



News Release

Maple Syrup Production

Michigan maple syrup production was estimated at 127,000 gallons for the 2015 season, according to the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Region. The 2015 maple syrup season was later and shorter than usual due to the lengthy winter. The 2015 production falls between the 105,000 produced in 2014 and the record high production of 148,000 gallons in 2013. The season lasted 26 days, compared to 24 days in 2014, and 32 days in 2013.

Michigan ranked seventh in maple syrup production in 2015, contributing about 2 percent of the total U.S. production. Total Michigan taps were 470,000, and the syrup yield was 0.270 gallons per tap. In 2014, Michigan producers reported 54 percent of sales as retail, 18 percent wholesale, and 28 percent bulk. The average price per gallon in 2014 was \$49.50, up \$0.70 from 2013. Total value of production was \$5.20 million, down 28 percent from last year.

The 2015 United States maple syrup production totaled 3.41 million gallons, up 6 percent from the previous year. All states with the exception of Ohio, showed an increase in production from last year. The number of taps is estimated at 11.9 million, up 4 percent from the 2014 total. Yield per tap is estimated to be 0.287 gallon, up 2 percent from the previous season's yield.

Cold temperatures contributed to a shorter season of sap flow than last year. The earliest sap flow reported was January 1 in Vermont. The latest sap flow reported to open the season was March 18 in New Hampshire. On average, the season lasted 26 days, compared with 29 days in 2014.

The 2014 United States average price per gallon was \$36.40, down \$1.00 from the 2013 price of \$37.40. Value of production, at \$117 million for 2014, was down 11 percent from the previous season.

Maple Syrup: Production, Price, and Value, 2013-2015 ¹

State	Production			Average price per gallon		Value of production	
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2013	2014
	<i>1,000 gallons</i>	<i>1,000 gallons</i>	<i>1,000 gallons</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
Michigan	148	105	127	48.80	49.50	7,222	5,198
United States	3,523	3,211	3,414	37.40	36.40	131,766	117,003

¹ The 2015 price and value will be published in "Crop Production" June 2016.