

Maple Syrup, 2008

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Pennsylvania's 2008 maple syrup production is estimated at 95,000 gallons, up 86 percent from last year's production of 51,000 gallons. The value of the syrup produced in 2007 is estimated at \$1.61 million, down from the \$2.15 million produced in the year 2006.

The number of taps in Pennsylvania totaled 475,000 during 2008, compared with 445,000 taps the year before. Pennsylvania's yield for the year 2008 averaged 0.200 gallons per tap, up from the 0.115 gallons per tap last year.

Nationally, maple syrup production in 2008 totaled 1.64 million gallons, up 30 percent from 2007. The number of taps is estimated at 7.46 million, up 2 percent from the 2007 total of 7.29 million, while the yield per tap is estimated to be 0.219 gallons, up 27 percent from 2007.

The 2008 season lasted an average of 30 days. This compares to 27 days in 2007. Sugar content of the sap for 2008 was up from the previous year. On average, approximately 39 gallons of sap were required to produce one gallon of syrup. This compares with 45 gallons in 2007 and 44 gallons in 2006. The majority of the syrup produced in each State this year was light to medium color.

The 2007 U.S. average price per gallon was \$33.20, up \$1.90 from the 2006 price of \$31.30. The U.S. value of production, at \$41.7 million for 2007, was down 8 percent from 2006. Value of production decreased in all States except Ohio.



Maple Syrup: Taps, Yield, and Production By State and United States, 2007-2008 ¹

State	Number of Taps		Yield per Tap		Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 Taps</i>		<i>Gallons</i>		<i>1,000 Gallons</i>	
CT	59	62	0.136	0.242	8	15
ME	1,310	1,270	0.172	0.169	225	215
MA	230	220	0.130	0.250	30	55
MI	400	405	0.150	0.247	60	100
NH	365	360	0.164	0.236	60	85
NY	1,470	1,480	0.152	0.218	224	322
OH	370	395	0.203	0.299	75	118
PA	445	475	0.115	0.200	51	95
VT	2,170	2,250	0.207	0.222	450	500
WI	470	540	0.160	0.241	75	130
US	7,289	7,457	0.173	0.219	1,258	1,635

¹ 2007 revised.

Maple Syrup: Price and Value by State and United States, 2006-2007 ¹

State	Average Price per Gallon		Value of Production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>Dollars</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
CT	58.20	53.90	582	431
ME	24.30	30.10	7,290	6,773
MA	47.90	46.10	1,916	1,383
MI	37.00	41.60	2,886	2,496
NH	43.90	46.80	2,810	2,808
NY	31.70	33.50	8,020	7,504
OH	34.00	39.00	2,652	2,925
PA	32.50	31.60	2,145	1,612
VT	30.20	29.10	13,892	13,095
WI	31.20	35.70	3,120	2,678
US	31.30	33.20	45,313	41,705

¹ Price and value for 2006 are revised. Price and value for 2008 are not available until June, 2009.