

2023 Vermont Maple Festival
"MAPLE ~ The heart of Vermont"
April 28th 29th 30th

MAPLE SYRUP, PRODUCTS AND COOKING CONTESTS

Please read through many New changes

Getting your entries to St. Albans and the 2023 contest of the Vermont Maple Festival:

Entries can be delivered to the Festival Exhibit Hall **NEW LOCATION** (St. Mary's Parish Hall, Academy Drive St. Albans) on **Thursday, April 27th from 8 AM to 1 PM.**

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Entries can be delivered to the following: NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, April 25th - 4:00PM:

Morrisville – CDL USA

Bristol – CDL USA

Rutland – CDL USA

St. Albans – CDL USA

Westfield - Couture's Maple Shop - Route 100

Cabot - Goodrich Maple - 2427 US-2

Entries may also be shipped by mail, FedEx, or UPS to:

The Vermont Maple Festival, c/o Cecile Branon, PO Box 71 (USPS) 539 Branon Road, Fairfield, VT 05455 to arrive no later than Tuesday, April 25th.

Entry Tags: Tags must be completed by the contestant before leaving the entry. Entry tags will be available at each pick up point and the Maple Festival Exhibit Hall. Entry tags must be completed by the exhibitor and the correct contest class noted. The festival assumes no responsibility for error by exhibitors. **All entries become the property of the Maple Festival and no containers or dishes can be returned to the exhibitor.** Syrup containers will not be returned.

***If you are mailing your entry, please be sure to include a paper with your entry with the following information: Name, Address, Phone, email. Grade of product can be a sticker on the top of the jug.

MAPLE SYRUP AND PRODUCTS CONTESTS

The Vermont Maple Syrup and Maple Products contest, which is held annually at the Maple Exhibit Hall, is the largest maple contest in Vermont. The winners of this contest deserve to be recognized as having made the "Best of Vermont", a laudable achievement in a state already known for the outstanding quality of its maple products. The 2023 maple syrup contest will include the top three-color classes of Grade A syrup, using the new Vermont Grade Standards: Golden Maple – Delicate Taste, Amber Maple – Rich Taste, and Dark Maple – Robust Taste.

Syrup will be delivered on the appointed day to the Vermont Maple Festival judges, where all syrups entered are carefully evaluated by an experienced panel. "Excellent" Blue ribbons are awarded to those who qualify, with "Outstanding" Blue Ribbons awarded to the best syrups in each grade. One entrant is chosen to be superior in each grade and is awarded "Best of Class". The "Best of Show" receives the coveted C. Blake Roy award!

All maple syrup entries require one-pint containers, all other classes are to be in the quantity indicated. We ask that **no identifying labels or private label containers** are used for your contest entries. All maple syrup entries

must be graded by the entrant. Contest entrants must be residents of Vermont.

Class and Product

1. **Maple Syrup, Golden Maple – Delicate Taste**
2. **Maple Syrup, Amber Maple – Rich Taste**
3. **Maple Syrup, Dark Maple – Robust Taste**
4. **Pure Maple Sugar Cakes, 5 small cakes**
5. **Pure Maple Cream, 8 oz.**
6. **Pure Maple Fudge, 8 oz.** (may contain nuts)
7. **Maple Granulated Sugar, 8 oz.**

***Please note: Maple Cream and Granulated Sugar must be entered in a clear glass or clear plastic container so that the products are visible when displayed.**

Rules and Entry Procedures

Entering the Maple Syrup and Maple Products Contest is easy! Pick out your best 2023 Syrups, Maple Cream, Candy, Fudge, and prepare to enter the contests at the 56th Annual Vermont Maple Festival.

Entries per Farm: Maple syrup or product entries can be made in the name of any employee or family member, but **no more than one** entry per class per farm will be accepted.

Violation of this rule section may result in disqualification of all the contestants' entries.

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Judging: All entries will be judged by a team of judges on Thursday afternoon, April 27th, beginning at 1 p.m. No one is permitted in the judging area during judging (except for the judges and their assistants). All contest rules must be followed exactly, and decisions of the judges are final. Contestants will be notified of the reason for any disqualification by the contest chair. Only Pure Vermont Maple Syrup may be used in the preparation of any entry.

Awards: All entries judged to be “**Excellent**” in each class will receive a Blue Ribbon and \$10.00. Entries judged to be “**Outstanding**” in each class will receive a Blue Ribbon and \$15. “**Best of Class**” winners will be presented an additional \$10, a rosette.

The Best of Show winner in the Maple Syrup Contest is chosen from Class winners. The winner shall receive a special \$50 award from the Franklin County Maple Cooperative in memory of C. Blake Roy.

There will be a display showcasing all entries and the top winners at the **NEW** Exhibit Hall. If you have any questions, you can email info@vtmaplefestival.org and someone will reach out to you. There also will be a letter sent to all entries after the festival with your ribbons & checks, and information if your entry was disqualified. If you are at the Festival on Sunday and would like to pick up your ribbon and check, please come to the Exhibit Hall and someone will help you.

Good Luck! Enjoy the 56th Vermont Maple Festival.

