Pennsylvania's 1999 maple syrup production is estimated at 67,000 gallons, down 7 percent from the 1998 production of 72,000 gallons. The value of production was $1.57 million, compared to $1.87 million in 1998.

Overall, Pennsylvania's season was favorable for syrup production. 1999 production is lower than 1998 due to the dry weather conditions during the latter half of 1998. Many growers reported less flow per tap.

Nationally, maple syrup production decreased in some states and increased in others. Yield per tap valued among states, with five states averaging above a year ago and the five remaining states average below last year. The 1999 tapping season started three days later than a year ago, but lasted only one day less. Syrup color was medium to light amber. The sap's sugar content was about average for most states.

Nationally, maple syrup production in 1999 totaled 1.18 million gallons. Production was valued at $32.3 million. The U.S. estimate covers 10 states, including the New England states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont, and Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. Vermont leads all states with production totaling 370,000 gallons.