



Connecticut Maple Syrup Is the Best Tasting You'll Find Anywhere

It won't be long before plumes of steam and smoke will rise from evaporators in hundreds of sugarhouses all across Connecticut. This annual rite of spring is eagerly looked forward to by local sugarmakers and their many loyal customers.

The traditional maple sugaring season in Connecticut extends from early February until late March, depending greatly on the weather. Freezing nights and warm, sunny days are necessary to provide good sap yields.

Maple producers, including the ones listed in this brochure, welcome individuals and parents with children during the sugaring season. You may watch the whole process of how sap is gathered and boiled, and smell the hot steam rising off the evaporator.

Be sure to call the sugarhouse ahead of time to see if sap is being boiled into syrup and sold. Besides selling syrup during the sugaring season, this and other maple products may be purchased at many sugarhouses throughout the year.

The Maple Syrup Producers Association of Connecticut, Inc. holds informational meetings in January and November, and publishes a newsletter called "Drop in the Bucket." For more information contact: Chuck Drake, 28 Marshall Street, Windsor, CT 06095, Tel: 860-688-1718 or go to the Maple Syrup Producers Association of Connecticut website: www.ctmaple.org.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY

STAMFORD MUSEUM AND NATURE CENTER
39 Scofieldtown Rd., Stamford, CT 06903
203-322-1646

SM&NC sugaring season runs February through March 16th. Classes are open to school groups during the week. Public drop-ins are welcome during the week and on the weekends – call ahead. Our Maple Sugar Weekend Festival is Saturday, March 3rd & Sunday, March 4th, 2012, 11am – 3pm. Historic and modern methods of sugaring will be demonstrated along with children's crafts, food, and more. Call for more information.

WARRUP'S FARM

Bill Hill

John Read Rd., West Redding, CT 06896

203-938-9403 Web site: www.warrupfarm.com

Visit the log cabin sugarhouse for syrup making demonstrations the first 3 weekends in March, noon-5 p.m. Syrup and maple sugar candy available for sale. Visit the barnyard animals. School groups scheduled Tuesday-Friday. Organic farm produce, pumpkins, and flowers available in season.

HARTFORD COUNTY

ARLOW'S SUGAR SHACK

Arlow and Doris Case

101 Bushy Hill Rd., Granby, CT 06035

860-653-3270

Pure Maple Syrup sold in all sized containers. Sap buckets and tanks for sale. Also, firewood available.

LAMOTHE'S SUGAR HOUSE

The Lamothe Family

89 Stone Rd., Burlington, CT 06013

860-675-5043

Email: lamothes.sugar.house@snet.net

www.lamothesugarhouse.com

Maple Syrup, Maple Candy, Maple Cream, Maple Taffy, Granulated Maple Sugar, Maple Sugar & Spice, Savory Maple Sugar & Spice, Maple Coated Nuts and Assorted Maple Gifts, Maple Syrup Equipment, Rabbits. Open year 'round: Monday-Thursday 10-6 p.m., Friday-Saturday 10-5 p.m., Sunday 12-5 p.m. See maple syrup being made on Saturday and Sunday 1-5 p.m. from mid-February to the end of March. Mail order. Master Card and Visa accepted.

NORTHWEST PARK SUGARHOUSE

145 Lang Rd., Windsor, CT 06095

860-285-1886

Maple Syrup. The Sugarhouse, accessible to handicapped, provides weekday group programs and weekend open house activities during February and March. Please call for program schedule or visit our web site www.northwestpark.org.

SWEET WIND FARM

Arlow and Susan Case

339 South Road (CT. Route 179)

East Hartland, CT 06027

860-653-2038

www.sweetwindfarm.net

Sugarhouse is open to the public year 'round. Tours and classes available for groups during sugaring season. Open House boiling days free to the public. Maple Festival on the 2nd Saturday of March, free admission. Maple syrup and other maple products for sale year 'round at our farm stand and sugarhouse. Farm stand open daily from July-October with fresh fruit, vegetables, jam, jelly, and more. Firewood and field stone available. Visit our website for more information.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

DURHAM SUGARHOUSE

The Hassmann Family

28R Burwell Newton Drive

Durham, CT 06422

860-349-6806

www.durhamsugarhouse.com

Visit our sugarhouse on weekends from early February to the end of March. Syrup available for sale during the year on most weekends. Please call ahead. Educational tours available on weekends during syrup season by appointment.

MOORE'S SUGAR SHACK

413 Pond Meadow RD

Westbrook, CT

(860)399-2279

(860)304-9864

Email: MooreGardens64@gmail.com

Visit our quaint Sugar House on the Connecticut Shoreline with its rustic New England charm. Our Sugar House is open to the public year round. Visitors welcome for sugaring demonstrations. Group tours are welcome during sugaring season by appointment. Maple syrup is on sale year round at our Sugar House and also at our shop in the center of Westbrook; Shoreline Framing. Maple candy is only available only during sugaring season.

RICK'S SUGAR SHACK

Rick and Jill Walker

69 Collie Brook Road

East Hampton, CT 06424

860-267-7117 or 860-267-7180

Open on weekends starting mid February, to the first week in April. Open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. We have Maple Syrup, Maple Products as well as our own Maple Herb Mustard, and Maple Balsamic Dressing. Maple Syrup available year round. We set up at local Farmers Market during the summer season with a wide range of Maple Products. We have an Open House each year on the first Saturday in March from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Our system is wood fired. Please call ahead.

LITCHFIELD COUNTY

ANSTETT'S SUGAR FARM

Terry & Robin Anstett

Po Box 414

542 East Greenwoods Rd.

Norfolk, CT. 06058

860-542-5013

www.AnstettsMapleSyrup.com

The Anstett family welcomes you to tour our farm specializing in maple syrup for the past 30 years. Check our web site for hours and boiling times during the months of January through April. Hours are by appointment only during the off season, please call to schedule a time. We also offer online purchasing through our web site.

BROOKSIDE FARM II

Kay Carroll and Mark Harran

79 East Chestnut Hill Rd., Litchfield, CT 06759

860-567-3805 or 860-567-3890

Open for visits mid-February through March. Maple syrup sold year 'round. Please call ahead.

BROTHER AND SONS SUGARHOUSE

The Schoonmaker Family

998 Sawmill Hill Road -Torrington, CT 06790

860-489-2719

Maple Syrup in all sizes, including Maple Leaf Bottles. Maple sugar, Maple candy, Maple cream, Maple coated nuts & Maple spices. Gift Baskets made to order. Watch syrup being made in late February to end of March. Sugarhouse is handicap accessible. Groups welcome.

Open 7 days a week year 'round – call for hours and visit the horses, too.

DUTTON'S SUGARHOUSE

The Dutton Family: Dick & Phil Dutton

28 Sunny Ridge Rd., Washington, CT 06793

860-868-0345

Visitors may watch sap collection and syrup being made during February and March. Groups always welcome. Please call ahead.

GREAT BROOK SUGARHOUSE

Mark Mankin

140 Park Lane, Route 202, New Milford, CT 06776

860-354-0047

Mailing Address: 50 East Street,

New Milford, CT 06776

Operated by The Youth Agency, the Sugarhouse is open to the public and syrup is sold year 'round. Educational tours of the sugaring operation are available. Call for info and availability. Open house weekends, which include displays of early sugaring techniques, are held during March. Please call ahead for dates and time.

KASULAITIS FARM AND SUGARHOUSE

Ray Kasulaitis - Dave Vincent – Tracey Stoddard

69 Goose Green Rd., Barkhamsted, CT 06063

860-379-8787 or 860-379-3020 or 860-921-7981

Maple Syrup and Maple Products. Open 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. See syrup being made in mid-February to the end of March. Please phone ahead. Maple syrup sold year 'round.

HILLJACK SUGAR SHACK

The Nivolo Family

74 Wilson Rd. Litchfield, CT 06759

860-482-6052

Open 7 days a week 8:00am- 6:00pm (There are extended Hours for sugaring season). If there is no one available there is also a table with an "Honor System" for costumers to purchase products. We sell Maple Syrup and Honey Products as well as farm fresh Eggs and other produce. We are dealers of maple syrup and honey production equipment. customers and visitors are encouraged to stop by anytime. FREE tours of facilities to anyone, school groups welcome. Tours larger than 7 please call ahead to schedule.

WOODBURY SUGARSHED

Lou and Carol Berecz & Sons

41 Washington Rd., on Rt. 47, Woodbury, CT 06798

203-263-4550

Sugarhouse open to the public. Saturdays and Sundays from February 28 through March 28 for maple syrup demonstration hours 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Open daily year 'round. Please phone ahead.

WEST HILL SUGARHOUSE

John Trumbull, Tim Mandel, Dick Selinga,

Mark Campbell

525 West Hill Rd., New Hartford, CT 06057

860-379-9672 or 860-379-7312

Maple syrup for sale year 'round. Sugarhouse open during the season. Small groups welcome. Please call ahead.

NEW HAVEN COUNTY

BROOKSVALE PARK SUGAR SHACK

524 Brooksvale Avenue, Hamden, CT 06518

203-287-2669 www.brooksvale.org

Located off Rt. 10 near the Hamden/Cheshire line, Brooksvale Park is operated by Hamden Parks & Recreation. The primary use of the sugar shack is to provide educational programs for Hamden 4th grade classes and school groups from surrounding towns. Visitors are welcome to stop by the sugar shack when it is in operation, usually late Feb. to mid-March. Programs, which include a tour of the sugaring operation, are available to the public. Call the Park Ranger's office for dates and registration.

MAPLE GROVE FARM

Buster Scranton

3424 Durham Rd. (Route 77), Guilford, CT 06437

203-457-1304

We are located on Rte. 77, 2.1 miles North of Rte. 80 in Guilford. We have a wood-fired evaporator. Syrup, cream and candy sold during the season (mid-Feb. – mid-March). Syrup sales year 'round as supply permits. Please call ahead.

WAYNE'S SUGARHOUSE

Wayne & Dana Juniver and Harry & Sheila Juniver

89 Cedar Lake Rd., North Branford, CT 06471

203-488-3549

Visitors are welcome on weekends (mid-February through March) to see maple syrup being made. Please call Friday for boiling times. Maple syrup for sale year 'round.

NEW LONDON COUNTY

BUREAU'S SUGARHOUSE & MAPLE KETTLE KORN

Don Bureau and Family

60 Rowland Road

Old Lyme, CT 06371

860-434-5787

Website: maplekettlekorn.com

Making maple syrup with an all bucket operation and wood fired evaporator since 1993, maple kettle korn since 1999. Maple syrup available seasonally and maple kettle korn available all year.

OWENECO FARMS SUGAR SHACK

John & Dawn Drum & Evelyn Grabber

2067 Exeter Rd. (Route 207), Lebanon, CT 06249

860-642-7364

Maple Syrup. Open mid-February through March.

TOLLAND COUNTY

ANNUAL HEBRON MAPLE FESTIVAL

Held annually the second weekend in March. (March 10th & 11th, 2012 and March 9th & 10th, 2013) – Self-tours to the following Hebron Sugarhouses: Wenzel, Woody Acres, Winding Brook & Pierce. See Connecticut Maple Syrup being made. Enjoy Sugar-on-Snow, Maple Baked Goods, Pancake Breakfast, plus much more. It is a weekend for family enjoyment. For information call 860-228-1110 or 860-228-0246 or 860-649-0841 or www.hebronmaplefest.com

BRADWAY'S SUGARHOUSE

Donald and Karen Bradway

Bradway Rd., Stafford Springs, CT 06076

860-684-7112 or 860-684-6876

Maple Syrup for sale year 'round. Please call ahead. Visitors welcome.

HURST FARM SUGAR HOUSE

The Hurst Family

746 East St., Andover, CT 06232

860-646-6536

Come visit our post and beam sugarhouse on our 36 acre farm. While at Hurst Farm stroll through our old-fashioned Country Store that is stocked full of our own gourmet products. Maple syrup and maple products, local honey, jams and jellies, relishes, herbs and spices. Gift baskets made with all of our products. Sugarhouse opens to the public in season – call for hours. Farm is open year 'round with something for every season. Store and sugarhouse are handicapped accessible. Please call for schedule of other seasons.

WINDHAM COUNTY

BATS OF BEDLAM MAPLE FARM

Bob and Pat Dubos

101 Bedlam Rd., Chaplin, CT 06235

860-455-9200

Email: bob_dubos@charter.net

Making Maple for over 40 years. Maple syrup, maple cream, maple sugar, maple coated peanuts, maple jelly and maple vinegar are available at our home & sugarhouse. Additionally, our maple syrup and maple candy are available at the Willimantic Food Co-op, Champion's General Store, the UConn Co-op, Fiddleheads in New London. Highland Park Market in Coventry and some country stores. Visitors welcome. Please phone ahead to make sure we're home.

FABYAN SUGAR SHACK

The Durand and Mailloux Family's

384 Fabyan Rd., North Grosvenordale, CT 06255

860-935-9281 or 860-617-5159

Email: durandgary@att.net

Home of the Famous Maple Brittle. Maple Peanut Brittle, Maple Ice Cream Topping, Maple Jelly, Maple Coated Nuts, Pure Maple Syrup, Maple cream and Maple Candy and pure maple granulated sugar. All products made using modern equipment and all specialty items made in our certified kitchen. Specialty items available upon request for all your gathering get together and special occasions. Visitors always welcome. Tours provided upon request to families & groups during production season mid February –March.. Open weekends mid November –mid April from 10 am to 4 pm, and year round with appointment. Also present @ the Farmers Markets in Putnam, Danielson, Bozrah, and Coventry CT.

Maple Facts

- The sugar maple and black maple are the most common trees tapped. A tree should be from 30 to 40 years old before tapping and more than 10 inches in diameter.
- As a rule of thumb, a tree can give as much as a gallon of sap for each tap it has per day.

GAGER HILL FARMS

Eric Schaen & Regan Ross

280 Gager Hill Rd

Scotland, Ct. 06280

(860) 209-4802; (860) 465-9555

Email: Gagerhillfarms@yahoo.com

Open Sundays 12 – 4 Mid Feb. Thru Apr 1st .Open year round by appointment or by chance. (Call ahead to see if we are boiling during Sugaring Season for demonstrations.) Maple Syrup, Maple Products, Jellies, Jams, Seasonal Vegetables, Flowers, Pumpkins, and Crafts

MAPLE LEAF FARM

Tony & Lynne Denning

521 South Canterbury Road (RT 169)

Canterbury, Connecticut 06331

(860)546-1110 (860)230-5830

website; www.mapleleaffarmct.net

Hours; Mon. thru Friday 2:pm until 6:pm – Sat. & Sun. 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Sugarhouse Store – maple syrup, home canned goods, homemade soy candles, locally made crafts. Homemade pies for Thanksgiving. Custom made wreaths, garland & center pieces for Christmas.

NORMAN'S SUGARHOUSE

Richard and Avis Norman

387 County Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281

860-974-1235 Fax 860-974-0496

Email: r.norman@snet.net

Maple Syrup year 'round. Wholesale and Retail. Maple Candy and Maple Cream available. Maple Sugaring Equipment and Supplies. Visitors welcome. Please call ahead.

RIVER'S EDGE SUGAR HOUSE

The Proulx Family

326 Mansfield Rd. (Rt 89), Ashford, CT 06278

860-429-1510

Email: mapleone@sbcglobal.net

www.riversedgesugarhouse.com

Come visit our family run sugarhouse located in a rustic setting just 1.5 miles south of Rt. 44. Visitors may watch syrup being made during February and March. Maple Syrup, Maple Candy, Maple Cream, Maple Jelly, and our own locally produced Honey are available. We are open year round. Please stop in or call ahead.

SWEET SUE'S SUGAR SHACK

Langer Family

932 Thompson Rd., Thompson, CT 06277

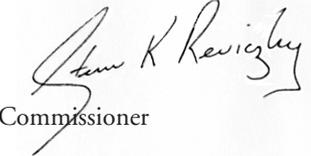
860-428-9112; 860-933-0162

Maple syrup year around. Maple candy, maple cream during the season. Please call ahead.

From the Commissioner Connecticut Dept. of Agriculture

Having grown up making maple syrup with father, I hope everyone looks forward to the Maple Sugaring season as much as I do. This season really marks the beginning of the end of the winter season. The season usually starts in February and ends at the end of March and is totally temperature dependent. Last year we enjoyed a bumper crop despite the heavy snow conditions. Cold nights and bright sunny days are a requisite in order to make this liquid gold and if Mother Nature does not cooperate it makes it very difficult for even the most efficient producer to make the syrup. After all, you need 40 gallons of maple tree sap to make 1 gallon of syrup! The sweet maple syrup and the value added products such as maple sugar and maple butter made from it are a welcome addition to many recipes and a special treat when added to a stack of waffles and pancakes! Make sure and look for the plume of steam drifting from the evaporators as you visit your local producer. Each time you buy local, you are helping to protect Connecticut farms and our working landscape. You are an important part of the solution of protecting farmland, stimulating the local economy, and preserving this time-honored tradition of maple sugaring in Connecticut. By using this guide, we hope that you continue to support our CT Grown maple syrup producers. Please make sure you call ahead for days and hours of operation, so you may experience the process of sugaring first hand. You will not regret it!

Steven K. Reviczky



Commissioner



A 2012 Guide to Connecticut Sugarhouses



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