

MAPLE SIRUP

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MAPLE SIRUP: Production of maple sirup in 1978 is estimated at 1,154 thousand gallons, down 5 percent from the 1,221 thousand gallons produced a year earlier but 24 percent above the 1976 output of 927 thousand gallons.

Season average price per gallon at \$12.60 per gallon is up 60 cents from last year. Value of production at \$14.6 million is down slightly from a year ago.

The 1978 season in the major sugaring areas of the New England States was colder and ran later than usual. There were no big runs, so little sap was lost. After the season got underway, sap flows were steady. Sirup quality remained high all season. Some operators reported an excellent season, others reported a very poor one. The color of the sirup was mostly light to medium.

The New York maple season was of short duration. Temperatures ranged from average to too cold. Lack of temperature fluctuation resulted in slow runs but of longer duration. Unusual snow depth caused difficulty in collecting sap. Most of the sap was of average or higher sweetness and good quality sirup was produced. Producers surveyed reported over 50 percent of the sirup was light and over 40 percent medium, with very little dark sirup being produced. The season turned out better than expected by most; however, there were some producers who had a poor season.

The season in Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania was delayed by unusually cold weather during February and the first half of March. Cold and deep snow in the woods discouraged some producers from tapping trees. Others bulldozed roads through the deep snow to the trees. Sap runs were low to moderate in volume. Sweetness of sap was average to high and color was mostly light to medium.

Wisconsin's maple sirup producers experienced a somewhat better production than expected since the weather was colder than desirable for a good sap run.

MAPLE SIRUP PRODUCTION 1/

STATE	1976	1977	1978
1,000 GALLONS			
MAINE	7	8	7
MASS	27	27	28
MICH	69	90	80
N H	57	74	82
N Y	277	320	330
OHIO	50	88	65
PA	40	47	42
VT	334	437	410
WIS	66	130	110
U S	927	1,221	1,154

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, 1977 1/

STATE	PRODUCTION	USED ON	SOLD	SEASON AVERAGE	VALUE OF	
		FARMS WHERE PRODUCED		PRICE PER GALLON	PRODUCTION	SALES
		1,000 GALLONS		DOLLARS	1,000 DOLLARS	
MAINE	8	1	7	15.50	124	109
MASS	27	1	26	14.20	383	369
MICH	90	4	86	13.40	1,206	1,152
N H	74	6	68	14.60	1,080	993
N Y	320	20	300	11.10	3,552	3,330
OHIO	88	7	81	12.00	1,056	972
PA	47	3	44	12.00	564	528
VT	437	26	411	12.20	5,331	5,014
WIS	130	5	125	10.50	1,365	1,313
U S	1,221	73	1,148	12.00	14,661	13,780

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

MAPLE SIRUP: PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1978 1/ 2/

STATE	PRODUCTION	SEASON AVERAGE	VALUE OF
	1,000 GALLONS	PRICE PER GALLON	PRODUCTION
		DOLLARS	1,000 DOLLARS
MAINE	7	15.90	111
MASS	28	15.20	426
MICH	80	13.70	1,096
N H	82	15.20	1,246
N Y	330	11.60	3,828
OHIO	65	13.00	845
PA	42	13.00	546
VT	410	12.90	5,289
WIS	110	11.00	1,210
U S	1,154	12.60	14,597

1/ PRELIMINARY.

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