

Syrup—

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ets. Doesn't matter one bit, not a single bit, ifen the syrup gets thinned out at this conjuncture 'causen ya gots ta boil it down any-who. Let me be a telling ya not wat ta do.

Dowen experement withen an old 30 gallon drum that the tops cut off of. 'Causin the syrup taste a bit industreal, not bad, just industreal like. An dowen be usin a big fire unless yer well a distanced from sheds an such. If n' ya do, it helps in the long run ifen ya gets a paper ligitimizen yer permit sayen ya can. Sumthin 'bouts building fires or the like.

Back ta the syrup fixen. For a long while ya'll be awatchen, an awatchen, an awatchen an it'll look liken nothens gone on. Buts as longen as it's a boilen, something is a happenen. Doesn't mean it always has ta be a boilin, but it'll boil eventual like, believe you, me. Any hew, I figure 'bouts 8 ta 10 parts quality sap will make one part syrup, dependen 'course how thick ya wants yer spread. An a speaken of which, dowen be a boilen too long, or ya'll have maple sugar. Not bad, but justen different, kinda liken the industreal blend we cooked up way back when.

I'm a slaviatin' just a thinken 'bouts the cakes all dressed up in butter an fresh syrup. Be sure an slip the cook guy some bolf balls an perhaps the food magichin will whip up some Jimmy Deans to go along side the cakes ya hope he makes fer ya. Umm, umm, good eaten!

It's a fun thin fer us green keepers ta do down at the barn whilst we be awaiten fer tha snow ta melt foren we can be back on the course for the gopher season.

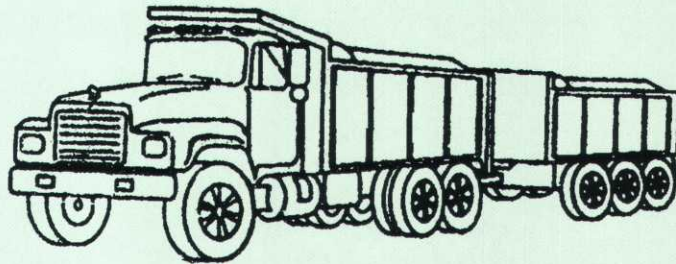
EPA Names Audubon International As a 2003 PESP Champion

The Environmental Protection Agency's Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program (PESP) recently selected Audubon International, along with fifteen other organizations, as "PESP Champions" of 2003. The award recognizes organizations for outstanding efforts to protect the environment and human health by promoting integrated pest management and pollution prevention.

"We recognize Audubon International as furthering PESP goals of implementing Integrated Pest Management (IPM) strategies and cultural practices which reduce pesticide use, educating users on chemical safety, and providing outreach and education," states J. Stephen Morrill, Acting Chief, Pollution Prevention Branch, Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances, U.S. EPA. By teaching people to protect the land, water, wildlife, and natural resources where they live, Audubon International has helped reduce chemical use and increase safe application and storage on thousands of sites in all fifty states and twenty-five countries.

"This award is yet another sign that our cooperative, proactive approach garners good results for people and the environment. More importantly, it serves to recognize the dedication and effort of all our members," says Kevin A. Fletcher, Director of Programs & Administration for Audubon International. Through Audubon International's Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Programs for landowners and managers, people have been taking action to protect and sustain the natural environment around them since 1991.

Established in 1994, PESP is a voluntary program that forms partnerships with organizations and pesticide users to reduce the health and environmental risks associated with pesticide use and implement pollution prevention strategies.



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