

Maple Syrup, 2004

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Pennsylvania's 2004 maple syrup production is estimated at 60,000 gallons, up 15 percent from last year's production of 52,000 gallons. The value of the syrup produced in 2003 is estimated at \$1.43 million, down from the \$1.60 million produced in the year 2002.

The number of taps in Pennsylvania totaled 404,000 during 2004, compared with 383,000 taps the year before. Pennsylvania's yield for the year 2004 averaged 0.149 gallons per tap, up from the 0.136 gallons per tap last year.

Nationally, maple syrup production in 2004 totaled 1.51 million gallons, up 20 percent from 2003. The number of taps is estimated at 6.96 million, up 2 percent from the 2003 total

of 6.83 million, while the yield per tap is estimated to be 0.217 gallons, up 17 percent from 2003.

The 2004 season lasted an average of 55 days. This compares to 50 days in 2003 and 52 days in 2002. Sugar content of the sap for 2004 was lower than last year. Approximately 42 gallons of sap was required to produce one gallon of syrup. This compares with 41 gallons in 2003 and 45 gallons in 2002. Overall, more light syrup was produced than last year but most was of medium color.

The U.S. average price per gallon was \$28.30, up \$0.80 from the 2002 price of \$27.50. The U.S. value of production, at \$35.6 million for 2003, was down 12 percent from 2002.

Maple Syrup: Taps, Yield, and Production By State and United States, 2003-2004 ¹

State	Number of Taps		Yield per Tap		Production	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<i>1,000 Taps</i>		<i>Gallons</i>		<i>1,000 Gallons</i>	
CT	62	62	0.161	0.177	10	11
ME	1,295	1,290	0.220	0.225	285	290
MA	220	235	0.168	0.213	37	50
MI	360	370	0.164	0.216	59	80
NH	350	360	0.171	0.231	60	83
NY	1,340	1,345	0.157	0.190	210	255
OH	387	405	0.132	0.193	51	78
PA	383	404	0.136	0.149	52	60
VT	2,030	2,100	0.207	0.238	420	500
WI	400	385	0.190	0.260	76	100
US	6,827	6,956	0.185	0.217	1,260	1,507

¹ 2003 revised.

Maple Syrup: Price and Value by State and United States, 2002-2003 ¹

State	Average Price per Gallon		Value of Production ²	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
	<i>Dollars</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
CT	47.20	48.60	472	486
ME	19.40	22.50	5,335	6,413
MA	39.50	41.90	1,896	1,550
MI	32.50	31.20	2,438	1,841
NH	41.10	43.00	3,411	2,580
NY	26.30	26.80	6,838	5,628
OH	32.30	35.10	2,423	1,790
PA	26.70	27.40	1,602	1,425
VT	27.00	27.80	13,770	11,676
WI	29.30	29.10	2,315	2,212
US	27.50	28.30	40,500	35,601

¹ Price and value for 2002 are revised. Price and value for 2004 are not available until June, 2005. ² Value of production based on final State marketing year average price.

