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Maple Syrup Production

June 11, 2014 - Nationally, maple syrup production in 2014 totaled 3.17 million gallons, down 10 percent from 2013. In 2014, cold temperatures decreased season length. The number of taps is estimated at 11.4 million, down slightly from the 2013 total. Yield per tap is estimated to be 0.279 gallons, down 10 percent from the previous season's yield.

All States with the exception of Pennsylvania showed a decrease in production from the previous year. Cold temperatures contributed to a shorter season of sap flow than last year. The latest sap flow reported to open the season was March 8 in Wisconsin. On average, the season lasted 29 days, compared with 37 days in 2013.

The 2013 U.S. average price per gallon was $37.40, down $1.70 from the 2012 price of $39.10. The U.S. value of production, at $132 million for 2013, was up 77 percent from the previous season.

Maple Syrup: Taps, Yield, and Production By State and United States, 2012-2014

State	Number of taps			Yield per tap			Production		
	2012[1]	2013	2014	2012[1]	2013	2014	2012[1]	2013	2014
	(1,000 taps)			(gallons)			(1,000 gallons)		
CT	70	78	83	0.157	0.256	0.193	11	20	16
ME	1,500	1,880	1,850	0.240	0.298	0.295	360	560	545
MA	250	280	290	0.160	0.225	0.210	40	63	61
MI	430	490	430	0.151	0.302	0.212	65	148	91
NH	440	470	490	0.173	0.264	0.229	76	124	112
NY	2,070	2,200	2,200	0.174	0.261	0.248	360	574	546
OH	410	440	450	0.244	0.352	0.289	100	155	130
PA	501	583	588	0.192	0.230	0.248	96	134	146
VT	3,500	4,200	4,270	0.214	0.352	0.309	750	1,480	1,320
WI	600	740	700	0.083	0.358	0.286	50	265	200
US	9,771	11,361	11,351	0.195	0.310	0.279	1,908	3,523	3,167

[1] Crop year 2012 numbers will undergo revisions to follow results from 2012 Census of Agriculture.

Maple Syrup: Price and Value By State and United States, 2011-2013[2]

State	Average Price per gallon			Value of production		
	2011[1]	2012[1]	2013	2011[1]	2012[1]	2013
	(dollars)			(1,000 dollars)		
CT	73.00	63.40	71.00	1,241	697	1,420
ME	34.00	33.00	32.00	12,240	11,880	17,920
MA	57.00	51.50	59.10	3,534	2,060	3,723
MI	43.80	51.60	48.80	5,387	3,354	7,222
NH	49.00	52.50	53.40	5,880	3,990	6,622
NY	39.10	43.50	43.60	22,052	15,660	25,026
OH	40.30	42.50	36.90	5,038	4,250	5,720
PA	40.00	39.40	35.60	5,120	3,782	4,770
VT	35.00	35.50	33.40	39,900	26,625	49,432
WI	36.30	45.60	37.40	5,627	2,280	9,911
US	37.90	39.10	37.40	106,019	74,578	131,766

[1] Crop years 2011 and 2012 numbers will undergo revisions to follow results from 2012 Census of Agriculture.
[2] Price and value for 2014 is not available until June 2015.

Maple Syrup: Percent of Sales by Type and State, 2012-2013 [1]

State	Retail		Wholesale		Bulk	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
CT	47	58	16	20	37	22
ME	2	2	3	2	95	96
MA	39	62	33	21	28	17
MI	60	48	24	23	16	29
NH	50	50	25	25	25	25
NY	36	33	14	14	50	53
OH	48	29	14	22	38	49
PA	32	31	13	4	55	65
VT	15	10	5	3	80	87
WI	39	21	18	17	43	62

[1] Percents of sales by type for 2014 are not available until June 2015.

Maple Syrup: Price by Type of Sales and Size of Container by State, 2012-2013 [1]

Type and State	Gallons		½ Gallons		Quarts		Pints		½ Pints	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars	(dollars)
Retail										
CT	62.90	68.00	36.00	36.10	21.00	20.10	13.00	12.80	7.75	7.00
ME	56.20	55.10	30.40	30.30	16.60	16.40	9.60	10.00	6.00	5.90
MA	51.90	54.30	29.10	31.20	17.80	18.90	11.10	11.50	7.45	7.55
MI	46.00	45.00	25.70	25.70	14.90	15.20	9.30	9.00	6.70	6.60
NH	53.20	52.40	30.10	29.90	18.50	18.50	10.60	10.30	6.20	6.40
NY	43.70	45.30	24.80	26.70	15.40	16.30	9.60	9.80	6.00	6.50
OH	41.50	41.70	24.80	25.60	15.10	14.70	9.30	8.90	5.90	5.90
PA	42.60	41.20	23.30	23.30	13.60	13.50	8.30	8.25	5.05	4.80
VT	46.10	45.30	26.20	26.40	16.90	16.20	9.60	10.50	6.20	6.60
WI	44.60	42.80	26.80	24.30	15.00	13.20	8.40	8.10	5.20	4.60
Wholesale										
CT	56.90	53.80	34.10	(D)	16.40	15.80	8.60	9.00	5.10	5.10
ME	42.40	(D)	22.80	(D)	12.90	14.20	7.40	7.90	5.10	4.90
MA	40.80	40.10	24.70	23.00	13.90	13.40	7.40	7.65	4.70	4.75
MI	36.80	44.00	24.10	25.60	12.30	13.30	7.20	7.80	4.50	5.00
NH	37.90	46.10	23.20	20.50	12.50	13.90	7.30	8.00	4.30	5.00
NY	43.80	40.40	24.30	24.00	14.30	14.30	8.45	8.15	5.65	5.45
OH	37.20	34.00	20.00	21.20	12.50	13.10	7.00	7.50	4.20	4.60
PA	39.20	39.10	20.30	22.40	12.10	12.70	6.65	7.00	4.50	4.70
VT	40.50	38.50	24.10	23.30	13.70	13.70	8.10	8.40	4.80	5.10
WI	36.20	34.50	24.30	25.50	13.40	13.40	8.00	6.80	4.90	4.40

[1] Prices for 2014 are not available until June 2015. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Maple Syrup: Bulk Price – States, 2012-2013 [1]

Type and State	**Bulk all grades**		Bulk all grades	
	2012	2013	2012	2013
	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per gallon)	(dollars per gallon)
CT	2.70	(D)	29.70	(D)
ME	2.90	2.80	32.00	30.90
MA	2.69	2.60	29.70	28.40
MI	2.60	2.55	29.10	28.10
NH	2.55	2.50	28.10	27.20
NY	2.71	2.60	29.80	28.60
OH	2.70	2.70	30.20	29.50
PA	2.66	2.60	29.30	28.60
VT	2.75	2.75	30.30	30.30
WI	2.70	2.70	29.50	28.40

[1] Prices for 2014 are not available until June 2015. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Maple Syrup: Bulk Price by Grade, 2012-2013

State	Grade A						Grades B and C	
	Light Amber		Medium Amber		Dark Amber			
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
	(dollars per pound)		(dollars per pound)		(dollars per pound)		(dollars per pound)	
ME	2.90	2.85	2.90	2.80	2.85	2.80	2.60	2.65
NY	2.81	2.70	2.85	2.65	2.70	2.60	2.36	2.25
VT	2.85	2.80	2.80	2.75	2.70	2.75	2.30	2.40

Maple Syrup Season: States and United States, 2012-2014

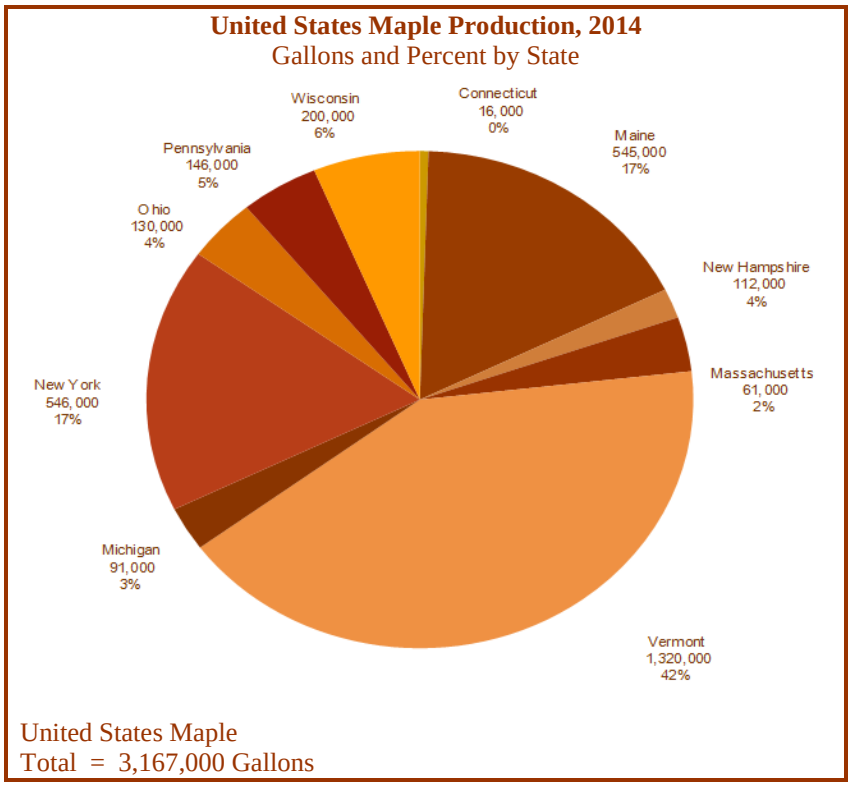
State	Date season opened [1]			Date season closed [2]			Average season length [3]		
	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014
	(date)			(date)			(days)		
CT	Jan 5	Jan 2	Jan 14	Mar 30	Apr 28	Apr 22	32	41	35
ME	Feb 4	Jan 13	Jan 14	May 7	Apr 30	May 11	29	39	29
MA	Jan 29	Jan 8	Feb 5	Mar 30	Apr 15	Apr 26	24	36	31
MI	Jan 29	Feb 8	Feb 19	Apr 2	Apr 29	May 6	18	32	24
NH	Feb 2	Jan 30	Jan 10	Apr 21	Apr 26	May 1	25	38	30
NY	Jan 10	Jan 1	Jan 10	Apr 26	May 1	May 3	24	40	32
OH	Jan 20	Jan 4	Jan 13	Mar 30	Apr 18	May 3	26	37	30
PA	Jan 9	Jan 10	Feb 5	Apr 20	May 8	Apr 30	26	39	32
VT	Jan 18	Jan 8	Jan 10	May 2	May 1	May 23	26	41	28
WI	Jan 25	Feb 15	Mar 8	Apr 25	May 28	May 4	10	29	23
US	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	24	37	29

[1] Approximately the first day that sap was collected. [2] Approximately the last day sap was collected. [3] The average number of days that sap was collected.
(X) Not applicable.

Maple Syrup: Average Open and Close Season Dates - States and United States, 2012-2014

State	Season Opened [1]			Season Closed [2]		
	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014
	(date)			(date)		
CT	Feb 9	Feb 12	Feb 26	Mar 12	Mar 25	Apr 2
ME	Feb 28	Mar 4	Mar 21	Mar 28	Apr 12	Apr 19
MA	Feb 19	Feb 26	Mar 9	Mar 14	Apr 3	Apr 9
MI	Feb 26	Mar 9	Mar 21	Mar 15	Apr 10	Apr 14
NH	Feb 24	Feb 28	Mar 14	Mar 20	Apr 7	Apr 13
NY	Feb 21	Feb 27	Mar 13	Mar 16	Apr 9	Apr 14
OH	Feb 15	Feb 20	Mar 4	Mar 12	Mar 29	Apr 2
PA	Feb 16	Feb 26	Mar 6	Mar 13	Apr 5	Apr 8
VT	Feb 25	Mar 3	Mar 20	Mar 22	Apr 13	Apr 17
WI	Mar 8	Mar 25	Mar 28	Mar 18	Apr 23	Apr 19
US	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)

[1] Approximate average opened date based on reported data. [2] Approximate average closed date based on reported data. (X) Not applicable.



Northeastern Region (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania and Vermont)**:** The Northeastern Region's maple syrup production in 2014 totaled 2.75 million gallons, down 7 percent from 2013's production of 2.96 million gallons. Vermont remained the top Maple State in the Northeastern Region and the Nation, producing 48.1 percent of the region's maple syrup. Taps in Northeastern Region totaled 9.77 million, up 1 percent from last year and accounted for 86 percent of the Nation's maple taps.

The 2014 maple syrup season in the Northeastern Region was considered mostly cold. The shorter 2014 maple syrup season offered several instances of freezes and overabundance of snow during February and March. The delayed start of the season resulted in decreased maple syrup production in the Northeastern Region. A very few number of operations reported that the weather was too warm but that may be related to the late collection of sap. Producers that have been affected the most by the weather patterns of 2014 reported their sap not flowing at all. The season started and ended later for every state in the region for the maple syrup producers compared to last year. The average season lasted over one week shorter in the Northeastern Region than it lasted in 2013. In short, the decrease in production from 2013 is primarily explained by highly favorable weather conditions experienced last year. Nevertheless, despite the challenges faced in 2014, there was still a strong quantity of maple syrup produced this year with Pennsylvania producing a record high 146,000 gallons of syrup.

Northeastern Region 2013 PRICES AND SALES: The average equivalent price per gallon for maple syrup varies widely across the Region depending on the percentage sold retail, wholesale, or bulk. The 2013 all sales equivalent price per gallon in Connecticut averaged $71.00, up $7.60; Maine averaged $32.00, down $1.00; Massachusetts averaged $59.10, up $7.60; New Hampshire averaged $53.40, up $0.90; New York averaged $43.60, up $0.10; Pennsylvania averaged $35.60, down $3.80 and Vermont averaged $33.40, down $2.10. The high percentage of bulk sales in Vermont and Maine kept average prices below the other States.