

# Maple Syrup Conference

Sinsinawa Conference Center  
585 County Rd Z, Sinsinawa, WI 53824  
Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup> 2017



This conference is being offered at a reduced rate because of a Specialty Crop Block grant from the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. It is designed to offer education to potential producers, backyard hobby producers, and current maple producers in the tri-state region. The aim is to increase knowledge of maple syrup production as a viable non-timber forest product, to increase income from forestlands and assist producers with adoption of new technology etc. Spend the day with local maple syrup producers!

## PROGRAM

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic or Activity</u>	
9:00 a.m.	Registration – Coffee and muffins	Something for all producer levels!
9:30 a.m.	Welcome and history of Sinsinawa Mound	
9:45 – 10:20 a.m.	<b>Session 1. Beginner maple syrup – the basics</b> by Eric Randall, Past President of NAMSC, NY Producer	
10:25 – 11:00 am	<b>Session 2 Managing your timber for sap production</b> by Jesse Randall, ISU Extension Forester	
11:05 – 11:40 am	<b>Session 3 How maple sap moves in a maple tree</b> by Eric Randall, Past President of NAMSC, NY Producer	
11:45 – 12:20 pm	<b>Session 4 Maple equipment (how to scale equipment to # taps, appropriate equipment for # of taps, and how to ensure appropriate room for expansion of operation</b> by Joe Polak, Maple Hollow	
12:20 – 1:30 pm	Lunch (Turkey or Veg Lasagna) ***** Preregistration required – See Below *****	
1:35 – 2:10 pm	<b>Session 5 Value Added Producer Grants, SARE Grants and other funding options for value added maple products</b> by Shannon Hoyle, ISU Value Added Agriculture Program Specialist	
2:15 – 2:50 pm	<b>Session 6 Sap extraction options</b> (tubing vs buckets) by Joe Polak, Maple Hollow	

**Cost:** \$10 on the day of the event BUT you must RSVP to Jesse (515 294 1168) or email randallj@iastate.edu by November 9<sup>th</sup> to guarantee your meal! If you leave a message you must provide your name, phone number, number attending, and meal selection. Registrants eat first!

### Directions:

From the Iowa / Wisconsin Border on US 151, Head east on US-151 N/US-61 N  
Take exit 1 for WI-11 E/WI-35 S toward Janesville/Weigh Station  
Turn right onto WI-11 E/WI-35 S/Wisconsin Trunk Hwy 11 E (signs for Janesville)  
Continue to follow WI-11 E/Wisconsin Trunk Hwy 11 E for 1.7 miles  
Turn right onto Co Rd Z and travel 2.4 miles. There will be an ISU Field day sign at the entrance!