



## Question of the Week

**Q: How do I make my own maple syrup, and where can I see it being made on the farm?**

**A:** Maple syrup season in New Hampshire typically lasts from mid-February to mid-April. A combination of warm days and freezing nights stimulates the flow of sap in sugar maples. It takes 40 gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup. A single tap on a sugar maple 12 inches in diameter will produce enough sap to make quart of maple syrup during a typical season.

Learn how to make syrup at a workshop (January 28, February 1, or February 7; brochure at <http://extension.unh.edu/Forestry/Docs/maple07.pdf>), or contact the Extension Forestry Information Center at 1-800-444-8978 for a free brochure, “Backyard Syrup Making from Maple Trees.”

On March 24 and 25 the N.H. Maple Producers Association will hold their annual Maple Weekend, when more than 50 sugar houses around the state will welcome visitors. Besides the fun of watching maple syrup being made, you’ll find a variety of maple food items available for sale. You can find a list of sugar houses participating in Maple Weekend at [www.nhmapleproducers.com](http://www.nhmapleproducers.com).

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