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MAPLE SYRUP

Judge - Jen Freeman, Chardon, OH; David Hively, Salem, OH
Chairperson - Dr. Robert Hansen, Towanda, PA
Co-Chair - Phyllis Hamilton, Ulysses, PA

RULES

(See General Rules and Regulations, page 16)

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No Entry Fee

ENTRIES CLOSE AT 9:00 a.m., FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2012

Pre-entry by December 15, 2011 is encouraged. Send entry form by mail to the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex & Expo Center, Maple Syrup Products Department, 2300 N. Cameron St., Harrisburg, PA 17110-9443 or register online at www.farmshow.state.pa.us.

1. No entry fee will be charged and no charge will be made for space.
2. No exhibitor may enter more than one exhibit in any single class or subclass.
3. No premiums will be awarded in any class unless the exhibits are worthy. The judges may withhold any premium for lack of merit.
4. Judging will begin at 10:00 a.m., Friday, January 6, 2012.
5. All products should be entered in containers or packages in which they would normally be sold.
6. Any products not meeting saleable standards for retail sale will receive no points for packing.
7. All products entered for judging must be made by the exhibiting producer.
8. All exhibits may be picked up by the exhibitor between 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday, January 14, 2012. Any exhibit not claimed by 3 p.m. will become the property of the Farm Show.
9. All maple products must have: 1. Syrup Products - grade labels; 2. Name & address of the producer; 3. Label of net contents by weight or fluid volume.
10. All syrup containers must display a label identifying the syrup as Grade A - light amber, Grade A - medium amber, or Grade A - dark amber. Syrups mislabeled will receive no score points for color.

Score card for syrup entries.

Flavor	40 points
Color	10 points
Density	25 points
Clarity	15 points
Container	10 points
	100 points

Syrups with a density of 65.9 percent Brix or less will be disqualified from judging.

Section 0001

CLASSIFICATION

Class 1. Syrup in tin or plastic to consist of 1/2 gallon.

Class 2. Syrup in tin or plastic to consist of a quart.

Syrup in glass, from 1/2 pint to less than a quart in size. Entries shall be graded by the producer according to USDA color grades. A; Light Amber, Medium Amber, or Dark Amber. Entries shall be judged in their respective color grade classes as entered. All three grade classes may be entered.

Class 3. Light Amber

Class 4. Medium Amber

Class 5. Dark Amber

Class 6. Sugar, cake, small individual pieces not less than 1/2 pound in all.

Class 7. Sugar, cake, small individual pieces crystal coated, not less than 1/2 pound in all.

Class 8. Sugar, crumb, not less than 1/2 pound.

Class 9. Sugar, soft, also known as maple cream or butter, not less than 1/2 pound.

Class 10. Individual Educational Exhibit - The exhibit shall be made up of 4 products representative of classes 1 through 9. The entry must contain examples of classes 2 and 9 which will be judged for the Quality of Products score. Products in this class cannot compete in any other class. Display shall be confined to 4 linear feet of width of center table. The exhibit is to be an educational display for the good of the maple industry. The display will be limited to 36" depth and 36" height. We recommend that a 3 foot, foldout display board be used for the background. Signs will be limited to 36" high. The same exhibit may not be entered in consecutive years.

Score Card

Educational Value	50 points
Quality of Products and Appearance	30 points
Originality	20 points
	100 points

Class 11. A gift pack which must contain at least three maple products, including syrup. It should be displayed as it would be assembled for retail sale. Only one syrup container will be judged for quality; other products for appearance.

Score Card

Originality of the pack	25 points
Attractiveness	25 points
Attractiveness of packaging	25 points
Quality of the product	<u>25 points</u>
	100 points

Class 12. County or Association Exhibit. At least three producers must contribute to this display for it to be eligible. All exhibits will be judged. The Commission reserves the right to limit the number of exhibits in accordance with the space available. The minimum number of products is as follows: 2 samples each of classes 1 and 2; one sample each classes 3-5, to be judged as grade labeled, by 3 producers. One sample each of classes 6-9. One or more producers may contribute any part of this group. The exhibit should have a central theme which is educational to the general public. Attractiveness and uniformity should be stressed. A single random sample of a syrup class and of a sugar class shall be judged for quality. Samples judged shall be of the same class for all exhibits. All exhibits will be judged.

Names and addresses of producers contributing to this class should be displayed together with the Pennsylvania map, indicating the area represented. The exhibit must be completed and in place by 2:00 p.m., Friday, January 6, 2012.

Score Card

Educational Value	50 points
Attractiveness of entire exhibit	20 points
Syrup	10 points
Other (sugar)	10 points
Appearance of all products	<u>10 points</u>
	100 points

Other uses. These food items must contain a sufficient amount of a pure maple product so that flavor, consistency, or sweetness is affected. These foods should exhibit those characteristics generally associated with other foods in the class. The recipe for the item must be submitted with the entry.

Class 13. Candy

Class 14. Baked Goods

Class 15. Other (Beverages, Salad Dressings, etc.)

Maple Syrup Products Premiums

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	
Class 1	\$40	\$35	\$29	\$24	\$20	\$17	\$13	
Classes 2 through 9 & 13-15	\$29	\$25	\$22	\$19	\$16	\$13		
Class 10	\$120	\$109	\$98	\$87	\$76	\$65		Rosette
Class 11	\$40	\$35	\$29	\$24	\$20	\$17	\$13	
Class 12	\$235	\$210	\$190	\$170	\$150			Rosette

Class 16. Best Syrup of Show - Rosette. Competition of 1st place entry in classes 1-5; tie will be broken by flavor judging.

Class 17. Premier Exhibitor - Plaque. Exhibitor's placing in each class entered will be totaled and weighed - highest weight score will be premier exhibitor. A minimum of 10 classes must be entered, including an entry in class 10, to qualify for Premier Exhibitor. Ties will be broken by the score in class 10 for the tied exhibitors.

Class 18. Best Collective Pure Maple Products Exhibitor – Classes 1-9 must be entered. Scores in each class entered shall be totaled and highest total score in classes 1-9 shall be best collective exhibitor. The winner will be awarded a plaque.