



# News Release

## Maple Syrup Production

Michigan maple syrup production was estimated at 90,000 gallons for the 2016 season, according to the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Region. The 2016 production was down 37,000 gallons from the previous year, and down 15,000 gallons from 2014. The season lasted 30 days, compared to 26 days in 2015, and 24 days in 2014.

Michigan ranked seventh in maple syrup production in 2016. Total Michigan taps were 400,000, and the syrup yield was 0.225 gallons per tap. In 2015, Michigan producers reported 62 percent of sales as retail, 15 percent wholesale, and 23 percent bulk. The average price per gallon in 2015 was \$54.50, up \$5.00 from 2014. This increase in price per gallon is likely attributed to a higher percentage being sold retail. Total value of production was \$6.92 million, up 33 percent from last year.

National maple syrup production for 2016 totaled 4.21 million gallons, up 23 percent from the previous year. The number of taps is estimated at 12.6 million, up 5 percent from the 2015 total. Yield per tap is estimated to be 0.335 gallon, up 17 percent from the previous season's yield. Pennsylvania reported a record high number of taps in 2016, while Massachusetts and Vermont reported record high production.

Producers were encouraged to tap earlier this season by the warmer than normal temperatures. The earliest sap flow reported was January 1 in Pennsylvania, Vermont and West Virginia. The latest sap flow reported to open the season was February 15 in Minnesota. On average, the season lasted 33 days, compared with 26 days in 2015.

The 2015 United States average price per gallon was \$36.70, up \$0.30 from 2014. Value of production, at \$126 million for 2015, was up 8 percent from the previous season. Beginning in 2016, Indiana, Minnesota, and West Virginia were added to the maple syrup estimating program.

### Maple Syrup: Production, Price, and Value, 2014-2016 <sup>1</sup>

State	Production			Average price per gallon		Value of production	
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2014	2015
	<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	105	127	90	49.50	54.50	5,198	6,922
United States	3,211	3,434	4,207	36.40	36.70	117,003	125,890

<sup>1</sup> The 2016 price and value will be published in "Crop Production" June 2017.