



Certified Organic Maple Sap and Syrup Production Land Use Affidavit

Vermont Organic Farmers, LLC (VOF)

The USDA accredited certification agency owned by NOFA Vermont

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Who should use this form: The purpose of this form is to verify that the certified organic producer has co-management rights to any parcels used for collecting tree sap for syrup production that they don't own.

Certified organic producer name: _____

Certified organic business name: _____

Land owner name: _____

The signatures below verify that:

- The certified producer will use _____ acres of stand(s) _____ of the property owned by _____ and described in the forest management plan titled _____ for the property located in _____ written by _____ dated _____ (hereby referred to as "the parcel") for certified organic sap production and that the certified organic producer has co-management rights to the parcel with respect to the trees, understory, soil and infrastructure used for sap production for the duration of this agreement (start date: _____ end or renewal date: _____).
- All actions that impact the parcel (including, but not limited to, installation of sap collection infrastructure, timing and techniques used for scheduled thinning prescribed by the forest management plan, forest road maintenance, control of invasive species, tree marking) must be agreed upon by both the certified organic producer and the land owner prior to implementation.
- Employees or other responsibly connected parties of the certified organic producer's operation will be responsible for all labor related to the collection of maple sap and maintenance of the maple sap collection infrastructure on the parcel.
- The certified producer is the only individual or legal entity responsible for the collection of maple sap and maintenance of the maple sap collection infrastructure on the parcel.

Please have documentation available at your inspection to verify that you lease the property rather than purchase sap from the property owner.

Certified Organic Producer Signature

Date

Land Owner Signature

Date

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