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The Sweet Story of Wisconsin Maple Syrup Production

Ted Simpson, President of the Wisconsin Maple Syrup Producers Association, discusses how maple syrup is produced and explores the changes science and technology have introduced into the process. Simpson also focuses on the sustainability of the maple forests in Wisconsin. [Watch Video](#)

In the News

The Central Evaporator Plant in Wisconsin Maple History

The 1940s and 1950s were a time of invention and innovation in the maple industry. One of the innovations brought to the industry by Wisconsin was the Central Evaporator Plant. Initiated by Wisconsin's own Maple King, Adin Reynolds, the Central Evaporator Plant operated like a cheese factory in which maple sap, like milk, was transported from a variety of sap producers to a large processing facility where sap was combined and converted into maple syrup. As with the cheese factory where milk producers were paid based on the butterfat content of their milk, sap producers were paid based on the sugar content of their sap. [Read More](#)

Stewardship Agreement Brings Together Tree-Huggers And Lumberjacks

Matt Dallman guided his four-wheel drive truck up a narrow, snow-covered road in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest in Forest County. Dallman, the director of conservation for the Nature Conservancy in Wisconsin, pointed to a cluster or stand of red pines, which would soon be converted into two-by-four boards as part a program he's spearheading. "The Nature Conservancy is managing 380 acres here," Dallman said. "We're going to be harvesting just short of 2 million board feet, and that will equate to about \$370,000 of revenue." It's a new role for the Nature Conservancy, which Dallman said is often stereotyped as a "tree-hugging organization." The Conservancy now finds itself in the lumberjack business. [Read More](#)

Fallen Trees Get New Life With Wisconsin Urban Wood

Over the past few decades, Wisconsin trees have fallen prey to the emerald ash borer. The insect is deadly to trees, and the influx of them has led to scores of trees across the state being cut down. But now, those insects have sparked a movement. While many trees affected by emerald ash borers or other diseases end up in landfills, some envisioned a different path for the many trees that have been, and still need to be, taken down in both urban and suburban areas. Enter Wisconsin Urban Wood. Dwayne Sperber is a founding partner of the organization, which repurposes trees that have been taken down due to the disease or new development projects. [Read More](#)

Why Some P.E.I. Loggers Still Use Horses — Not Trucks — to Clear Dead Trees

Scott Taylor harnesses up his huge 12-year-old Percheron horse, Mike, and they head off into to the woods. They're continuing a tradition that's been carried out for generations on P.E.I. — horse logging. "The first time I went into the woods with horses, I was 12 years old and it was with my father and my late grandfather," said Taylor, 36. "I learned everything I know from them." Scott and his father Kevin Taylor are working together, thinning a woodlot in Caledonia, P.E.I. [Read More](#)

Spring Issue of Wisconsin Natural Resources Feature DNR 50th Anniversary

MADISON - The Spring edition of Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine is on its way to readers, and the first issue of 2018 focuses on a celebration: It's the Department of Natural Resources' 50th anniversary. The agency and the Natural Resources Board that guides it were created in 1968 by a merger of the Wisconsin Conservation Department and Resource Development Department. The Spring cover story, "A DNR is born," commemorates the event, while coverage in the magazine throughout the year also will mark the occasion. [Read More](#)

MacKenzie Center's Annual Maple Festival April 7

POYNETTE, Wis. -Maple Festival, a fun-filled, educational event for families is scheduled for Saturday, April 7 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the MacKenzie Center near Poynette. [Read More](#)



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