

2020 Crop Report

These crop reports were submitted by members of WMSPA. These reports are given from the producers' perspectives and not intended to be an overall indication of how the season went. The Sugarbushes below have given WMSPA permission to share their reports. Members who sent reports in District 4 and 5 chose to be anonymous so their information was not shared.

District 1

Arch Sustainability

Sugarbush County: Fond du lac
of taps: 480
of years tapping: 8
Season: Good
Sap sugar percent: .7% for hard maples and 1.5% for soft maples
Collection: 80% vacuum and 20% gravity lines
R.O: Yes
Specialty Products: Cream, Maple Sugar, Bourbon Barrel, and Espresso Infused
Price per quart: \$20
Wholesale: \$9.50
Comments: Less than four weeks cooking season. Sap collection was fast and steady

Carow's Maple

Sugarbush County: Oconto
of taps: 500
of years tapping: 25
Season: good
Gallons per tap: .6
Collection: Vacuum tubing
Specialty products: Candy and Maple Cream
R.O: Yes
Price per quart: \$15

CVF Maple LLC

Sugarbush County: Door
of taps: 2500
of years tapping: 50
Season: Very good
Gallons per tap: 17
Collection: Tubing
R.O: Yes
Specialty Products: Maple Caramel Corn, Maple Nuts, Cherry Granola, Pancake Mixes
Price per quart: \$15
Wholesale: \$12

Divine Design Farm

Sugarbush County: Manitowoc
of taps: 1600
of years tapping: 10
Season: Good
Sap sugar percent: 2.7%
R.O: Yes
Specialty Products: Maple Sugar
Price per quart: \$14
Wholesale: \$10.19
Comments: Our production was low because of a leak in our back pan

Drewry Farms

Sugarbush County: Sheboygan
of taps: 6000
of years tapping: 150+
Season: good
Gallons per tap: 14
Collection: Tubing on Vacuum
R.O.: Yes
Specialty: Granola, Maple Pepper, and Carmel Corn
Price per quart: \$20
Wholesale: \$14
Comments: Sugar content was lower than usual this year

Grandpa Kissinger's Maple Syrup

Sugarbush County: Sheboygan
of taps: 700
of years tapping: 11
Season: Very good
Sap Sugar percent: 2.4%
Collection: 26,121 gallons
R.O: Yes
Specialty Products: Bourbon Barrel Aged Maple Syrup
Price per quart: \$20

Hilltop Maple Syrup Camp

Sugarbush County: Manitowoc
of taps: 367
of years tapping: 50
Season: Good
Gallons of Sap to Syrup Ratio: 36.2 to 1
Collection: Buckets and Bags
R.O: No
Price per quart: \$17

Wholesale: \$17
Comments: Weather was mostly favorable during our maple syrup season.

Voelz's Sugarbush:

Sugarbush County: Shawano
of taps: 2150
Season: Good
Collection: By hand
Sap sugar percent: 2.6%
Specialty: Maple Suckers, Maple Spice, Maple Sugar, and Maple Butter
Price per quart: \$15
Wholesale: \$15

District 2

Iron Acres

Sugarbush County: Florence
of taps: 150
of years tapping: 60
Season: Average
Sap sugar percent: 2%
Collection: Bags
Comments: Lots of snow, over 39", and the weather was not good

Slevert's Sugarbush

Sugarbush County: Florence
of taps: 600
of years tapping: 8
Season: Average
Sap sugar percent: 2%
Collection: Vacuum
R.O: No
Price per quart: \$18

District 3

Brad and Linda's Sugarbush

Sugarbush County: Sawyer
of taps: 400
of years tapping: 25
Season: Good
Gallons per tap: 7.8
Collection: Pails
R.O: Yes
Price per quart: \$15
Comments: Season started 2 ½ weeks earlier than last year and ended 2 ½ weeks earlier. Production was about 10% above our average. Also, we used a UTV for collecting the first time and it worked great.

Herrmann's Maple Syrup

Sugarbush County: Clark
of taps: 1,828
of years tapping: 40
Season: Good
Sap sugar percent: 3%
Collection: Tubing
R.O.: Yes
Price per quart: \$18
Wholesale: \$14
Comments: It felt good to tap this season and be busy with everything going on

Running Tree Sugar House

Sugarbush County: Taylor
of taps: 56,000
of years tapping: 8
Season: Good
Sap sugar percent: 2.42%
Collection Vacuum System
R.O.: Yes
Price per quart: \$13
Wholesale: \$10

Speichland LLC

Sugarbush County: Clark
of taps: 275
of years tapping: 12
Season: Very good
Sap sugar percent: Mostly over 3%
Collection: Bags and Tube to Pails
R.O: No
Price per quart: \$15

Sugar Hill Sugar Bush LLC

Sugarbush County: Marathon
of taps: 700+
of years tapping: 40+
Season: Good
Sap sugar percent: 2.0-3.2%
R.O: Yes
Specialty Products: Maple Cream and Maple Candy
Price per quart: \$15
Wholesale: \$13.75

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Sugarbush County: Wood
of taps: 350
of years tapping: 75
Season: Good
Sap sugar percent: 2.25%
Collection: Bags
R.O: No
Specialty Products: Maple Cream
Price per quart: \$13
Wholesale: \$12
Comments: Could have been a great year as far as help, then COVID-19 reared its ugly head and put us right back to a meager crew! But at least

we got to do this sweet activity.

Weller's Sugarbush LLC

Sugarbush County:
Marathon
of taps: 2,400
of years tapping: 45
Season: Average
Sap sugar percent: 2.0-2.5%
Collection: Bags and Gravity System
R.O: Yes
Price per quart: \$13
Comments: Weather was alright but the season was short. Also added a 3rd membrane to R.O.

Wichman Farms

Sugarbush County:
Waupaca
of taps: 1,100
of years tapping: 13
Season: Very good
Sap sugar percent: 3%
Collection: Bags
R.O: Yes
Price per quart: \$13

Zahrt Family Sugarbush

Sugarbush County:
Marathon
of Taps: 500
of years tapping: 59
Season: Good
Gallons per tap: 0.4 gallons syrup from 500 trees
Collection: Sap sacks
R.O.: No
Price per quart: \$12

District 4 &5

No Shared crop reports

District 6

J&M Sugarbush

Sugarbush County: Jackson
of taps: 150
of years tapping: 5
Season: Very good
R.O: No
Price per quart: \$20
Wholesale: \$9.50

Krueger's Maple Camp

Sugarbush County:
Washington
of taps: 150
of years tapping: 100+/-
Season: Good
Sap sugar percent: 2%
Collection: Mostly buckets
R.O: No
Price per quart: \$15
Comments: Season started a little early and ended somewhat early

Maplebrick Acres

Sugarbush County: Grant
of taps: 88
of years tapping: 63
Season: Good
Sap sugar percent: 2.5%
Collection: 5/16 Pipe Line
R.O: No
Price per quart: \$18
Comments: Cooked with a 8' x 30" flat pan woodfire. The weather was okay, but there was too much wind. There were 3 good runs from March 10th thru April 3rd.

Meadow View Maples

Sugarbush County: Sauk

of taps: 800
of years tapping: 5
Season: Average
Sap sugar percent: 1.0%-1.5%
Collection: Tubing
R.O: Yes
Price per quart: \$14
Wholesale: \$12
Comments: Nice Season.

Paul's Pure Maple Syrup

Sugarbush County:
Waukesha
of taps: 60
of years tapping: 12
Season: Average
Quarts per tap: 1 ½ quarts per tap
Collection: Bags
Price per quart: \$15

Scenic Maple Farm

Sugarbush County: Vernon
of taps: 4,200
of years tapping: 22
Season: Good
Sap sugar percent: 1.8%
Collection: 3/16 Natural Vacuum
R.O: No
Price per quart: \$13-\$15
Wholesale: \$11-\$13
Comments: Other than excess amounts of moisture and mud to deal with, weather conditions were good. We were boiling almost every work day from start to finish. Syrup had excellent flavor and made high percentage light amber syrup. Syrup sales could improve.

Sugar Maple Road Pure Maple Syrup

Sugarbush County: Sauk
of taps: 125
of years tapping: 5
Season: Good
Sap Sugar percent: 2.2%
Collection: Pails
R.O.: Yes
Specialty: Just really good syrup
Wholesale: \$21.33
Comments: Purchased a 75 gallon per hour R.O. Worked Great! Another very enjoyable sap season with really good syrup.

Swerman Brothers

Sugarbush County: Dunn
of taps: 237
of years tapping: 21
Season: Good
Sap sugar percent: 2.3%
Collection: Vacuum
R.O: Yes
Price per quart: \$14
Comments: An early season start and an early finish, 3/5 to 3/25. An easy clean up when done. The weather was good during our season, with several good runs of high-quality sap. Not quite ½ gallon per tap this year, but that's okay.

Weiss Woods of Plum Creek

Sugarbush County:
Pepin/Pierce
of taps: 5,300
of years tapping: 29
Season: Very good

Sap sugar percent: 2.3%
Collection: Vacuum
customized by Pittman's Maple Syrup
R.O: Sap Processed by Pittman's Maple Syrup
Price per quart: \$15
Wholesale: \$12
Comments: Sugar content was down 14% but still processed 8% more maple syrup. Snow cover all winter led to minimal frost depth and plenty of moisture. Also, we installed a Sumpple WIF Camera to monitor the collection of tanks and vacuum systems.