

# Maple Syrup Digest



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## Apply for funding through the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program

Another round of funding is available for U.S. Maple producers through the federal Coronavirus Food Assistance Program, which provides resources to alleviate losses as a result of the COVID pandemic. There's no requirement to demonstrate losses in order to apply. Many sugarmakers have reported that the process for applying is easy and that they have received funds. Details are [here](#), or contact your [local service center](#) and someone there can help you apply. Applications are due by February 26.

## Yale Forests Maple Program: 5/16" Tubing Systems & Tapping Techniques

Yale Forests will kick off their new Maple Education & Extension program with a virtual workshop to introduce the basics of laying out a tubing system and tapping trees. This program is designed for aspiring maple producers and for anyone interested in learning more about the journey from tree to syrup bottle. Ahead of this Zoom session, please watch the videos on [5/16" tubing systems](#) and [maple tapping](#). On Zoom, there will be a Q&A and discussion about the topics covered in the videos, so come prepared with your questions! The session is Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 7:00 PM, and [advance registration is required here](#).

## Holding a Safe Open House During COVID

From the last issue of the Maple Syrup Digest, Jason Lilley from UMaine wrote some great guidelines for how sugarmakers can [safely welcome visitors](#) into their sugarhouses this season.

## Cooking at Home: Not Just for Quarantine

When you're running your tubing this month and wondering if you should bother with those extra ten trees that are just beyond your mainline, remember this: consumers say [they'll keep cooking at home](#) even after things return to normal. That means they'll be looking for more syrup!

## InTents: The Farmers Market Conference

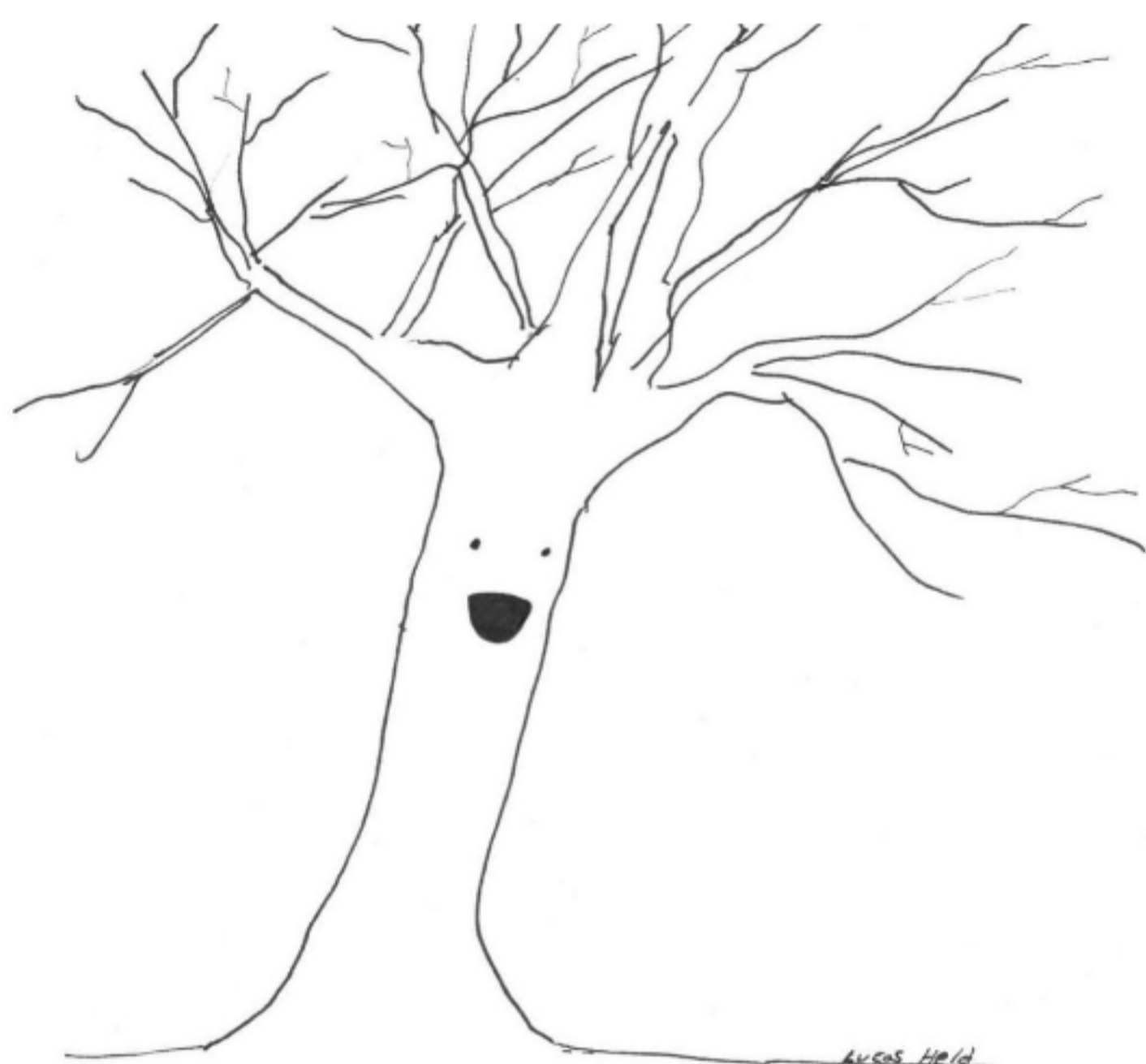
InTents: The Farmers Market Conference 2021 will be held online and will feature workshops to make your farmers market, farm or food business stronger and more profitable, reduce stress, and expand your revenue streams. More information and registration [is available here](#).

## Masks and Your Customers

Farmers markets, farm stores, and farmstands have to adjust to COVID and the ADA. [This guide](#) offers some tips on how to best accommodate customers.

## Online library of maple resources

The North American Maple Syrup Council maintains [mapleresearch.org](#), a curated library of research, practical skills guides, and other resources to help you make the highest quality maple products using the most sustainable management and processing practices. New items are added regularly.



"Almost time for the bald monkeys to drain my blood for breakfast sauce."

[Lucas Held](#)



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