

Maple producers in the Northern Forest of Vermont and New York, an area that spans 6 counties in Vermont and the Adirondacks of New York, were surveyed in 2014 about their perspectives on climate change. Of the 264 completed questionnaires, 178 were from Vermont and 86 were from New York. Respondents were 94% male and 6% female. Ages ranged from 18 to 88, averaging 61 years.

Below are responses to selected survey questions. For the complete report, visit www.esf.edu/for/kuehn/reports.htm or contact Lisa Chase at Lisa.Chase@uvm.edu or 802-257-7967.

Q: How many taps are currently part of your operation?

In 2014, the average maple producer made 1,337 gallons of syrup, while the maximum made by a single producer was 32,500 gallons.

The average respondent sold 46% of their product in bulk, 42% as retail, and 12% as wholesale—with smaller producers more likely to sell retail. Businesses with under 500 taps sold the majority of their maple products by retail (71%), while

Q: Do you have any concerns related to climate change and its potential impact on your business in the future?

Less than half of respondents said that they have no concerns related to climate change. The other 58% of respondents identified 12 different concerns. The top 5 are listed in the table above.

