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Maple Syrup Production Up 7 Percent in Vermont

CONCORD, NH --- The 2020 Vermont maple syrup production totaled 2.22 million gallons, up 7 percent from the previous year, according to Pam Hird, New England State Statistician of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New England Field Office. Vermont remains the top producing state in the Nation.

Vermont maple syrup producers put out 6.15 million maple taps in 2020, an increase of 3 percent from the 2019 total and the largest number of taps since 1928. Yield per tap is estimated to be 0.361 gallon, up from 0.345 gallon from the previous season. Location played a significant part in individual production. The earliest sap flow reported was January 8 in Vermont. On average, the season lasted 38 days, compared with 34 days in 2019.

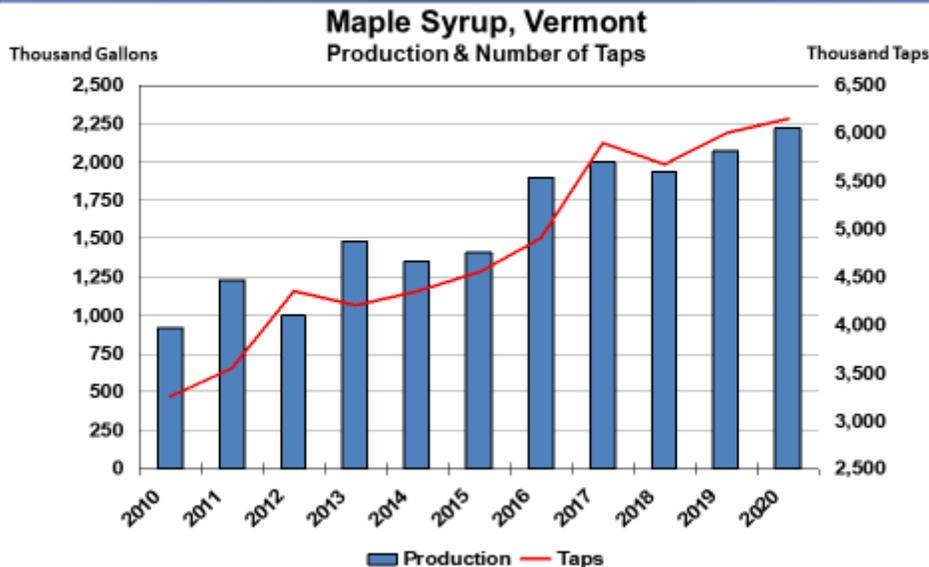
Vermont's 2019 value of production totaled \$58 million, up 7 percent from the previous season. The average price per gallon remained steady at \$28.00. The value of production and average price per gallon of the 2020 production will be available in June 2021.

Vermont's Ag Secretary Anson Tebbetts adds, "Even during the pandemic, Vermont sugar makers went to work and delivered. While sugar makers did not see as many visitors in 2020 at their sugar houses that did not stop them from delivering a record crop of pure Vermont maple. We are thankful for their dedication and commitment to their industry that continues to grow in the Green Mountains."



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 6.15 million in 2020.

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>

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

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