

My name is Rachel VanDeurzen this years Maple Marketing Intern. I am currently a double major in agribusiness science technology and agronomy with a sub major in precision agriculture at Fox Valley Technical College where I will be graduating in the spring of 2020. My background includes a variety of agriculture that ranges from Dairy/Livestock health and management to soil and tissue testing. One aspect of my childhood that played a big role in my future in agriculture was helping my grandparents each year to produce pure maple syrup. I remember trying to carry the 5 gallon pails of sap to the trailer after they had become full, trying not to spill knowing how much sap was needed to create just a single gallon of maple syrup. Spending time with my family during the maple syrup season broadened my perspective of agriculture and taught me that people are willing to learn more about the industry as long as there are ways to learn from it. As the maple marketing intern, I would like not only to better myself in public speaking, but help the community understand the process of how pure maple syrup is made as well as how delicious it tastes with your favorite dishes.