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Southern Syrup Research Symposium to be Held September 28-29

Summersville, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Agriculture announced a Southern Syrup Symposium to be held September 28 and 29 at the Summersville Arena and Conference Center in Summersville, WV.

Participants will be able to share their experiences with other producers, and they'll have the chance to learn about research and business opportunities in Central Appalachia from experts the syrup industry. Whether you fire up your evaporator to make maple, walnut, birch, sycamore or sorghum syrup, the symposium is an opportunity to grow your knowledge.

“Our maple industry continues to see tremendous growth,” said Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. “Even in New England, the syrup capitol of the United States, they are talking about the quality of West Virginia maple syrup. We should be proud of our growing reputation.”

Southern Syrup Research Symposium Schedule:

Friday:

- West Virginia Welcome, a two-day trade show.
- The Science Behind the Sweetness - research scientists will present their work on sap and syrup production focused on the Central Appalachian region.

Saturday:

- Producer Experiences and Experiments - learn about new discoveries, experiments and innovations from research scientists.
- Panel Discussions - join a panel to discuss sanitation, production technology, agroforestry, entrepreneurship, marketing, alternative tree syrups and sorghum.

The symposium is sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, the West Virginia Maple Syrup Producers Association, University of Vermont Proctor Maple Research Center, WVU

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Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resource and Design, WVU Extension Service, Virginia Tech College of Natural Resources and Environment and the Kentucky Maple Syrup Producers Association.

To register or for a full schedule, click: www.syrupsymposium.com. For more information, contact Mike Rechlin at mike@future.edu.

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture protects plant, animal and human health through a variety of scientific, regulatory and consumer protection programs. The Commissioner of Agriculture is one of six statewide elected officials who sits on the Board of Public Works.

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