



News Release

Maple Syrup Production

Ohio maple syrup production was estimated at 90,000 gallons for the 2018 season, according to Cheryl Turner, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Ohio Field Office. Production was up 10,000 gallons from 2017 and up 20,000 gallons from 2016. The season lasted 41 days, compared to 33 days in 2017 and 27 days in 2016.

Ohio ranked eighth nationally in maple syrup production in 2018. Taps totaled 400,000, and the syrup yield was 0.225 gallons per tap. In 2017, Ohio producers reported 42 percent of sales as retail, 16 percent wholesale, and 42 percent bulk. The average price per gallon in 2017 was \$38.50, down \$1.30 from 2016. The 2017 value of production for Ohio was \$3.08 million, compared to \$2.79 million in 2016.

The 2018 United States maple syrup production totaled 4.16 million gallons, down 3 percent from the previous year. The number of taps is estimated at 13.7 million, up 3 percent from the 2017 total. Yield per tap is estimated to be 0.304 gallon, down 5 percent from the previous season.

This year's maple season was historically longer. The earliest sap flow reported was January 7 in Pennsylvania. The latest sap flow reported to open the season was March 1 in Minnesota. On average, the season lasted 42 days, compared with 37 days in 2017. The 2017 United States average price per gallon was \$33.00, down \$2.00 from 2016. Value of production, at \$141 million for 2017, was down 4 percent from the previous season. There were several reports from growers indicating that the weather made this season longer and more drawn out than other years noted Turner.

Maple Syrup: Production, Price, and Value, 2016-2018 ¹

State	Production			Average price per gallon		Value of production	
	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2016	2017
	<i>1,000 gallons</i>	<i>1,000 gallons</i>	<i>1,000 gallons</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
Ohio	70	80	90	39.80	38.50	2,786	3,080
United States	4,207	4,271	4,159	35.00	33.00	147,208	140,777

¹ The 2018 price and value will be published in "Crop Production" June 2019.

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