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**Sugar Makers Welcome Visitors During Vermont's Maple Open House Weekends**

Learn, taste and explore Vermont's sweetest season using our Maple Map! The Vermont Maple Sugar Makers Association is hosting Spring Maple Open House Weekends this March and April. More details at

[www.VermontMaple.org/MOHW](http://www.VermontMaple.org/MOHW).

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RICHFORD, VT - Vermont continues to lead the nation by a commanding margin as the top maple producing state. Total Vermont maple syrup production in 2022 was 2.55 million gallons, an 800,000 increase over the prior year and about half of the US production of maple syrup. The 2023 crop is off to a good start and sugar makers look forward to offering you a taste and sharing their craft!

To celebrate Vermont's sweetest season, Spring Maple Open House Weekends are back and better than ever! Over 80 Sugar Makers and Maple Partners all around the state are opening their doors on Saturday & Sunday, March 25 and 26 and April 1 and 2. The season offers Vermont's sugar makers a chance to welcome visitors near and far into their sugarhouses to learn, taste, and explore firsthand why people should think of Vermont first when they think of maple syrup.

The sap is running and there are plenty of ways to enjoy some traditional and not-so-traditional Open House activities - sugarhouse tours, sampling syrup, tours of the woods, pancake breakfasts, and plenty of maple products to taste including maple donuts, maple cotton candy and maple ice cream and creemees! Find all the details at [www.VermontMaple.org/MOHW](http://www.VermontMaple.org/MOHW).

There are so many ways to celebrate maple, even if you can't join us for Maple Open House events! Support your Vermont sugar makers by purchasing their syrup and other maple products - some have robust online sites. Others might be willing to mail you just what you're looking for, so reach out and ask. The 2023 crop will be ready for you - stock up on a gallon or two of syrup and some specialty products!

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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 (over one half of the production in the United States). More information at [www.VermontMaple.org](http://www.VermontMaple.org).