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## **2018 MAPLE DAYS ANNOUNCED**

**Charleston, W.Va.** – The West Virginia Maple Syrup Producers Association (WVMSPA) has announced two Maple Days to celebrate the 2018 maple season. On Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> sugar shacks and maple operations around the state will open their doors to the public. This year, a total of 16 operations will participate. Several retail locations will also have maple themed items for both days.

“We are seeing gallon production and the number of businesses increase each year. Maple sugar is an emerging crop for West Virginia,” said Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. “If you have never tasted real maple syrup, these are the days for you.”

Despite a mild winter, West Virginia maple production increased by 33 percent in 2017. The Mountain State has approximately 164 million sugar maples within its forested areas.

“Our producers are excited and looking forward to the 2018 maple season. Having experienced multiple years with challenging weather conditions, the current trend is looking like we may have a good maple season here in the Mountain State,” said WVMSPA President Rich Flanigan.

For the interactive map click here:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1tveAAmWcfZGoED3YJfZQmIuC4OZAoHGL&ll=39.43566281368953,-80.57441714843753&z=7>

### **Locations for Maple Days**

Family Roots Farm: Wellsburg, WV - Brooke County (**only March 17**)

Bowers Maple Farm: Petersburg, WV – Grant County

Daniels Maple Syrup: Dawson, WV - Greenbrier County (**only March 17**)

Ronk Family Farm: Alum Creek, WV - Lincoln County (**only Feb. 24**)

Indian Water Maple Company: New Creek, WV - Mineral County

Gauley River Maple Works: Summersville, WV - Nicholas County (**only March 17**)

We Bee Sappen: Wheeling, WV – Ohio County (**only March 17**)

Cool Hollow Maple Farm: Sugar Grove, WV - Pendleton County

M&S Maple: Upper Tract, WV - Pendleton County

Frostmore Farm : Dunmore, WV - Pocahontas County

Heasley Homestead Maple: Bruceton Mills, WV - Preston County

Blue Rock Farm: Mill Creek, WV - Randolph County (**only March 17**)

Moonstruck Maple: Brooks, WV - Summers County (**only March 17**)

Cedar Run Farm: Sistersville, WV - Tyler County

Sweetcreek Sugarworks – Sistersville, WV - Tyler County

Flanigan Family Maple: Prichard, WV – Wayne County (**only March 17**)

### **Other Maple Events/Activities**

Barn with Inn: Wellsburg, WV – Brooke County (**Discount lodging March 17**)

Brooke Hills Park: Wellsburg, WV - Brooke County (**maple pancake breakfast, indoor market on March 17**)

Zeb's Barky Bites: Wellsburg, WV - Brooke County (**Brooks Hills Park on March 17**)

Sweet T's Bake Shop: Fayetteville, WV – Fayette County (**ill feature maple items on menu**)

Landes Ruritan Club: Petersburg, WV - Grant County (**Pancake breakfast March 17**)

Smoke Hole Caverns: Grant County (**maple retailer**)

Southside Depot: Grant County

Chubby's Diner: Summersville, WV – Nicholas County (**will feature maple items on menu, retailer maple on March 17**)

West Virginia Maple Festival – Pickens, WV – Randolph County (**only March 17**)

Fish Hawk Acres: Buchanan, WV – Upshur County (**will feature maple items on menu, retailer maple**)

Wayne County Farmers Co-Op: Wayne, WV - (**Pancake Breakfast March 17 at Wayne Methodist Church**)

The Custard Stand: Webster Springs, Suttent, Oak Hill, Danville and Summersville locations.

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