 Vermont Maple Conferences on January 4 at St. Johnsbury Academy, January 14 at Bellows Falls High School, January 16 at Randolph Area Technical Center & High School, January 21 at Rutland High School in Rutland, and January 28 at Browns River Middle School in Underhill. The Maple Conferences are a series of educational meetings held around the state for the purpose

Maple Recipes Needed!

The Vermont Maple Foundation

Advanced Level Classes

Glenn Goodrich, producer

Boiling Technique - This talk will cover reverse flow, cross flow, and the use of separate finishing pans. All information is useful for large producers and much of it will also be helpful for small producers.

Sugarhouse

Efficiency Glenn will discuss the payoff for using various technologies, including an R/O, steamaway, alternative fuels and different filtering methods.



Dave Folino, producer

When to Rip it Out - Dave will explain how to determine when to replace your old tubing system. He will present an analysis and time frame that you can translate to your woods for accomplishing this task.

Installing a Steam Evaporator - Dave will discuss his experiences with steam and his feelings on the advantages and disadvantages of using steam vs. a conventional evaporator. A comprehensive look at everything to be considered for safely installing and operating with steam.

VT Dept. of Forests & Parks

Planning & Executing a Timber Sale in the Sugarwoods County Foresters will discuss all factors to consider when selling timber, whether doing it yourself or through a contractor.

Invasive Plants in the Sugarbush - County Foresters from the southern counties will discuss the increasing menace to forest lands of invasive woody and herbaceous plants, and how the landowner can deal with these pests.

Dr. Tim Perkins, UVM PMRC

Improving Sap Yield - How many taps on a lateral line? Does too much vacuum damage trees? Should I vent my lines? Can you really get as much sap from a small spout as a large spout? Tim will highlight the findings of recent research on improving sap production, and describe new research that is just starting.

Brian Stowe/Mark Isselhardt, UVM PMRC

Good News about Tubing Installations - In 2003, three manufacturers installed tubing systems at the Proctor Maple Research Center. The project was designed to compare sap production and the associated costs for each installation. Two years worth of sap production, tubing installation & repair costs will be discussed.

Dr. Gary Graham, Ohio State University

How Big is Your Footprint? When you make roads in your sugarbush, do you use techniques that will minimize the impact on tree roots, and protect the health of your forest? Gary, an Extension Maple Specialist, will illustrate the right way, as well as the wrong way to access your woods.

Panels

Buying and Selling Maple - Various perspectives on buying and/or selling retail, wholesale and bulk. The discussion will vary depending on the panelists, among whom will be: David Marvin (Jan 4 & 28), Bruce Bascom (Jan 14), Sam Cutting Jr. (Jan 16) and Bill Clark (Jan 21).

Cleaning Tubing - Methods for cleaning are constantly evolving, in part because of new tubing materials; also because of experimentation by producers. Panelists will discuss topics including various methods of air/water washing and the pan cleaner/vacuum system method.

RO Operation - Just acquired an RO? Are you considering it? Do not think that your unit will necessarily work like your neighbor's does. Panelists will discuss the various ways that different models of ROs work. Strategies vary for their efficient use in different circumstances.

Maple Cooking Demonstrations - Cooking with maple or creating value-added products allows you to market your syrup beyond the fluid market. Well known maple cooks will be sharing their talents at 4 of the 5 conferences.

George L. Cook, Timothy Wilmot

UVM Extension Maple Specialists



