The 2017 New York State Maple Producers Winter Conference Is Set for January 6 and 7, 2017

A producer-focused 2017 NYS Maple Conference with practical and hands-on sessions for maple farms to enhance existing and expanding operations.

The 2017 New York State Maple Conference Friday evening program will feature two great options starting at 5:30. One option is a show and tell on using vacuum to improve the quality and efficiency of making maple cream and candy. The second option is yet to be announced. Right after these two concurrent sessions the VVS FFA will host the sixth annual maple conference auction. This auction gets bigger and better each year, come prepared to buy and sell. This year’s Maple Conference will be held in the same great location, the Vernon-Verona-Sherrill High School in Verona, New York on Friday evening January 6th and all day Saturday, January 7th. Opportunities include having access to the large trade show with many exhibitors displaying plenty of specialized equipment for meeting maple producer needs.

The conference is open to the general public, as well as maple producers, and is geared to all levels of sugar makers. Saturday’s trade show opens at 8:00 AM with workshops starting at 9:00AM. With these over 40 workshops available, you will have some hard choices.

Held at the Vernon-Verona-Sherrill (V.V.S.) High School, Verona, New York, the conference is sponsored by the V.V.S. FFA, New York State Maple Producers Association, the Cornell Maple Program and Cornell Cooperative Extension. The V.V.S. High School is located between Utica and Syracuse, New York on State Route 31 just two minutes from NYS Thruway Exit 33. For additional information contact V.V.S. FFA advisor Keith Schiebel at kschiebel@vysschools.org. Registration forms will also be available at the New York State Maple Producers Website: www.nysmaple.com or the Cornell Maple Program website: www.cornellmaple.com.