

Maple Syrup

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A special "THANK YOU" goes to New England maple producers and buyers who have who have helped us by completing the annual Maple Syrup survey during April and May.

SYRUP PRODUCTION UP 43 PERCENT NATIONWIDE

UNITED STATES: U.S. maple syrup production in the 10 major producing states totaled 1.6 million gallons for 1996, up 43 percent from last year. This is the highest production recorded since 1992. The preliminary crop value is \$37.2 million, up 30 percent from 1995.

rest of the producing region had mostly lighter syrup. Sugar content averaged higher than last year across the rest of the producing region. Sugar content averaged higher than last year across the rest of the producing region. Sugar content averaged higher than last year across the rest of the producing region.

U.S. maple producers generally experienced favorable weather and temperatures allowing for the best production run in recent memory. The season started a few days later than last year and also ended over a week later than last year, giving producers a few additional days for sap collection and boiling. Excessive snow cover hampered production in northern Wisconsin and Michigan but was more than made up for in southern areas of the two states. Colder temperatures in Northern Maine during March and April slowed sap flow in that area. Syrup color was slightly darker than last year in New England and Ohio; while the

Favorable weather conditions in 1996 led to increased

MAPLE SYRUP: Sales Percentages, New England, 1994 - 1995

TYPE OF SALE	Connecticut		Maine		Massachusetts		New Hampshire		Vermont	
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995

1994	26.10	15.10	8.40	5.40	3.40	20.50	12.00	6.40	3.80	2.60	1.40	26.00
1995	26.30	14.50	8.50	5.20	3.80	20.60	11.50	6.50	3.60	2.70	1.30	28.80
Pennsylvania												
1994	25.80	14.80	8.60									

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Windsor: Sap flow conditions were all wrong but sap flowed and flowed.

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