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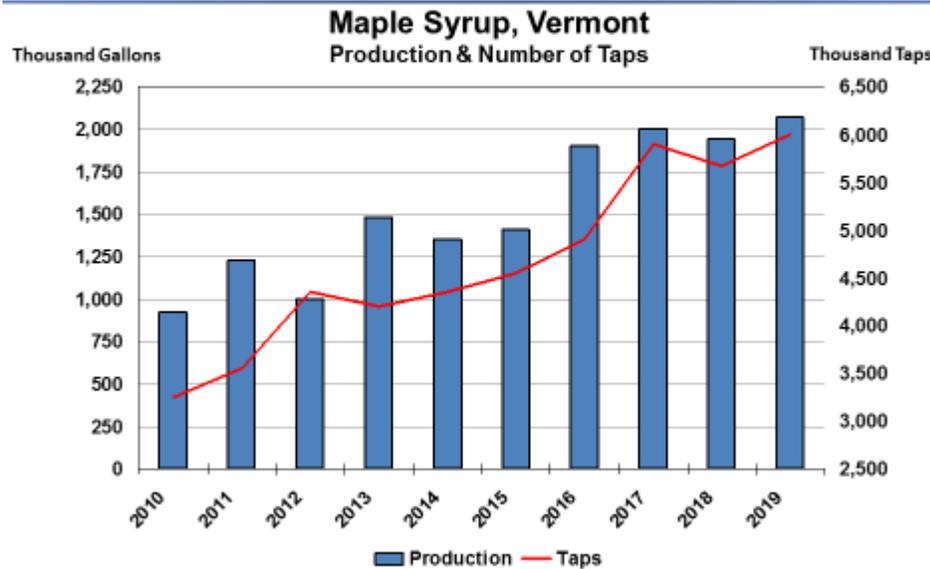
Maple Syrup Production Up 7 Percent in Vermont

CONCORD, NH --- The 2019 Vermont maple syrup production totaled 2.07 million gallons, up 7 percent from the previous year, according to King Whetstone, Regional Director of the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service, Northeastern Regional Field Office. Vermont remains the top producing state in the Nation.

Vermont maple syrup producers put out 6.00 million maple taps in 2019, an increase of 6 percent from the 2018 total and the largest number of taps since 1928. Yield per tap is estimated to be 0.345 gallon, up from 0.342 gallon from the previous season. Location played a significant part in individual production. Many producers got off to a late start due to the colder than normal temperatures. The earliest sap flow reported was January 9 in Vermont. On average, the season lasted 34 days, compared with 52 days in 2018.

Vermont’s 2018 value of production totaled \$54.3 million, up 1 percent from the previous season. The average price per gallon was \$28.00, up \$1.00 from 2017. The value of production and average price per gallon of the 2019 production will be available in June 2020.

Vermont’s Ag Secretary Anson Tebbetts adds, “Vermont’s sugar makers are proud to lead the nation once again. Pure Vermont maple is now more than about pouring this natural product on pancakes. You can now find Vermont maple in salad dressings, spirits, beer and a host of products. This growth shows the strength of maple and the tremendous opportunities for Vermont and its sugar makers. “



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. Vermont typically tapped between 5.5 and 6 million trees prior to 1935 but declined to around 1.5 million in the 1960’s. In 2003 Vermont tapped 2.12 million trees and has been steadily increasing that number to the 6.00 million in 2019.

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 over 2 million gallons.

For the complete Maple Syrup statistics, go to the ‘Crop Production’ report at:
<https://usda.library.cornell.edu/concern/publications/tm70mv177?locale=en>

The ‘Crop Production’ report and all other NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov.

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