

MAPLE

New York maple syrup 2007 production decreased 11 percent from 2006. Syrup production is estimated at 224,000 gallons, down from the 253,000 gallons produced in 2006. Only two states, Vermont and Maine, produced more syrup.

The number of taps, 1.47 million, decreased 4 percent from last year. Syrup produced per tap averaged 0.152 gallons, down from 0.165 gallons in 2006. The final value of the 2006 crop is \$8.02 million.



The season opened on March 11 and closed on April 9. Sap quality was poor and the syrup darkened early. Producers reported making some medium amber, but mostly dark, and little to no light amber. Most producers reported a poor maple season due to the extended warm and cold periods. During the maple season producers experienced some snow late in January, then a long warm spell, followed by an abundance of snow. Most producers reported having two good runs before snow was too deep around April 18th. Unfortunately when the warm weather arrived, there were no freezing temperatures in the evening. Budding occurred earlier than usual. Even though vacuums were used by many producers, many still had minimal sap. Some producers even stated without vacuums they would not have had a season. The inconsistent weather pattern made it difficult for sap flow to be consistent.

Table 37. **MAPLE SYRUP:** Production and Value, New York, 1997-2007

Crop	Syrup made ^{1/}	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>
1997	269	Mar. 4	Apr. 7	48	25.10	6,752
1998	263	Feb. 25	Mar. 28	41	26.85	7,062
1999	222	Feb. 27	Apr. 2	43	27.30	6,061
2000	239	Feb. 27	Mar. 24	49	29.00	6,931
2001	220	Mar. 11	Apr. 7	40	29.50	6,490
2002	260	Feb. 22	Mar. 30	44	26.80	6,838
2003	210	Mar. 13	Apr. 9	44	26.80	5,628
2004	255	Mar. 4	Apr. 3	44	28.20	7,191
2005	222	Mar. 13	Apr. 5	41	31.70	7,037
2006	253	Mar. 7	Apr. 3	46	31.70	8,020
2007	224	Mar. 11	Apr. 9	46	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>

^{1/} Includes syrup later made into sugar. ^{2/} Available June 2008.

Table 38. **MAPLE SYRUP:** Price by Type of Sales and Size of Container, New York, 2005-2006

Type	Gallons		½ Gallon		Quarts		Pints		½ Pint		
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	
	<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>		
Retail	32.50	32.90	18.80	19.10	11.10	11.40	6.90	7.00	4.40	4.40	
Wholesale	26.50	27.70	16.10	16.30	8.80	8.70	5.20	5.40	3.20	3.60	
	Bulk All Grades		Bulk All Grades		Bulk All Grades		All Sales				
	2005		2006		2005		2006		2005		2006
	<i>Dollars per pound</i>		<i>Dollars per pound</i>		<i>Dollars per gallon</i>		<i>Equivalent per gallon</i>				
Bulk	1.70		1.80		18.90		19.90		31.70		31.70