

WISCONSIN MAPLE SYRUP PRODUCER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Wisconsin Maple Syrup Producer's Association is Dedicated to Improving the Ability of its Members to Produce and Market the Finest Maple Syrup in North America!

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NOTICE!!!

Subject: Cancellation of 2020 NAMSC/IMSI Convention

During this difficult time of the COVID-19 Pandemic we hope you and your families are safe and healthy. The Wisconsin Maple Syrup Producer's Association (WMSPA), NAMSC, and IMSI have made a very difficult decision. We have decided for the health, safety of convention attendees and uncertainties lying ahead of us, it is in everyone's best interest to cancel the NAMSC/IMSI Convention October 21-24, 2020 in La Crosse, WI.

Massachusetts has so graciously offered to allow the WMSPA to take their spot in 2022; and hosts slated for 2023 and beyond have offered to advance one year. WMSPA is thankful for this opportunity and felt this would be the best approach, not knowing what each day brings.

The future convention schedule through 2026 with state and years are listed below:

2021 New York

2022 Wisconsin

2023 Massachusetts

2024 Maine

2025 Michigan

2026 Ontario

WMSPA will still have the Convention in La Crosse in October 2022. The Convention will be held during the week of October 23 -31, 2022. The exact dates will be determined in the next few weeks. There are many details to work out, but we will get you more information as it is available please watch our website for more information. www.wismaple.org

The WMSPA Annual May Meeting and Annual Syrup Judging is tentatively in the works to coincide with the Director's meeting. Date, Time, and Place to be determined. We will continue to keep everyone informed on the State Fair and the bidding process for maple syrup. More details will be provided to members as we are informed from the State Fair on their plans for this year. Watch the website, email, and mail for dates as they become available.

I just wanted to remind everyone WMSPA memberships are due May 1. Newsletter articles. Advertisements, and Ads are due May 15 for the Wisconsin Maple News. Classifieds ads are free to members and

advertisements are 25% off. All items submitted to the WI Maple News are published due to the discrepancy of the editor and the WMSPA Executive Committee. A member should receive the WI Maple news around June 15. If you don't receive it please let me know. The Map on the website has recently been updated and will be updated again after May 1. If your information is on it and you would like it removed or isn't on the map and you would like it added please let me know. Again, this year we will take names off the digital map that haven't payed their dues.

It seems with the COVID-19 pandemic, we are in a world of increasing scams. WMSPA is working with our webmaster to fix the issues with the recent email scams. And we all know too well how this takes time to fix. Please have patience. Please watch all emails carefully. A good way to check if an email is a scam is to check the sending address. If the address doesn't look familiar but name does **Don't Open It**. If you open it don't reply back. NO WMSPA director will ask for gift cards or "favors" via email. Our members haven't been sent scammed emails, but some directors have. I will continue to send emails from myself to members BCC. Please let me know if you receive a scammed email so I can let others know.

I know these last month has been hard on everyone. I hope everyone had a great Maple season to give a person something to take their mind of the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank your understanding all these unforeseen changes. If you have any questions or concerns you can contact me at (920)680-9320 or director@wismaple.org.

Stay Safe and Healthy,

Theresa Baroun

WMSPA Executive Director