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NEW ENGLAND MAPLE SYRUP PRODUCTION ABOVE PREVIOUS YEAR

Maple syrup production during the 1984 season in the four New England states totaled 668,000 gallons, 10 percent more than the previous season. The increase was the result of an increase in taps and a higher yield per tap. Vermont remains the leading producer with 530,000 gallons in 1984, up 7 percent from last year and 6 percent larger than 1982.

The season was reported mostly favorable, but a noticeable number of reporters did indicate weather too cool, primarily in Vermont. The season lasted about 41 days. The average opening date was February 26 in Massachusetts and New Hampshire and about 5 days later in Maine and Vermont. Sap flow was about finished by April 11 in Vermont. The other states indicated closing a few days earlier.

The sweetness of the sap was near normal, although sweeter than the 1983 crop. The color of the syrup in the region was mostly medium with the remainder of the syrup equally divided between dark and light.

New York production totaled 332,000 gallons, or 41 percent above the small crop of 1983. The season in New York was similar to New England with near normal temperatures. The sap sweetness was low to average, although sweeter than in 1983. The season started early and lasted about 37 days, 3 days longer than normal.

The value of production for New England is expected to total over \$12 million in 1984, 13 percent more than the 1983 crop. Both the increase in production and expected increase in price contributed to an increase in value. The 1983 price per container was mixed compared with 1982 prices, but the overall average per gallon equivalent was up in all states. The average price received per gallon equivalent in 1983 was \$17.88 per gallon for the New England region. New York averaged \$17.00 in 1983. New York value of production is expected to total \$5.7 million in 1984.

MAPLE SYRUP: PRODUCTION AND VALUE, NEW ENGLAND AND NEW YORK, 1983 AND 1984

STATE	PRODUCTION		SEASON AVERAGE PRICE PER GALLON		VALUE OF PRODUCTION	
	1983	1984	1983	1984	1983	1984
	1,000 gallons		Dollars		1,000 Dollars	
Maine	8	10	22.30	22.60	178	226
Massachusetts	20	26	20.90	21.20	418	551
New Hampshire	84	102	22.50	22.90	1,890	2,336
Vermont	495	530	16.90	17.20	8,366	9,116
NEW ENGLAND	607	668	17.88	18.31	10,852	12,229
New York	235	332	17.00	17.20	3,995	5,710