

# Maple Syrup Producers Attention



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The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) can assist Maple Syrup producers with addressing energy conservation. This assistance is through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), a voluntary program that offers financial and technical assistance to producers.

Assistance is available to producers in two ways:

- 1) It enables the producer to identify ways to conserve energy through an Agricultural Energy Management Plan conservation activity plan, also known as an on-farm energy audit; and,
- 2) Provides financial and technical assistance to implement some of the conservation practices recommended in the energy audit.

The application deadline for fiscal year 2013 funding is December 21, 2012.

In an effort to make maple syrup producers knowledgeable as to what assistance is available from NRCS, three meetings have been scheduled for producers in early December.

- *December 4—University of Maine Cooperative Extension Office, 7 County Drive, Skowhegan*
- *December 5—USDA Service Center, 1423 Broadway, Bangor*
- *December 6—University of Maine Cooperative Extension Office, 9 Olson Road, South Paris*

*All sessions will be held from 6:00-7:30 p.m.*

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in one of these meetings should contact Elaine Tremble at 207-990-9569, email [elaine.tremble@me.usda.gov](mailto:elaine.tremble@me.usda.gov), by November 27th.

If you plan to attend one of these meetings, please RSVP to Elaine Tremble by November 30th.