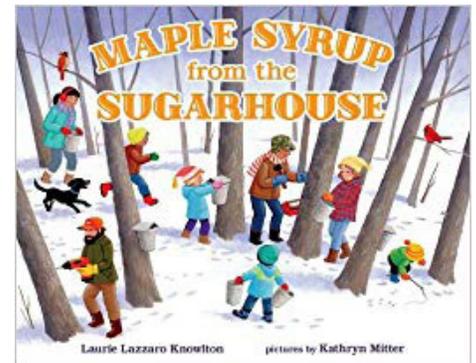


## Ag in the Classroom Book of the Month

### **MAPLE SYRUP FROM THE SUGARHOUSE** *by Laurie Lazzaro Knowlton*

Maple syrup season is here! Kelsey and her father begin harvesting sap from sugar maple trees. Join their family and friends in this farm-to-table process of turning sap into maple syrup. Includes maple syrup facts in the back matter to make this perfect for an educational story time.



### **Fun Facts:**

- \*Maple syrup is made by boring holes, or tapping, into maple trees and attaching tubes that siphon sap out of the trunks. About 40 to 50 gallons of sap are then slowly boiled down into a single gallon of concentrated syrup.
- \*In 2019, the state of Vermont produced over two million gallons of maple syrup, making it the top producer of maple syrup in the United States. The second leading producer, New York, had a production volume of about 820 thousand gallons of maple syrup in that year.
- \*The United States is a major producer of maple syrup, with a total production volume of around 4.24 million gallons of maple syrup in 2019. There were about 13.34 million maple taps in the United States in 2019.
- \*The average price per gallon of maple syrup in the United States varies greatly from state to state. Connecticut, and Minnesota have the highest average price of maple syrup. As the top producer of maple syrup in the United States, Vermont also had the lowest price for maple syrup. Among U.S. consumers, the most popular brand of pancake syrup was Aunt Jemima, followed by store brand.
- \*Maple syrup can be made from any species of maple tree. Trees that can be tapped include: sugar, black, red and silver maple and box elder trees. Of all the maples, the highest concentration of sugar is found in the sap of the sugar maple.
- \* To read an article about how to tap and make maple syrup [click here](#).

### **Videos**

- \* Maple Syrup-How It's Made
- \* Sprague's Maple Farms
- \* FarmHer Episode with Erica Welch-New York Farm where maple syrup is made (on You Tube in sections) [Part 1](#) [Part 2](#) [Part 3](#) [Part 4](#)

### **Activities**

- \*No Bake Chocolate Peanut Butter Maple Syrup Balls Recipe
- \*Maple Syrup Cheesecake Dip
- \*Maple Syrup Printables
- \*Sugar Maple Fact Sheet
- \*Art Project-how to draw a maple leaf
- \*States of Matter-Maple Syrup
- \*Maple Syrup Playdough