



The First Taste of Spring Maple Syrup Festival

Backyard Maple Syrup Makers' Contest 2025

About this event

Calling all backyard maple producers! Here is your chance to have your homemade maple syrup judged by a local, commercial maple producer who will adjudicate submissions based on flavour, density, colour, and clarity.

Contest Rules:

- All entries must be produced within the last year by the person entering the contest, and entries become property of the ERCA Maple Festival.
- All contestants must submit one 125mL clear glass containers of their maple syrup.
- All jars must be clear sided, like a plain sided mason jar, with no pressed glass or ornate jars which may obstruct the judge's ability to score clarity. Glass maple kent jugs are also acceptable and are available for purchase at some local hardware/agricultural supply stores.
- All entries will be labelled by Homestead staff with unique codes prior to judging.
- All entries must be received on or before Wednesday, March 12th at 3:00pm. Please contact education@erca.org to make arrangements to drop off your samples.
- All entries must be accompanied by a card detailing: producer name, address, phone number, and email.
- No points will be awarded for decorative containers, ribbons, etc.
- The contest will take place in-person at the John R. Park Homestead on Sunday, March 16th at 3:00pm, at the outdoor classroom.
- The winner of the 2024 Backyard Maple Makers' Contest will receive: an award ribbon, a certificate, a \$25 gift certificate for the Maple Market, and recognition through the ERCA social media platforms.
- All contestants will also receive a completed score card outlining their marks in each category and any additional comments from the judge.

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