



# MAPLE MOON - MAPLE FACTS

A Maple tree is usually at least 30 years old and 30 cm. in diameter before it is tapped.

The Maple Season may last 4 to 6 weeks, but sap flow is heaviest for 10 to 20 days.

As a tree increases in diameter, more taps can be added up to a maximum of four.

Sap flow in high volumes is called a "RUN".

Tapping does no permanent damage to the tree and only 10% of the sap is collected

30-50 litres of sap are evaporated to make one litre of syrup.

Warm sunny days (above 4-5 degrees C) and frosty nights are ideal for sap flow.

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**Each tap yields an average of 40 litres per season that yields about one litre of syrup.**

**The sugar content of sap averages 2.5% and syrup is 66.5%.**

**A litre of Pure maple Syrup weighs 1.36 kg.**

**Maple Syrup is boiled even further to produce maple butter, candy and sugar.**

**It takes approximately 4 litres of syrup to make 3.63 kg. of candy or sugar.**

**The harvest ends with the arrival of warm nights and early bud development in the trees.**