

NEWS RELEASE: 2021 Lake Erie Maple Expo

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Plan Now to Attend the 9th Annual Lake Erie Maple Expo November 12th & 13th, 2021 in Albion PA.

Last year was definitely a real bummer. Lots of shows, events and activities were cancelled. Due to the extended time at home lots of producers were in the sugar shack making improvements, renovating equipment and working the sugarbush. Online we saw lots of increased activity on maple syrup social media sites. We hope to continue to see this reemergence of the maple industry.

When the Lake Erie Maple Expo started it was a Saturday only show. Over the years the Workshop Series was added on Friday, which was a big hit. The in depth workshops give the producers a wide variety of topics to choose from and often a chance to see another sugar operation. The one that has not changed is the number of quality speakers presenting at the event. The LEME features educational presentations from the leaders in university research and the maple industry.

Because the LEME is held in early November, the program allows for both indoor and outdoor workshops on Friday to target specific educational topics on maple production. This year, producers will have five workshop topics to choose from. ***{The following Friday workshops will start at 9:00 am and conclude at 2:00 pm, there is a separate \$30.00 registration fee for the Friday Workshops which includes lunch.}***

The agenda for the Friday Workshops includes

- Maple Tubing Installation layout and design
- Maple Confections and Value Added Maple Products
- A Maple Workshop for Beginners

- Advanced Tubing & Vacuum
- Evaluating Your Sugarbush for Production, Health, Thinning and Potential for Taps

On Friday evening November 12th, the Trade Show will open at 5:00 pm and will run till 8:00pm. There will be a Sneak Peak Presentation of the new Digital Maple Manual being put out by Michigan State University from 5:30 till 6:30. We also have a small ice cream social planned at the Northwestern High School Sugar House from 7pm till 8pm. Saturday, the venue will be opening at 7:30 am and ending at 3pm. The trade show will feature just about every major maple equipment manufacturer from across the USA and Canada. The Saturday program is loaded with topics presented in concurrent sessions held throughout the day. Saturday registration and the tradeshow will open at 7:30 am. The seminars will start at 8:30 am. All of the speakers included in the Friday workshops will be returning with different presentations on Saturday. There will also be a host of research, commercial producers and local experts presenting a variety of maple production topics.

The location for all of the LEME events will be Albion Pennsylvania and the surrounding area. The Seminars and Tradeshow will be at the Northwestern High School in Albion Pa. This has to be one of the most ambitious maple educational programs being put on in North America. You do not want to miss this one, so mark your calendars for November 12th and 13th and join the fun at this year's LEME. Registration information will be available by September 1st. The deadline for pre registration will be November 1st. For additional information on the LEME registration and program go online at www.pamaple.org or Facebook the <https://www.facebook.com/LakeErieMapleExpo>

Early registration ends October 15th

Pre registration ends November 1st (+ \$5 per participant)

Door registration November 12th -13th (+ \$10 per participant)