

# Vermont Maple Sugar Makers Association

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## Vermont Maple Syrup Educational Conferences Provide Technical Sessions for Experienced and Beginning Sugarmakers

The annual Vermont Maple Conferences, hosted by the Vermont Maple Sugar Makers Association and the University of Vermont Extension Service, will be held at Bellows Falls High School on Saturday, January 19 and Lamoille Union High School in Hyde Park on Saturday, January 26. The doors will open at 7:30 a.m. for registration and the conferences will end at 3:30 p.m., with lunch served at noon. Registration information will be available through the “Maple Mainline” and on the UVM Extension Maple website ([uvm.edu/~uvmapple](http://uvm.edu/~uvmapple)).

The Vermont Maple Conferences provide an opportunity for experienced sugarmakers as well as beginners to learn about technical advances, marketing, research and other facets of syrup production, as well as an opportunity to share tips in between the sessions and over lunch.

Presentations will include:

- 1 10 Things You Should Know Before Sugaring
- 2 Maple Insects, Diseases and Their Management
- 3 Boiling with vegetable oil (Bellows Falls only)
- 4 Boiling With Steam (Hyde Park Only)
- 5 Prices, Markets, and the Maple Industry Today and Tomorrow
- 6 Beginning Sugarmakers
- 7 Off-Flavors in Maple
- 8 Air Injection combined with R/O
- 9 Sugarhouse Efficiencies and Boiling Tips
- 10 Sugarhouse Sanitation
- 11 Getting More Sap From Your Trees
- 12 Vermont Maple Then and Now (Bellows Falls only)
- 13 Strategies for Increasing Your Profits While Protecting the Vermont Maple Image
- 14 Basic Chainsaw Maintenance and Sharpening
- 15 Global Climate Change and the Maple Industry (Hyde Park only)
- 16 The Latest in Sap Collecting: Information From Surveys and Research
- 17 Woods Management (Bellows Falls only)
- 18 Thinning the sugarbush: Which Trees to Cut (Hyde Park only)
- 19 Preventive Equipment Maintenance; an Investment That Yields Peace of Mind,

## 20 Cooking with Maple

The UVM Extension “Maple Mainline” will be sent out in December and will include more information about the Conferences as well as a registration form. Information will also be available on the UVM Extension website ([www.uvm.edu/~uvmmaple](http://www.uvm.edu/~uvmmaple)) and via a link on [www.vermontmaple.org](http://www.vermontmaple.org) on the Sugarmakers Events page. For more information please contact Dave Mance at (802)447-7300 ([dmance3@comcast.net](mailto:dmance3@comcast.net)) or Rick Marsh at (802) 644-5482 ([rmarsh@together.net](mailto:rmarsh@together.net)).

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