



## Northwest Pennsylvania Maple Syrup Producers Association

Dear Maple Producer,

Happy New Year!! It is time to start thinking about our maple season for 2019. You are invited to attend the **Northwest PA Maple Producers Association Annual Meeting on January 26, 2019**. The meeting will again be held at **The Pampered Palette, 606 South Street, Route 198, Saegertown, PA 16433** (across from Lord Corporation) beginning at 9 a.m.

### PRESENTATIONS:

*Mike Rechlin, West Virginia Department of Agriculture Maple Commodity Specialist, will present “Tapping South of the Mason-Dixon Line.” Although maple syrup is most often associated with the northeastern states, sap buckets have also historically been part of the back woods culture of the Central Appalachians. Recent years have seen a resurgence in interest in maple in this region. In this presentation we'll look at the expansion of the maple industry to the south, opportunities for syrup makers beyond maple, and a synopsis of what we learned in the recently held **Southern Syrup Research Symposium**.*

*Molly Howell and Shaylyn Sonney will be discussing nutrition and health benefits of maple syrup.*

*Laura Dengler, will present “Let’s Spice It Up.”*

### REPORTS & UPDATES:

#### ***Farm Show Report***

*Gary Bilek*

#### ***Lake Erie Maple Expo***

*Darryl Sheets*

#### ***Northwestern FFA Update***

*Anthony Honeycutt*

#### ***Maple Taste & Tour***

*Chris Casbohm*

#### ***Maple Ambassador Program***

*Laura Dengler, Maple Ambassador Coordinator*

### Also at the annual meeting:

**Local dealers will be available for you to purchase supplies for the upcoming season.**

**Bring maple related items you would like to sell or swap for the used equipment table.**

**Update results from last year’s sap lead content test.**

The meeting will include morning refreshments and lunch of pancakes and **Pure Pennsylvania Maple Syrup**.

The world of maple syrup production is evolving quickly with new products coming out every year. Come see and learn about the latest innovations in maple production. We hope everyone will take home information to help make them more knowledgeable in the maple industry.