

## News Release

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### MAPLE WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 4 AND JUNE 6

Maple syrup producers here's a chance to increase your output. The West Virginia Maple Syrup Producers Association is sponsoring two, one-day workshops focusing on natural vacuum and the 3/16th advantage.

Not every day during the maple season is great for sap flow. However, Timothy Wilmot, a research scientist with the University of Vermont Proctor Maple Research Center has discovered a way to use a sap collection system with small diameter tubing and natural gravity to produce sap that rivals that of the best sap pumps.

Wilmot will present his theory and then demonstrate it in the field installing a 3/16th inch tubing system.

West Virginia maple syrup producer Brandon Daniels, who owns Daniel's Maple House in Dawson, WV says, "I installed over 400 taps on 3/16th before this past season and it out produced my traditional gravity 5/16th tubing more than 5 to 1."

The workshops will take place on Thursday June 4, 2015 at Mark Bower's Sugar Camp in Petersburg, WV and again on Saturday, June 6, 2015 at Brandon Daniel's Camp in Dawson, WV. Both run from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event is free but pre-registration is required. Contact Maple Syrup Producers Association Secretary Cathy Hervey at (304)737-1889 or email [wvmaplesyrupproducers@gmail.com](mailto:wvmaplesyrupproducers@gmail.com).

#### **Directions:**

Participants for the June 4th event will meet at the Landes Ruritan Building, 5 miles south of Petersburg on US Route 220 and travel to Mark Bower's Sugar Camp from there.

To Brandon Daniel's camp from Lewisburg, take I-64 West 19 miles to exit 150. At top of ramp, take right and sugarhouse is 1.5 miles on the right. Just past sugarhouse on the left is additional parking at Morris Fork Baptist Church.

From Beckley, take I-64 east for 25 miles to exit 150 Dawson. At top of ramp, take left and sugarhouse is 1.6 miles on right and additional parking just past sugarhouse on left at Morris Fork Baptist Church.

Contact owner Brandon Daniels at (304) 575-7266 or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Daniels-Maple-Syrup/247074462098604?fref=ts>