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Governor Chris Sununu to Kick Off NH Maple Sugaring Season
Maple Ridge Sugar House Hosts the Annual Gubernatorial Maple Tree Tapping

Bow, NH: The New Hampshire Maple Producers Association (NHMPA) welcomes the public to this year's ceremonial tree-tapping event with Governor Chris Sununu on February 28, 2017 at 1pm at the Maple Ridge Sugar House, located at 268 Loudon Road Ridge Road in Loudon, NH.

All of the maple products produced at Maple Ridge Sugar House are made locally at the farm. Miranda Milano, representing one of the three generations that owns and operates Maple Ridge Sugar House, is both thrilled and honored to host this year's event. In addition to the tree-tapping ceremony, tours will be available, including extended tours of the sugar bush. For extended tours, Miranda says "we always recommend to bring boots since it can be a little messy and muddy in the woods."

Maple sugaring time in New Hampshire occurs from February through April. During those few weeks each year, New Hampshire sugar houses produce close to 150,000 gallons. The long-standing tradition of having the governor tap the first tree was started by Governor Melvin Thompson almost 50 years ago.

About the New Hampshire Maple Producers Association, Inc: The New Hampshire Maple Producers Association, Inc. is a non-profit trade association dedicated to promoting the high quality of New Hampshire's maple tradition. The NHMPA organizes several public events throughout the year including Maple Weekend on March 25-26, 2017, when all our sugar houses are open to the public, Maple Sugaring Month, the Felker Prize and the tapping of the first maple by the governor. Learn more at www.nhmapleproducers.com.