

MAPLE SIRUP



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MAPLE SIRUP: Production of maple sirup in 1976 is estimated at 927,000 gallons, down 23 percent from the 1,201,000 gallons a year earlier and 15 percent below the 1974 output of 1,087,000 gallons. Production in all States except Wisconsin was below a year earlier.

Despite a record high price of \$10.81 per gallon, the smaller 1976 production resulted in a crop value of only 10.0 million dollars, 21 percent less than last year. The 1975 production was valued at 12.7 million dollars with an average price of \$10.60 per gallon.

The season throughout most of the New England States began early and ended early. Many long time producers reported this was the poorest season of memory. Unseasonably warm weather early in the season was the major factor contributing to the poor season. The color of the sirup was mostly medium to dark except for that produced from the earliest runs.

In New York the first run was early in some areas, arriving before some farmers were ready. The season in this area was short. Temperatures were too warm for collecting sap. Sweetness was low and resulting sirup produced was mostly dark to medium.

Temperatures during the maple season were unseasonably warm during the last half of February and first half of March in Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania. There were no intermittent cold-warm periods to increase sap flow. As a result, the season was short and the color of the sirup was mostly medium to dark.

Wisconsin's increase in production was attributable to an increase in the number of taps. Tapping started in mid-March for most producers, but some reported having a February run. Over two-thirds of the reporters indicated that the season was too warm. Conditions were more favorable in northwest Wisconsin where temperatures were lower. Most producers reported having low to average sweetness and a medium to dark color.

MAPLE SIRUP: PRODUCTION 1/

STATE	1974	1975	1976
1,000 GALLONS			
MAINE	7	9	7
MASS	25	31	27
MICH	98	98	69
N H	53	71	57
N Y	334	366	277
OHIO	88	114	50
PA	77	97	40
VT	325	353	334
WIS	80	62	66
U S	1,087	1,201	927

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, 1975 1/

STATE	PRODUCTION	USED ON FARMS WHERE PRODUCED	SOLD	SEASON AVERAGE PRICE PER GALLON	VALUE OF --	
					PRODUCTION	SALES
				DOLLARS	1,000 GALLONS	
MAINE	9	1	8	13.70	123	110
MASS	31	3	28	10.70	332	300
MICH	98	6	92	12.00	1,176	1,104
N H	71	7	64	12.80	909	819
N Y	366	36	330	9.80	3,587	3,234
OHIO	114	9	105	11.30	1,288	1,187
PA	97	5	92	10.80	1,048	994
VT	353	22	331	10.50	3,707	3,476
WIS	62	2	60	9.00	558	540
U S	1,201	91	1,110	10.60	12,728	11,764

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

MAPLE SIRUP: PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1976 1/ 2/

STATE	PRODUCTION	SEASON AVERAGE PRICE PER GALLON	VALUE OF -- PRODUCTION
1,000 GALLONS		DOLLARS	1,000 DOLLARS
MAINE	7	13.50	95
MASS	27	11.50	311
MICH	69	12.70	876
N H	57	13.00	741
N Y	277	9.60	2,659
OHIO	50	11.50	575
PA	40	11.10	444
VT	334	11.00	3,674
WIS	66	9.80	647
U S	927	10.81	10,022

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