

# MAPLE

New York maple syrup production was the lowest since 1993. This was even lower than 1998 when the disastrous ice storm struck the northern area of the state and damaged the sugar bush. Production of New York maple syrup this year is estimated at 193,000 gallons, 8 percent below the 210,000 gallons produced in 2000. The number of taps, 1.16 million, was down 7 percent from a year earlier. The value of this year's syrup is projected at \$5.02 million, down 18 percent from the revised 2000 value of \$6.09 million.

This season, a series of late winter snowstorms dumped over six feet of snow over northern regions of the state. High winds during the storm caused limbs to fall and damage sap and vacuum lines. Snow depths prevented

timely repair. Recurring storms buried functioning sap lines in the snow and froze them. The snow blanket prevented thawing. This resulted in a reduced number of taps and low yields up north. However in other regions of the state, weather was more conducive to syrup making. Good to excellent conditions pushed production to between normal and above normal levels. This helped offset the low production in the north. The 2001 sugaring season averaged 28 days in length, one day longer than last year and 4 days shorter than the ten year average. Statewide the average dates of the season were March 11 through April 7. Sap was average for sweetness, requiring an average of 40 gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup. Syrup quality was 35 percent light, 51 percent medium and 14 percent dark.

Table 46. MAPLE SYRUP: Production and Value, 1991-2001

Crop Year	Syrup made <sup>1/</sup>	Average date		Gallons of sap per gallon of syrup	Average price per gallon	Value of production
		First run made	Last run made			
	<i>1,000 gals.</i>			<i>Gallons</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
1991	308	Feb. 27	Apr. 2	48	23.30	7,176
1992	400	Mar. 5	Apr. 12	41	23.40	9,360
1993	180	Mar. 20	Apr. 9	40	18.70	3,366
1994	251	Mar. 16	Apr. 11	41	24.50	6,150
1995	208	Mar. 4	Apr. 1	47	23.50	4,888
1996	343	Mar. 5	Apr. 10	40	25.50	8,747
1997	269	Mar. 4	Apr. 7	48	25.10	6,752
1998	231	Feb. 25	Mar. 28	41	26.85	6,202
1999	195	Feb. 27	Apr. 2	43	27.30	5,324
2000	210	Feb. 27	Mar. 24	49	29.00	6,090
2001 <sup>2/</sup>	193	Mar. 11	Apr. 7	40	26.00	5,018

<sup>1/</sup> Includes syrup later made into sugar.

<sup>2/</sup> Average price per gallon and value of production are preliminary.

Table 47. MAPLE SYRUP: Price by Type of Sales and Size of Container, 1999-2000 <sup>1/</sup>

Type and State	Gallons		½ Gallon		Quarts		Pints		½ Pint	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	
<b>Retail</b>	29.70	28.10	16.60	16.50	9.35	9.80	5.95	6.35	3.65	3.95
<b>Wholesale</b>	25.50	24.30	14.80	14.20	7.90	7.65	4.70	4.55	2.05	2.75
	<b>Bulk All Grades</b>		<b>Bulk All Grades</b>		<b>All Sales</b>					
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000		
	<i>Dollars per pound</i>		<i>Dollars per gallon</i>		<i>Equivalent per gallon</i>					
<b>Bulk</b>	1.35	1.35	14.80	15.00	27.30	29.00				

<sup>1/</sup> Prices for 1999 are revised.