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MAPLE PRODUCTS

PRODUCTION

Overall production of maple products this season is down sharply from a year ago and is much smaller than average. Total production, expressed in terms of syrup, is currently estimated at 1,530,000 gallons, which is 50 per cent below the 1944 level of 3,090,000 gallons and 43 per cent below the ten-year (1934-43) average of 2,668,000 gallons. The amount of syrup made shows a reduction of 53 per cent from the previous crop, but sugar production has been fairly well maintained. Syrup production this year is estimated at 1,338,000 gallons compared with 2,870,000 gallons a year ago, whereas sugar production amounted to 1,920,000 pounds compared with 2,207,000 pounds.

THE 1945 SEASON

The unusually early spring found many producers unprepared for the first flows of saps. Heavy snow lay in the wood throughout the winter and the ground was not frozen to any depth. During the warm weather in March the snow melted rapidly and, by the time most growers began to tap, much of the snow had disappeared. The unusually warm days and lack of night frosts materially shortened the tapping season which lasted approximately three weeks. The runs of sap were short and the sugar content was low and the quality of the syrup, as a result, was much below that of last year. There was a general reduction in the number of trees tapped this season compared with the number in 1944. The reduction in tree numbers is due, in part, to the shortness of the season and, in part, to inadequate labour supplies.

MARKETS AND PRICES

The crop moved rapidly into consumption and more sales than usual were made direct from producers to consumers. Supplies being light, prices received by growers were at the maximum for the grades produced. The average price of syrup, including the cost of the container, is slightly above the 1944 level at \$2.98 per gallon compared with \$2.95 in 1944. Average prices received in all provinces were up with the exception of Nova Scotia where a slight reduction is reported. The total farm value of maple syrup this season is estimated at \$3,981,000 compared with the value in 1944 of \$8,466,000. Average prices received by growers for sugar is practically unchanged from the previous year. The average price per pound this year is estimated at 26.9 cents, while in 1944 the average was 26.7 cents. In Quebec and Ontario, the major producing provinces, sugar prices remained unchanged at 26 and 35 cents respectively, but in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick an increase of 7 cents per pound brought the average in both provinces to 42 cents.

Table 1

Farm Production of Maple Syrup and Maple Sugar, in Canada, 1936 to 1945

Years	Maple Syrup	Maple Sugar	Total Production Expressed as Syrup	Gross Farm Value
	000 gal.	000 lb.	000 gal.	\$ 000
1936	2,022	9,233	2,946	3,714
1937	1,233	4,412	1,674	2,245
1938	2,955	3,454	3,300	3,849
1939	2,302	2,899	2,593	3,444
1940	2,755	3,438	3,098	4,210
1941	2,037	2,390	2,276	3,562
1942	2,877	3,737	3,251	6,716
1943	2,058	2,415	2,299	5,750
1944	2,870	2,207	3,090	9,057
1945	1,338	1,920	1,530	4,498

Table 2

Maple Syrup, Production and Value, 1944 and 1945

Province	Production		Farm Price		Gross Farm Value	
	1944	1945	1944	1945	1944	1945
	gal.	gal.	\$ per gal.		\$	\$
Nova Scotia 1/...	8,000	4,000	3.56	3.50	30,000	14,000
New Brunswick 1/.	12,000	8,000	3.56	3.77	41,000	31,000
Quebec	2,339,000	1,203,000	2.91	2.95	6,806,000	3,549,000
Ontario	511,000	123,000	3.11	3.15	1,589,000	387,000
CANADA	2,870,000	1,338,000	2.95	2.98	8,466,000	3,981,000

Table 3

Maple Sugar, Production and Value, 1944 and 1945

Province	Production		Farm Price		Gross Farm Value	
	1944	1945	1944	1945	1944	1945
	lb.	lb.	cents per lb.		\$	\$
Nova Scotia 2/ ...	44,000	18,000	35	42	16,000	8,000
New Brunswick 2/ .	99,000	91,000	35	42	35,000	38,000
Quebec	2,034,000	1,804,000	26	26	529,000	469,000
Ontario	30,000	7,000	35	35	11,000	2,000
CANADA	2,207,000	1,920,000	26.7	26.9	591,000	517,000

1/ Sold chiefly in bottles direct to consumers. 2/ Quantities in 1944 and quantities and prices in 1945 include maple sugar, cream and butter.

WARTIME PRICES AND TRADE BOARD PRICE REGULATIONS

SYRUP

Sales by Primary Producers

Class of Buyer	Maximum Prices Per Gallon				
	Ungraded	Canada Dark	Canada Medium	Canada Light	Canada Fancy
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Wholesale Distributor	1.75	2.00	2.25	2.50	2.75
Retailer or Quota User	1.95	2.20	2.45	2.70	2.95
Consumer	2.40	2.65	2.90	3.15	3.40

Maximum prices of syrup sold by producers in bulk is 25 cents lower for each of the above classifications. Syrup sold in other than 1 gallon metal screw-top containers have a maximum price based on the bulk price for the appropriate grade plus the actual cost of the container.

Maximum Prices on Sales Made By Primary Producers to Processors

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Price Per Pound</u>
Ungraded	13
Canada Dark	15
Canada Medium	16
Canada Light	17
Canada Fancy	18

SUGAR

Maximum Prices at which the Primary Producers may sell the following Maple

Products to Any Person

<u>Kind</u>	<u>Price Per Pound</u>
Farmers' run, maple sugar	22
Maple sugar, other	35
Maple wax or la tire	35
Maple butter	35
Maple cream	35

RATIONING REGULATIONS

According to a Wartime Prices and Trade Board order issued on February 19, 1945 maple syrup and maple sugar continue to be rationed as a part of the preserves rationing programme. Maple butter, maple cream and maple wax (la tire) are not subject to rationing.

VALUE OF COUPONS

Until May 31, 1945 each preserve coupon was valid for the purchase of 40 ounces (1 quart) of maple syrup or 2 pounds of maple sugar. After May 31 the coupon value for maple syrup returned to its former value of 24 fluid ounces or 1 gallon for 7 coupons. The value of maple sugar remained unchanged.



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Table 1: Summary of Data

Category	Sub-category	Value
Total	Category A	100
	Category B	200
Sub-total	Category A	50
	Category B	150

Notes: The data is presented in the following order: Total, Sub-total, and then the individual categories. The values are in millions of dollars.

Table 2: Detailed Data

Category	Sub-category	Value
Total	Category A	100
	Category B	200
	Category C	300
	Category D	400
Sub-total	Category A	50
	Category B	150
	Category C	250
	Category D	350

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