

**Certified Naturally Grown  
PRODUCE SUMMARY INSPECTION REPORT**

Farmer/s: Ben Yoder Farm name: Savage River Farm  
Inspector: Andy M Wengerd Affiliation (farm name, extension...): Sunny Lane Produce  
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: 5-9-16 How long did the inspection last?: two hours

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 AMW  
(Your initials)

The farmer demonstrates a commitment to the protection of the air, soils, waters, and biodiversity of the surrounding land.

Agree /  Disagree AMW  
(Your initials)

I saw no evidence that prohibited insecticides, herbicides, fungicides, or chemical fertilizers were in use on the farm.

Agree /  Disagree AMW  
(Your initials)

The land under consideration looks to be surrounded by an adequate buffer to protect from chemical spray drift contamination.

Agree /  Disagree AMW  
(Your initials)

The farmer is careful to make sure that no genetically modified or chemically treated seeds are used on this acreage.

Agree /  Disagree AMW  
(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.

Andy M Wengerd  
Signature of Inspector

5-9-16  
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

5/9/16  
Date

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

Farm Inspected Savage River Farm Date of Inspection 5-17-16

Name of Inspector Andy M. Wenger

Affiliation of Inspector (farm name, extension, etc.) Sunny Lane Produce

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. ~~etc~~

a. Ask the maple producer what steps they take to protect and ensure the sustainability of their sugar bush.

minimal taps

b. Does the land seem well cared for? Are the trees healthy?

yes

2. What does the producer use for a de-foamer (if anything)? Is it organic?

home made butter

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?

there are no dumps close by the trees

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?

yes

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.)

yes