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Record high maple syrup production in Vermont

CONCORD, NH --- The 2022 Vermont maple syrup production totaled a record high 2.55 million gallons, up 46% from the previous year, according to Pam Hird, state statistician of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New England Field Office. Vermont remains the top producing state in the Nation.

Vermont maple syrup producers put out 6.65 million taps in 2022, an increase of 2% from the 2021 total. Yield per tap is estimated to be 0.383 gallon, up from 0.269 gallon from the previous season. Location played a significant part in individual production. The earliest sap flow reported was January 1 in New York and Vermont. On average, Vermont's season lasted 40 days, compared with 28 days in 2021.

Vermont's 2021 value of production totaled \$56.0 million, up 6% from the previous season. The average retail price per gallon was up 19% at \$32.00 per gallon.

Vermont's Ag Secretary Anson Tebbetts adds, "Vermont's producers worked overtime to produce a quality maple crop in 2022. Vermont's producers take incredible pride in their work and the consumers are the winners. We invite the world to enjoy this natural product at every meal. From pancakes to sauces to spirits, Vermont maple leads the nation."

Vermont has led the U.S. in the number of maple taps every year since 1916 and was only out produced in 1926 and 1918. In 2003 Vermont had 2.12 million taps and has been steadily increasing to 6.65 million in 2022.

Annual production prior to 1935 was typically between 1 million and 1.4 million gallons. This dropped to around 200,000 to 300,000 gallons in the 1970's. Since 2003 Vermont's maple syrup production has increased from around 500,000 gallons to 2.55 million gallons in 2022.

For the complete Maple Syrup statistics, go to the 'Crop Production' report at: <u>https://release.nass.usda.gov/reports/crop0621.pdfoncern/publications/tm70mv177</u>

The 'Crop Production' report and all other NASS reports are available online at <u>www.nass.usda.gov</u>.

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