

**The Vermont Maple Industry Council
2007 Maple Persons of the Year Award
Tom and Cecile Branon**

The Vermont Maple Industry Council consists of representatives from all sectors of the maple industry.

The Purpose of the Vermont Maple Industry Council

- 1- To promote better understanding and closer cooperation between producers, packers, retailers, consumers, equipment manufacturers, The University of Vermont College of Agriculture, Extension, and Research; and Vermont State government agencies, including the Vermont Department of Agriculture, The Vermont Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation, and the Vermont Legislature.
- 2- To identify and study problems and issues within the industry and to set in motion actions to resolve these problems and issues.

Each year since 1982 The Vermont Maple Industry Council has recognized someone for their outstanding service and dedication to the industry.

Members of the council nominate several candidates who are especially deserving of this award for their work and service to the maple industry.

Ballots' are then sent to each member. The ballots are tallied and the winner is given the award I am privileged to present today.

This year's award is presented jointly to a husband and wife team who has spent many years working tirelessly for the Vermont Maple Industry.

Their service to the industry includes:

- The Maple Industry council
- The Maple Foundation
- Serving as a Trustee for the Maple Festival
- Producing a large quantity of top quality Pure Vermont Maple Syrup
- Numerous promotions of Pure Vermont Maple Syrup
- Carrying on a proud family tradition and so much more.....

It is our pleasure to present this year's Vermont Maple Industry Council Maple Persons of the year award to Tom and Cecile Branon.