

Managing Forests for Maple Syrup Workshop Agenda

Sept. 25, 2024 | 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. | Treehaven UWSP, Tomahawk, Wis.

- 8:30-8:40 a.m. Welcome and Overview
Bill Klase, Natural Resource Educator, UW-Madison Division of Extension Forestry
- 8:40-9:15 a.m. Maple syrup in Wisconsin: Producer interests and needs
Bill Klase, Natural Resource Educator, UW-Madison Division of Extension Forestry
- 9:15-9:45 a.m. Cost-share opportunities for sugarbush management
Allan Braun, Wisconsin State Forester, NRCS, USDA
- Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP)
 - Forest Management
 - Sap Processing Energy Efficiency
 - Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)
 - Brief note on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)
- Wisconsin Forest Landowner Grant Program (WFLGP)
Sam Schuler, Service Forester, Lincoln County, WDNR
- 9:45-10:05 a.m. Wisconsin's Forest Tax Laws
Skya Murphy, Tax Law Policy Specialist, WDNR
- Summary and background
 - MFL requirements and compatibility with non-timber management objectives, including maple sap and syrup
 - Considerations for compatibility of MFL with sugar bush management and maple sap/syrup production
- 10:05-10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:15-11:15 a.m. Managing for forest health and sap production
Mike Demchik, Ph.D., Professor of Silviculture, UW-Stevens Point
- Crown release
 - Crop tree selection
- 11:15 a.m.-Noon Overview and tour of maple syrup operation at Treehaven
Eli Anoszko, Ph.D., Vallier Treehaven Ecologist, CNR, UW-Stevens Point
- Noon-12:45 p.m. Lunch
- 12:45-1:15 p.m. Gather and drive to West side of property / Hwy H
- 1:15-2:30 p.m. Testing sap and tree characteristics
Mike Demchik, Ph.D., Professor of Silviculture, UW-Stevens Point
- 2:30-4:00 p.m. Marking activity, review, and discussion
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