



The Maple Festival Judging committee is planning on holding the annual Maple Syrup Contest this year. The contest will be run the same as in the past.

In the meantime we look forward to getting your samples and we hope everyone has a great sugar season!

Entrants can enter one sample of 2026 maple syrup in each of the three classes listed below. Only one entry per grade per sugarbush will be accepted.

Grade A: Golden Color and Delicate Taste

Grade A: Amber Color and Rich Taste

Grade A: Dark Color and Robust Taste

The Syrup samples will be judged according to class by the standards set by IMSI. Density and Clarity will be judged as in the past, with 66.7 the optimal density. If a sample does not meet density and color requirements for the class, it will be disqualified and not judged further. This is similar to the IMSI contests.

Hobby (200 taps and less) will enter an 8oz sample for each class. Jars are available for free at Richards Maple Products and Seldom Seen Farm

Geauga County Producers (syrup makers with over 200 taps) and Out of County Producers can enter a one quart sample of 2026 Maple Syrup in each of the three grades.

Out of County Producer will be awarded based on points consisting of all three grades as awards 1-7

There are new classes in the Candy/Maple Products division. Please check out the Candy entry form for Details!

Important Dates:

All Syrup entry DEADLINE is Saturday, April 4th, 2026 by 4:00 PM

Syrup Judging: April 7-8th, 2026 (results are not revealed until HOF breakfast -see below)

All Candy Entries Due: Apr 15th, 2026 by 1:00pm at Richard's Maple Products - Chardon

Syrup Drop off Locations

Richards Maple Products, 545 Water St, Chardon, OH 44024. 440-286-4160

Gingerich Family Sugarbush, 14875 Georgia Rd, Middlefield, OH 44062

Seldom Seen Farm, 10055 Madison Rd. Montville, OH. 44064 -440-596-9717

If you cannot get your entries to any of these locations please email kevin@seldomseenmaple.com or call Kevin Holy at 440-596-9717 to make other arrangements or if you have other questions. You can also ship syrup entries to Richards Maple Products

Hall of Fame Producers Breakfast

The Hall of Fame breakfast will be held this year on Saturday April 18th, 9:00am at Century Village Lennah Bond Center with breakfast and social hour at 9:00am and awards starting at 10:00am. We encourage guests to visit the Maple museum located on the Century Village property. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Producers who enter one quart will receive 1/2 off and free for those who enter 2 quarts in contest. Those who enter 3 quarts will receive free luncheon AND 1/2 off a guest luncheon. Any further questions about the hall of fame luncheon please contact Dave Patterson at dave@pattersonfarm.com or call/ text 440-336-5381