

**Certified Naturally Grown
PRODUCE SUMMARY INSPECTION REPORT**

Farmer/s: Bill Wood Farm name: Woods Maple Products
Inspector: Richard Gast Affiliation (farm name, extension...) Cornell Coop Ext - Franklin Co
Inspector is a: CNG Farmer Farmer using natural practices Cert Organic Farmer
 Extension Agent Sust Ag Educator Master Gardener Customer (1 of 3)
Date of the inspection: Apr 16, 2016 How long did the inspection last?: _____

Based on my observations and interview with the producer(s), I feel confident in making the following declarations about the operation:

The producer engages in sustainable agricultural practices that promote the long-term fertility of soils and conserve water resources on their farm. Agree / Disagree RLG
(Your initials)

The farmer demonstrates a commitment to the protection of the air, soils, waters, and biodiversity of the surrounding land. Agree / Disagree RLG
(Your initials)

I saw no evidence that prohibited insecticides, herbicides, fungicides, or chemical fertilizers were in use on the farm. Agree / Disagree RLG
(Your initials)

The land under consideration looks to be surrounded by an adequate buffer to protect from chemical spray drift contamination. Agree / Disagree RLG
(Your initials)

The farmer is careful to make sure that no genetically modified or chemically treated seeds are used on this acreage. Agree / Disagree RLG
(Your initials)

I feel confident in recommending that the above listed producer(s) and their farm

be included

not be included

in the Certified Naturally Grown program.

Richard Gast
Signature of Inspector

May 2, 2016
Date

As a CNG farmer I'm committed to continually enhancing my farm's sustainability and going beyond what's required. During the next twelve months I will...

[Signature]
Signature of Farmer

upgrade part of the tubing collection system.
5-6-16
Date

Certified Naturally Grown
Supplemental Inspection Questions for Maple Producers
(To supplement CNG Produce Inspection Worksheets)

Farm Inspected Woods Maple Products Date of Inspection Apr. 16, 2016

Name of Inspector Richard Gast

Affiliation of Inspector (farm name, extension, etc) Cornell Cooperative Extension

1. Maple sap is considered a wild crop. CNG's Wild Crop Harvest Standard states that: a wild crop must be harvested in a manner that ensures that such harvesting or gathering will not be destructive to the environment and will sustain the growth and production of the wild crop.

a. Ask the maple producer what steps they take to protect and ensure the sustainability of their sugar bush. The Wood family has sustainably managed their forest since 1924. They follow Cornell tapping guidelines.

b. Does the land seem well cared for? Are the trees healthy?
This is a very well-managed sugar bush that appears to be in excellent health.

2. What does the producer use for a de-foamer (if anything)? Is it organic?
Organic vegetable oils are sparingly used.

3. In rural areas, woods have unfortunately been used as dumping grounds for all manner of garbage, including toxic waste. Are there any dumps or other sources of potential contamination (old vehicles leaking oil, for example) near the sugarbush? Does the producer refrain from tapping any trees that stand within 40 feet of dumps?
No dump sites. Nothing toxic has ever been discarded on this or adjoining lands.

4. Over-tapping trees can stunt their growth. The Cornell Sugar Maple Research & Extension Program guidelines state the following.

- Trees 10-17 inches in diameter (31-53 inch circumference) should have no more than one tap.
- A tree 18-24 inches in diameter (57-75 inch circumference) should have no more than two taps.
- A tree larger than 25 inches in diameter (79 inch circumference) should have no more than three taps.

Does the producer adhere to the Cornell guidelines for number of taps per tree based on size? Absolutely.

5. To maximize tree health and sap production, Cornell recommends that all taps are 5/16" in diameter or smaller. Is this their practice? If not, would they consider transitioning to smaller taps? (This isn't a requirement but a strong recommendation.) All taps are 5/16" and have been for many years