

MAPLE SIRUP

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MAPLE SIRUP: Production of maple sirup in 1977 is estimated at 1,221,000 gallons, up 32 percent from the 927,000 gallons produced a year earlier and 2 percent above the 1975 output of 1,201,000 gallons. Production in all States except Massachusetts was above a year earlier. Massachusetts production was the same as in 1976. Producers indicated this year's run was average to high in sweetness and the color of the sirup was medium to light.

Season average price per gallon reached a new record high of \$11.67, up slightly from last year's \$11.48. Value of production also set a new record high at \$14.2 million dollars, up 34 percent from last year and 12 percent above the previous record of two years ago.

The sugaring season throughout the New England States was short but very good. Producers reported good sap flows and high quality sirup. Long fast runs occurred March 27 thru 31. The most frequent comment was that producers using buckets lost sap because they could not keep up with runs in late March.

In New York the maple season was one of extremes and much variability. Heavy snow cover was widespread and hindered some producers from getting into the bush. The snow made it difficult to remove the sap but it helped preserve the quality. All areas experienced prolonged periods of temperatures that were either too warm or too cold. The number of runs varied from two to six, but generally the season was short. The runs were of longer duration than usual and some were unable to handle the continuous flow for several consecutive days. Sap sweetness was considered average and sirup color was mostly light to medium.

The season in Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania was short, but production of sirup was above a year earlier. Sweetness of sap was average to high and color was medium to light.

Wisconsin's maple sirup producers experienced record production even though weather conditions were not optimum. Sap quality was high both in sugar content and color.

MAPLE SIRUP: PRODUCTION 1/

STATE	1975	1976	1977
1,000 GALLONS			
MAINE	9	7	8
MASS	31	27	27
MICH	98	69	90
N H	71	57	74
N Y	366	277	320
OHIO	114	50	88
PA	97	40	47
VT	353	334	437
WIS	62	66	130
U S	1,201	927	1,221

1/ INCLUDES SIRUP LATER MADE INTO SUGAR. DOES NOT INCLUDE PRODUCTION ON NON-FARM LANDS IN SOMERSET COUNTY, MAINE.

MAPLE SIRUP: PRODUCTION, FARM USE, SALES AND VALUE, 1976 1/

STATE	PRODUCTION	USED ON FARMS WHERE PRODUCED	SOLD	SEASON AVERAGE PRICE PER GALLON	VALUE OF --	
					PRODUCTION	SALES
1,000 GALLONS				DOLLARS	1,000 DOLLARS	
MAINE	7	1	6	13.70	96	82
MASS	27	2	25	12.75	344	319
MICH	69	5	64	12.80	883	819
N H	57	9	48	13.55	772	650
N Y	277	36	241	10.90	3,019	2,627
OHIO	50	5	45	11.50	575	518
PA	40	4	36	10.60	424	382
VT	334	20	314	11.00	3,674	3,454
WIS	66	2	64	12.90	851	826
U S	927	84	843	11.48	10,638	9,677

1/ DOES NOT INCLUDE QUANTITIES PRODUCED ON NON-FARM LANDS IN SOMERSET COUNTY, MAINE.

MAPLE SIRUP: PRODUCTION, AND VALUE, 1977 1/ 2/

STATE	PRODUCTION	SEASON AVERAGE PRICE PER GALLON	VALUE OF -- PRODUCTION
1,000 GALLONS		DOLLARS	1,000 DOLLARS
MAINE	8	14.80	118
MASS	27	13.00	351
MICH	90	13.40	1,206
N H	74	13.80	1,021
N Y	320	10.60	3,392
OHIO	88	12.00	1,056
PA	47	11.20	526
VT	437	11.50	5,026
WIS	130	11.90	1,547
U S	1,221	11.67	14,243

1/ PRELIMINARY.

2/ DOES NOT INCLUDE QUANTITIES PRODUCED ON NON-FARM LANDS IN SOMERSET COUNTY, MAINE.