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MAPLE SYRUP

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MAPLE SYRUP PRODUCTION ABOVE PREVIOUS YEAR IN NEW ENGLAND

The 1988 maple syrup production in four of the New England states totaled 495,000 gallons, the largest production in the region since 1985. This was a 39 percent jump from the disastrous 1987 season. The increase was the result of higher yields per tap, as most operations had at least one good run. Vermont remained the leading producer, with 370,000 gallons in 1988, up 35 percent from last year.

The season throughout the four producing states in New England was reported as being generally unfavorable. The 1988 season, like 1987, was short, lasting only about 28 days. The average opening date was March 1 in Massachusetts, March 6 in Maine, March 7 in New Hampshire, and March 11 in Vermont. The average closing date was March 30 in Massachusetts through April 5 in Vermont. During the season, many of the producers in the northern areas had only one good run, while some southern areas reported a good syrup season. Temperatures were generally reported as being equally mixed between too cold, favorable and too warm.

The sweetness of the sap in New England was slightly below normal, with an average of 42 gallons of sap needed to make a gallon of syrup in 1988, compared with 40 gallons in 1987. The color of the syrup was generally medium to light in all four states.

The value of production for New England is expected to total over \$17 million in 1988, 55 percent above the 1987 crop. Prices for 1988 maple syrup in New England are expected to average a record high \$34.72 per gallon equivalent, compared with \$31.21 per gallon equivalent for the 1987 crop.

New York maple syrup production totaled 310,000 gallons, 38 percent above the 1987 production. The maple season in New York was 27 days long, with opening date on March 8 and closing date on April 3. Sap was of medium sweetness, requiring an average of 41 gallons to make one gallon of syrup.

MAPLE SYRUP PRODUCED BY CANADIANS IN NORTHERN MAINE

The Maine State Department of Agriculture reported that 69,000 gallons of maple syrup were produced by Canadians in northern Maine this year compared to 61,000 gallons in 1987. Most of the syrup varied from medium to dark. The season was generally good.

MAPLE SYRUP: PRODUCTION AND VALUE, NEW ENGLAND AND NEW YORK, 1987 AND 1988

STATE	PRODUCTION		SEASON AVERAGE PRICE PER GALLON		VALUE OF PRODUCTION	
	1987	1988	1987	1988	1987	1988
	1,000 gallons		Dollars		1,000 Dollars	
Maine	5	7	38.60	44.60	193	312
Massachusetts	28	44	31.80	36.60	890	1,610
New Hampshire	47	74	34.20	37.80	1,607	2,797
Vermont	275	370	30.50	33.70	8,388	12,469
NEW ENGLAND	355	495	31.21	34.72	11,078	17,188
New York	225	310	23.30	25.00	5,243	7,750

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