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IMSA Gearing Up for the Indiana State Fair August 7-18

Our own private label jug to be introduced

Plans are shaping up for activities at the IMSA's sugarhouse in the Indiana State Fair's Pioneer Village. The Indiana State fair opens Wednesday August 7 and runs through August 18.

A new feature this year will be the association's own private label jug. Many Hoosiers purchase their year's supply of maple syrup during their annual visit to the fair, and our own jug helps to promote the association's own unique identity.

IMSA director Chris Rahe designed the label.

To further promote maple products for Hoosier producers, brochures and a map showing the location of IMSA members around the state help direct people on to local sources of Indiana maple syrup.

There's a job for everyone.

Time is getting short, and we still need volunteers to help staff the sugarhouse during the fair.

Sugar makers who like to "meet and greet" have a great time with folks who stop by to see the demonstrations, ask

Pure Maple Syrup

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The Indiana
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Association



1 Gallon / 128 oz.
(3.79 l)

Containers for our syrup at the 2002 Indiana State Fair will feature the Indiana Maple Syrup Association's new private label.

questions, and sample our finest syrup. In the meantime, others can help at the sales counter or restock the shelves. A good turnout of volunteers means that we can also schedule some time for everyone to visit the rest of the fair.

The sugar shack is a popular stop in the Pioneer Village, and exhibits include an evaporator, buckets, spiles and photographs. We're always happy to receive additional sugaring items for display.

We recognize that summer is a busy time, and as an expression of our appreciation, IMSA will arrange for a gate pass and one meal voucher for all members who help out for a full day at the fair. Check the enclosed calendar and schedule your day with Steve Deatline right away. He can be reached at 765-874-2170 or email him at deatline@globalsite.

'Notes from your President

It's time to pitch in



Phil Hanner, *President,*
Indiana Maple Syrup
Association

A great big "thank you" to all those who helped can syrup last month in preparation for our summer milestone at the Indiana State Fair. Besides handling the hot syrup, it was another hot summer day (aren't we glad God made sugaring for early springtime?). The jocularly and teamwork that goes on during this event turns our hard day of working together into a celebration of achievement.

And thanks to Chris Rahe, we now have jugs with our own IMSA logo.

It is hard to believe that we are on the down hill-side of our summer for 2002, which means our fair responsibility is upon us.

If you have never spent a day in the Pioneer Village, downtown Possum Hollar, sharing with and educating our Hoosier public on the natural product we produce from the sap of maple trees early in the spring, you have missed another fun-filled day.

It also does your heart good to help out the IMSA (Indiana Maple Syrup Association) by volunteering one of your greatest resources – your time. No organization is successful without volunteers who have willing attitudes and caring hearts for each other and the organization.

The IMSA is a strong organization because of the dedication of those who have given of their time and talent to see that the association meets the goals and deadlines necessary to the life and growth of an organization.

Let's all be helpful and make this one of the greatest years yet at the state fair. See you there...(I'm the one with no hair!)

Phil

Highlights of the June Board Meeting

Officers held an informal board meeting during Canning Day on June 8 in Rockville.

Bob Proctor of the Mapleton-Fall Creek Neighborhood Association presented some information and ideas about his neighborhood located next to the state fairgrounds. Many years ago 38th St. was named Maple Road and the city of Indianapolis is going to reinstate that name soon. There was a sugarcane almost where our sugar shack is in Pioneer village.

Bob would like to promote this maple connection for his neighborhood and he may be calling on the help of our association as with advice, sharing of knowledge and supplying maple syrup for a neighborhood pancake breakfast in April.

The board agreed to invite Bob to our annual meeting in December to share more information with members.

Treasurer Kenneth Shipley reported that we had \$15,000 in the treasury but we still owe for containers.

The state fair schedule was discussed and Steve Deatline will be coordinating the schedule of workers.

Members Prepare Syrup for Fair

IMSA members, directors and friends gathered on Saturday, June 8 at the Williams and Teague Sugarhouse near Rockville to can syrup for the 2002 Indiana State Fair.

Moving the day to Saturday made it possible for more members to participate. Thanks to the good turn-out, we have the syrup all packed and ready for the fair. Syrup will be sold in half-pints, pints, quarts, half gallons and gallons.

The weather was perfect, and Florence Williams prepared a delicious meal for all the workers.

The work of our canning volunteers makes it possible to have plenty of syrup available for our friends at the fair, and it provides the funding for much of the work of the IMSA.

Our special thanks go to the following people who helped with canning:

Jared Brickley
Ron Burnette
Steve Deatline
Dave Hamilton
Doug Hanner
Phil Hanner
Art Harris
Jacob Martin
Bob Proctor
Rufus Purdue

Chris Rahe
Zebulon Rouse
Kenny Shipley
Garry Sink
Nancy Sink
John Teague
Florence Williams
Todd Wirth
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Board of Directors, Indiana Maple Syrup Association Directors are elected for 3 yr terms at the annual meeting of the IMSA held the first week of December. Directors elect the officers of the board.

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Join Us at the Fair

Make plans now to take part in the Indiana Maple Syrup Association's Pioneer Village Demonstration at the Indiana State Fair August 7 - 18, 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 Set Up Day All Directors	6	7	8 2002	9	10
11	12	13 Indiana State Fair	14	15	16	17
18 Close-up	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<p>Remember, income from syrup sales at the fair finances most of the cost of speakers and our annual meeting. Be sure to do your part.</p>						

Already a number of members have indicated when they'd like to help run the sugarhouse at the 2002 Indiana State Fair. 'But you know it's quite a task to sugar if you're short handed even as a demonstration. Talk it over with family and friends, pick your day to visit the fair, and volunteer your time at the IMSA sugarhouse in Pioneer Village.

Complete the registration form below and return it to Steve Deatline and we'll send you a confirmation of your date, your assignment for the day, and all the information about entering at the fair.

Yes, sign me up for the Indiana State Fair on August _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ e mail _____

Send your completed registration to

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Helpful Information for You

NAMSC & IMSI Annual Meeting Coming in October

The joint annual meeting of the North American Maple Syrup Council and the International Maple Syrup Institute will be held October 20-24 at the Red Jacket Inn in North Conway, NH.

The program will feature educational and technical presentations on maple production as well as tours of area sugarbushes. Syrup from member producers will be judged in international competitions.

Contact Roy and Mary Ellen Hutchinson at MapleDigest@TDS.net or fax 603-783-9953.

Website for the Indiana Maple Syrup Association is

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Join Us for the Indiana State Fair August 7-18



The 2002 annual meeting of the Indiana Maple Syrup Association will be held Saturday, December 7, at the Elkhart County Fairgrounds in Goshen. A program and registration form will be included in your October issue of the *Tapline*.

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