



# Tapping Agreement

NOFA-NY Certified Organic, LLC

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Between

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant for Certification)  
and

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Landowner)  
For

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sugar Bush ID#)

I/We agree to allow the NOFA-NY Certified Organic, LLC Applicant for Certification, named above, to tap our maple trees for the purpose of collecting maple sap for the production of maple syrup. We understand that their use of our land will be in compliance with the organic production standards of the National Organic Program's Federal Rule so that the applicant named above may be certified by NOFA-NY Certified Organic, LLC as a producer of organic maple syrup.

I/We also agree to allow the Applicant named above to take any necessary soil tests and add any soil amendments that will maintain or improve soil fertility and soil health and are in compliance with the organic production standards of the National Organic Program, and further understand the Applicant named above is solely responsible for forest management and sap collection per their organic system plan.

I/We agree not to engage in any practice prohibited by the National Organic Program's Federal Rule within a distance that may compromise the organic integrity of any grove of maple trees certified by NOFA-NY Certified Organic, LLC and tapped by the Applicant named above. I/We also agree that we will consult with the Applicant if I/we are considering to engage in a practice prohibited by the National Organic Program's Federal Rule within a distance that may compromise the organic integrity of any grove of maple trees certified by NOFA-NY Certified Organic, LLC and tapped by the Applicant named above. Such prohibited practices include, but are not limited to, the use of certain synthetic pesticides, herbicides or fertilizers.

I/We further attest that no prohibited practices or substances including treated/GMO seed, synthetic fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, etc. have been used in or within a distance that may compromise the organic integrity of any of the above named sugarbush during the past three years.

This agreement begins on \_\_\_\_\_ and ends on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Date) (Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Landowner(s) Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Landowner(s) Name - Please Print

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date