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**Record Setting Season for Vermont Maple Sugar Makers  
2.22 Million Gallons of Maple Syrup Produced**

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According to the [USDA National Agricultural Statistics Survey 2020 Maple Syrup Report](#) (for the Northeastern Region), once again, Vermont is the #1 producing state in the nation for the 93<sup>rd</sup> straight season. Despite COVID-19, this was a record setting season with 2.22 million gallons of maple syrup made. Vermont's production increased 7% from 2019 and accounted for 51% of the United States crop, while the United States overall production jumped 4.6% from 2019.

For sugaring operations in many Vermont counties, the season ran from late February to the middle of April, with a report of at least one sugar maker boiling as late as April 28<sup>th</sup>. Statewide temperatures were slightly above average in March and slightly below average in April, which allowed operations at higher elevations to keep producing. In general, sugar makers reported that their sap had low to average sugar content, but the healthy sap runs allowed most to have average or record years for production. Along with the favorable weather conditions, Vermont's new record tap count of 6,150,000 helped gather more sap than ever.

With the season wrapped up, Vermont sugar makers are now busy getting their products to consumers here at home, nationwide and beyond through online stores, curbside, delivery and through local farmers' markets. To find your Vermont maple syrup online, visit online at <https://vermontmaple.org/buy-pure-maple/>.

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The Vermont Maple Sugar Makers' Association (VMSMA), founded in 1893, is one of the oldest agricultural organizations in the United States and represents over 1,000 members. The VMSMA helps to promote and protect the branding of pure Vermont maple products and to serve as the official voice for Vermont sugar makers. Our members take great pride in maintaining a prosperous maple industry and a working landscape that future generations will enjoy. Vermont sugar makers produce over 2 million gallons of maple syrup annually (generally about one half of the production in the United States).