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USDA releases first-ever West Virginia maple syrup report

Charleston, West Virginia – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service announced the results of the first-ever West Virginia maple syrup report, pulled from the survey done earlier this spring.

“Survey estimates help others really see what the producers are doing in the state,” said Charmaine Wilson, West Virginia state statistician. “The more people who respond to surveys, the better and more accurate the data. We’re excited to have worked with the West Virginia Department of Agriculture on this and are looking forward to how future results will show the growth of the maple syrup industry in West Virginia.”

“The maple syrup data collection period in West Virginia was April 28 through May 17, 2016,” Wilson said. “Survey participation was good with a 90 percent response rate to help give us the accurate data producers need.”

West Virginia maple syrup production totaled 6,000 gallons in 2016. **Number of taps** was 48,000. **Yield per tap** was 0.125 gallons. **Maple syrup season** opened on February 9, 2016 and closed on March 12, 2016. The average season length was 32 days. The first date sap was collected in West Virginia was January 1, 2016. The last date for sap collection was April 2, 2016.

Average price per gallon, value of production, price by type of sale and size of container, and percent of sales was not reported for 2015 due to being prior to the first survey.

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National release: <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/CropProd/CropProd-06-10-2016.pdf>.