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USDA to conduct shorter Maple Syrup Inquiry

HARRISBURG, **PA** – USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will send the 2023 *Maple Syrup Inquiry* to approximately 1,600 Northeastern producers on April 28. Maple syrup producers, processors and commodity markets rely on the data from this survey to make informed business decisions and help promote the industry. Survey recipients are encouraged to respond securely online at <u>agcounts.usda.gov</u>, by mail or fax by May 8. Producers who do not respond by the deadline may be contacted to arrange an interview to complete the survey.

There are changes to this 2023 survey. Last year, the International Maple Syrup Institute created a working group from their membership and brought the industry's concerns to NASS's attention with suggestions to improve the maple data series and questionnaire. As a result, this year's survey is shorter with new questions on acreage, sales, and unprocessed sap.

"The Northeastern Region produced 4.40 million gallons of maple syrup in 2022. Vermont was the top Maple Syrup state with 51% of the United States' maple syrup," according to King Whetstone, director of the NASS Northeastern Regional Field Office. In 2022, NASS estimated the total number of taps across the nation at 14.3 million and total production was 5.03 million gallons of maple syrup.

All information from respondents is kept confidential, as required by federal law, and published so that no operation or producer can be identified. NASS will publish this data in the Crop Production report on June 9 and the Quick Stats database at quickstats.nass.usda.gov. This report and all other NASS reports are available at nass.usda.gov/Publications. For more information or assistance with the survey, producers can call the NASS Northeastern Field Office at (800) 498-1518.

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