

# Strategic Decisions for Hoosier Syrup Makers

## 2005 Annual Meeting

### Indiana Maple Syrup Association

**What can I expect if my county health department makes an inspection?**

**What do I do if I discover the Asian long horn beetle, ash borer or gypsy moth in my woods?**

**How do I find product liability insurance?**

**Am I required to register with homeland security as a food processor?**

**How up to date are my chain saw skills and safety equipment?**

Saturday, December 3  
8am -3:30pm

Community Building  
Whitley County Fairgrounds  
Columbia City, IN

The fairgrounds is located on the west side of Columbia City (see map on back). Take new US 30 to W. Lincolway (stoplight and fairground sign). Go south on Lincolway. The fairgrounds is between Lincolway and Park St. The Community Building is located on the east side of the fairground along park St.

## Program

8:00 – 9:00 Registration  
Coffee and Donuts  
Visit Exhibits

9:00 – 9:50 Welcome and Business Meeting

Introducing the Indiana Maple Syrup Association and its Directors  
Garry Sink, President

Minutes of the 2004 Annual Meeting  
Lowell Williams

Treasurer's Report  
Dave Hamilton

Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of Directors

Report on the meeting of the North American Maple Syrup Council

Report on the State Fair

Report on Plans for the 2007 Meeting of the NAMSC and IMSA

9:50 –10:00 Break

10:00 – 10:45 Product Liability Insurance  
R. Dean Payne, Farm Crop Specialist with Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance

10:45 – 11:25 Update on Health Inspection Guidelines; Homeland Security  
Art Harris, Member of the IDH Task Force, Larry Yoder

11:25 – 11:50 Update on Products and Equipment  
Our Dealers

11:50 –12:00 Wrap-up and Discussion of Morning Topics

**12 – 1pm Lunch**

Chicken and Pork Chop Dinner prepared by Nelson's Catering, Wakarusa IN (Pre-registration encouraged)

A bulletin board is available where producers may post inquiries or items for sale. This is provided as a service, and IMSA makes no guarantee about the quality or nature of goods and services so advertised.

**1:00 – 1:35 Break-Out Question and Answer Session for Beginning Syrup Makers; Time to Visit Exhibits and Talk with Dealers**

The following dealers will have exhibits:

**1:35 – 2:15 Safety Equipment in the Sugar Bush**  
Duane McCoy, Forester with the Indiana Division of Forestry

- Dodd's Sugar Shack
- Sugarbush Supplies
- Maple Hollow
- Grape's Sugar Bush
- RMG Family Sugar Bush
- Maple Syrup Supplies
- Moore Farm Store

**2:15 – 3:00 Exotic Insect Pests in the Sugar Bush**  
Phil Marshall, Forest Health Specialist with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources

**3:00 – 3:10 Break**

**3:10 – 3:20 Drawings for Door Prizes and Wrap-up**

**MENU**

Port-a-Pit chicken AND 1" pork chop, herb roasted potatoes, southern green beans, bannana pudding, rolls, ice tea & lemonade.

**3:30 Dismiss**

Complimentary coffee and rolls throughout the day

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Registration for the 2005 meeting of the Indiana Maple Syrup Association. Please register by Nov. 30 if you plan to eat with us..

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration fee \$20.** (Includes meal and a 1 year membership in IMSA) **Meals for each additional person \$5.00.** Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to the Indiana Maple Syrup Association. Membership (\$15/yr) includes subscriptions to the Tapline, the IMSA newsletter and the Maple Syrup Digest, a quarterly publication of the North American Maple Syrup Council. Send your completed registration to IMSA, Dave Hamilton, Treasurer, 6025 N. 100 East, New Castle, IN 47362. Dues for those unable to attend, \$15 payable by Dec. 9.

Art Harris is a member of the board of directors of the Indiana Maple Syrup Association and a producer from Greencastle, IN. Art served on the Indiana Department of Health's task force on seasonal and value added foods. The task force helped to write inspection guidelines that will go to county boards of health and Harris will report on the current status of those guidelines.

Phil Marshall is an entomologist and Forest Health Specialist with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. Marshall works out of the Vallonia State Nursery where he is involved with monitoring and controlling outbreaks of insects that threaten Indiana's forests. Mr. Marshall will show us how to identify the Asian long horn beetle, the emerald ash borer and the gypsy moth, and he will describe the current methods of quarantine and control that are being used to protect Hoosier woodlots.

Duane McCoy is a professional forester based at the Indiana Division of Forestry's Martinsville office. He conducts training seminars throughout the state in chain saw safety and proper tree felling techniques. In his presentation, Mr. McCoy will show us examples of safety apparel and equipment now available and provide information about training seminars available around the state.

R. Dean Payne is Farm Crop Specialist with Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance. Mr. Payne's duties include serving as technical adviser to Farm Bureau agents in northwestern Indiana about insurance issues in agriculture. He will outline how a maple syrup producer and their agent should go about determining the kinds of insurance needed.

The Indiana Maple Syrup Association is an organization of producers interested in encouraging the increased development of the maple syrup industry in Indiana. The association provides opportunities, through its annual meetings, for members to meet together and discuss the production and marketing of Hoosier maple syrup. Membership (\$15/yr) includes subscriptions to the Tapline, the IMSA newsletter and the Maple Syrup Digest, a quarterly publication of the North American Maple Syrup Council.

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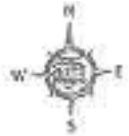
Accommodations in Columbia City along US 30 near the fairgrounds include:

Amerihost Inn	(260) 248 4551	\$59
Budget Inn	(260) 248 4644	\$40
Executive Inn	(260) 244 5300	\$49.50

These rates are for a room with one double bed. The prices reflect a convention discount. Indicate that you are attending the IMSA meeting and request this rate at the time you reserve your room.

This information is for your convenience. Reservations are the individual responsibility of IMSA members.

# Columbia City



Stoplight and sign to fairgrounds at junction of W Lincolnway and US 30

Amerihost Inn Motel

Restaurants and Executive Inn Motel

Community building is on the northeast side of fairgrounds with entrances off Park St as well as through the grounds. There is ample parking adjacent to the building.

Our meeting is in the Community Building on the Whitley County 4H Fairgrounds located on the west side of Columbia City. The fairgrounds is between W. Lincolnway, Park St and Squawbuck Rd.

