

MMSPA Fall Membership Meeting

Saturday, October 11th, 2025, 9 am
Rose Creek City Hall (Near Austin, MN)
105 Maple St SW, Rose Creek, MN 55970

Come see maple operations on the Iowa border!

Agenda:

Friday, October 10th:

- 3 pm – **Optional tour of Roe Hog Farms** – We will meet at the nearby Landherr Sugar Shack (60731 170th St, Rose Creek, MN 55970) before going to the hog farm.
- 6 pm -- **Optional Friday night social gathering** at Downtown Grill in Austin (19 2nd Ave NE, Austin, MN 55912) – an MMSPA tradition! A great chance to meet maple friends old and new!

Saturday, October 11th:

- 8:30 – 9:00 am – Meeting registration
- 9:00 am – Welcome from MMSPA president Bill Warner
- 9:15 am – **Presentations:**
 - **Joe Landherr** will be presenting on his invention, the “Sap Master” spout, a plastic tap designed to increase sap production in vacuum systems.
 - **Journey Gosselin**, from the MN Dept. of Agriculture Food and Feed Safety Division, will speak about maple production licensing requirements. If anyone has specific licensing questions or situations they would like Journey to talk about, feel free to email MMSPA Treasurer Ben Carlson (cbcorp@gmail.com) before the meeting.
- 12:00 pm – Lunch will be catered by Hy-Vee Deli
- After lunch we will feature **tours of two local sugar operations** including Joe Landherr’s sugar shack (directions given at the meeting)

Cost: There will be a \$20 fee to help cover facility rental and lunch

RSVP: Please send RSVP’s to MMSPA Secretary Amy Perkins via email (sec@mnmaple.org) by **October 5th, 2025**. Please indicate the number of people attending and any dietary restrictions (we will do our best to accommodate them). Also please indicate if you plan on attending the Friday hog farm tour or the Friday night gathering.

Accommodations:

- **Doubletree Austin** – 1701 4th St NW, Austin, MN 55912
(507) 433-1000
- **Cobblestone Hotel & Suites** – 1000 16th Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912
(507) 433-9797 <https://staycobblestone.com/mn/austin/>