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SAPSUCKERFARMS 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

Greetings stakeholders. It was a busy year at Sapsucker Farms. 2007 can best be described as a year of expansion and diversification. We expanded our existing operations, added a few more goodies to our offerings, and learned about some diverse new usages of our current product line.

MAPLE SYRUP REPORT

Expansion – Added another 100 taps for a total of 500 taps for the season; we made 70 gallons of super-duper, super-yummy 100% pure maple syrup – which, of course, makes great Christmas gifts **(1)**.

Diversification – We discovered that maple syrup is not only a delicious treat; it can also be used as an anti-aging cream. Go ahead, just rub it all over your face before bedtime every night for one month and see what happens **(2)**.

HONEY REPORT

Expansion – Started with three honeybee hives in the spring and increased to twelve hives. We extracted 100 lbs of honey (about 10 gallons) from last year's three hives **(3)**. We averaged 1.58 bee stings per pound or 15.8 bee stings per gallon of honey harvested **(4)**.

Diversification – Honeybee stings also relieve osteoarthritis pain **(5)**. So if you're hurting from osteoarthritis, stop on by for some bee sting therapy to take away the pain of arthritis **(6)**.

APPLE ORCHARD

Expansion – This year we planted 40 new organic apple trees and expanded our electric fence to keep out all of the critters who love to eat the organic goodies in the garden **(7)**.

Diversification – The organic orchard includes 36 different varieties of apples which, in a few years, will be great for cider, pie-making, sauce, eating, or archery practice **(8)**.

WILD GAME SAUSAGE

Expansion – We are learning how to make sausage, so we hope to add custom-made wild game sausage-making to the mix **(9)**.

Diversification – We are planning to learn how to make many different varieties of sausage including hot dogs, brats, cured salami, jerky, and anything else we can think of, so stay tuned – more on this subject next year.

(1) We still have plenty for Christmas gifts this season too, in case you're interested. **(2)** Just kidding. **(3)** Yes, we have super duper yummy honey too. **(4)** a total of 158 honeybee stings this season: Jim 10, Debbie 148. **(5)** This is actually true; we're not making this up. **(6)** Unless, of course, you're allergic to bee stings, then this would be really stupid to do. **(7)** No organic bunnies were harmed. **(8)** Actually, William Tell used a crossbow, not a bow and arrow, to shoot the apple off of his son's head. **(9)** Yes, some deer were killed in the making of this sausage, four to be exact: Jim shot three, Debbie shot one this year. **(10)** New email address this year too.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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