2027 Vermont Maple Festival

"Vermont Maple Bringing Families Together"

April 23th 24th 25th

MAPLE SYRUP & MAPLE PRODUCTS CONTEST

Please read through many new changes

Getting your entries to St. Albans and the 2027 contest of the Vermont Maple Festival:

Entries can be delivered to the Festival Exhibit Hall -St. Mary's Parish Hall, Academy Drive St. Albans on Wednesday, **April 21rd from 8 AM to 10 AM**.

Entries can be delivered to the following: NO LATER THAN Monday,* April 19 - 4:00PM*:

Morrisville – CDL USA 559 Harrel Street Morrisville, VT
Bristol – CDL USA 895 Hewitt Road, Bristol, VT
Cuttingsville – CDL USA 5227 Route 103, Cuttingsville, VT 05738
St. Albans – CDL USA 3 Lemnah Drive St. Albans, VT
Westfield : Couture's Maple Shop - Route 100 Westfield VT
Cabot - Goodrich Maple - 2427 US-2 Cabot VT
Newport - THE PICK'N SHOVEL 54 Coventry Street, VT
Barre – Miles Supply Inc 143 Boynton St Barre, VT

Entries may also be shipped by USPS 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 20nd.

***Entry Tags*:** Tags must be completed by the contestant when leaving off 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 Maple Festival assumes no responsibility for errors 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. The grade of product can be a sticker on the top of the jug.

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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 2025 maple syrup contest will include the top three-color classes of Grade A syrup, using Vermont Grade Standards:

- Golden Maple – Delicate Taste
- Amber Maple – Rich Taste
- Dark Maple – Robust Taste
- Very Dark Maple – Very Strong Taste

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. Entries will be graded by the entrant, unless they are unsure and would like assistance they can come Wednesday morning between 8-10 at the BFA cafeteria to be taught how to grade their syrup. All maple syrup entries must be graded by the entrant. Contest entrants must be residents of Vermont.

Class and Product category

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. clear glass or plastic container

6. Pure Maple Fudge, 8 oz. (may contain nuts)
7. Maple Granulated Sugar, 8 oz. clear glass or plastic container

Rules and Entry Procedures

Entering the Maple Syrup and Maple Products Contest is easy! Pick out your best 2027 Syrup and Maple Products and prepare to enter the contests at the 58th Annual Vermont Maple Festival.

Syrup will be delivered on the appointed day to the Vermont Maple Festival, where all syrups entered are carefully evaluated by an experienced panel of Maple Judges

***Entries per operation*:** 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.

***Judging*:** All entries will be judged by a team of judges on Wednesday April 21rd, beginning at 10AM. 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.

All entries will be judged for each of the following criteria even though you may get disqualified in one:

- **Density**
- **Color**
- **Flavor**
- **Clarity**

Contestants will be notified of the reason for any disqualification by the contest chair but will receive all results on each of the four criteria. Only Pure Vermont Maple Syrup may be used in the preparation of any entry.

***Awards*:**

- **Excellent** - Blue ribbons are awarded to those who have met the 4 criteria being judged on:
  - *Density *Color *Flavor *Clarity.
- **Outstanding -** Blue Ribbons awarded to the syrup that met the 4 criteria and stands out as an entry that may qualify for Best of Class.
- **Best of Class -** Blue Ribbon Rosette will be given to one entrant that is chosen to be superior in each of the 7 classes.
- **Best of Show Maple Syrup**- Blue Ribbon Rosette is given to the top Maple Syrup entry and will receive the coveted C. Blake Roy award! (C. Blake Roy was involved in the Franklin County Field Days as a judge for many years with a special interest in Quality control, this award is given in his honor).

All entries judged to be:

- **Excellent** in each class will receive a Blue Ribbon and $10.
- **Outstanding** in each class will receive a Blue Ribbon and $15.
- **Best of Class** in each class will be receive an additional $10.
- **The Best of Show** winner in the Maple Syrup Contest is chosen from the three Class winners. The winner shall receive a special $50 award in memory of C. Blake Roy.

There will be a display showcasing all the entries and the top winners at the 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 out to all entries after the Maple Festival with your ribbons & checks, and information if your entry was disqualified. If you are at the Maple Festival during the weekend 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 58th Vermont Maple Festival.

Entry Tag

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ zip _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Entries: Check those that apply:

Syrup _____ Sugar Cakes _____

Cream _____ Fudge _____

Granulated Sugar _____

How did you grade your syrup?

Color :

Temporary Grading Kit _____

Checker _____

Other _____

How did you check your Density?

Refractometer _____

Hydrometer _____

Did you know that you can have your Hydrometer tested at the Vermont Maple Festival? _____

Thank you! Festival Trustees & Committee members.