



# News Release

## Maple Syrup Production

Ohio maple syrup production was estimated at 70,000 gallons for the 2016 season, according to Cheryl Turner, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Ohio Field Office. Overall, conditions were mostly too warm for sap flow. Production was down 45,000 gallons in 2016, compared to 115,000 gallons in 2015. The season lasted 27 days, unchanged from 27 days in 2015, and down from 30 days in 2014.

Ohio ranked ninth nationally in maple syrup production in 2016. Total Ohio maple syrup taps were 370,000, and the syrup yield was 0.189 gallons per tap. In 2015, Ohio producers reported 44 percent of sales as retail, 24 percent wholesale, and 32 percent bulk. The average price per gallon in 2015 was \$41.20, down \$1.60 from 2014. The 2015 value of production for Ohio was \$4.74 million, compared to \$5.56 million in 2014.

National maple syrup production for 2016 totaled 4.21 million gallons, up 23 percent from the previous year. The number of taps is estimated at 12.6 million, up 5 percent from the 2015 total. Yield per tap is estimated to be 0.335 gallon, up 16 percent from the previous season's yield. Pennsylvania reported a record high number of taps in 2016, while Massachusetts and Vermont reported record high production.

Producers were encouraged to tap earlier this season by the warmer than normal temperatures. The earliest sap flow reported was January 1 in Pennsylvania, Vermont and West Virginia. The latest sap flow reported to open the season was February 15 in Minnesota. On average, the season lasted 33 days, compared with 26 days in 2015.

The 2015 United States average price per gallon was \$36.70, up \$0.30 from 2014. Value of production, at \$126 million for 2015, was up 8 percent from the previous season. Beginning in 2016, Indiana, Minnesota, and West Virginia were added to the maple syrup estimating program.

### Maple Syrup: Production, Price, and Value, 2014-2016 <sup>1</sup>

State	Production			Average price per gallon		Value of production	
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2014	2015
	<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	130	115	70	42.80	41.20	5,564	4,738
United States	3,211	3,434	4,207	36.40	36.70	117,003	125,890

<sup>1</sup> The 2016 price and value will be published in "Crop Production" June 2017.

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