

MAPLE COOKING CONTESTS

All rules of the Contest must be followed.

Class and Product

- 1C. Cake
- 2C. Pies/Other Desserts
- 3C. Preserves, Sauces & Dressings
- 4C. Breads
- 5YC. Youth (ages 14 & under)

Rules and Entry Procedures

Entering the World's Largest Maple Cooking Contest can earn you some special awards! Get out your favorite recipes, whip up your tastiest maple foods, and prepare to enter the contests at the 45th Annual Vermont Maple Festival. Entries can be delivered to the Festival Exhibit Hall (BFA Cafeteria, off of Fairfield Street in St. Albans) on Thursday, April 14th from 3 to 5 p.m. only.

Judging: All entries will be judged by a team of judges on Thursday evening, April 14th, beginning at 5 p.m. 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. Contestants will be notified of the reason for any disqualification by the contest chair. Only Pure Vermont Maple Syrup may be used in the preparation of any entry.

Adult Awards: In the adult cooking contest all entries judged to be excellent will receive a Blue Ribbon and \$10.00. In addition, Awards of Merit will be made in each class, and recipients will be presented a rosette and \$15.00. These winners will compete for the title of "Vermont's Best Maple Cook". This overall winner will receive a sash, engraved plaque, and will have the honor of being presented in the 2011 Festival parade. Presentations are made at the Vermont Maple Buffet Dinner on Saturday evening.

Youth Awards: In the youth cooking category, all entries judged to be excellent will receive a Blue Ribbon and \$10.00. One Award of Merit will be made, and that recipient will be presented a rosette and \$15.00.

Award of Merit: Winners shall be notified on Friday, April 15th.

Additional Award Information: Adult and Youth Award of Merit winners attend the Vermont Maple Buffet Dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 16th. One ticket is provided for each Award of Merit winner; additional tickets are available. Adult and Youth cooking class winners must be in attendance at the Vermont Maple Buffet Dinner to be eligible for the title of Vermont's Best Maple Cook and Vermont's Best Youth Cook.

Additional Cooking Contest Rules:

1. Each dish entered must contain a significant amount of Pure Vermont Maple (syrup, sugar or cream). The use of other Vermont products is encouraged. **No artificial flavorings shall be used.**
2. Products must be made from "scratch" - no mixes or prepared foods classified as "convenience foods".
3. Entries become the property of the Festival and no containers or products will be returned to the entrant.
4. Products, with ribbons, will remain on display at the Exhibit Hall for the remainder of the Festival. Unauthorized removal of products from the display area will result in future ineligibility.
5. Cakes, pies, and breads should be delivered uncut. If the entry is created in individual servings/pieces, at least 3 samples must be provided, neatly arranged on a serving dish. Garnishing is encouraged.
6. A clearly written, accurate recipe must accompany each entry. Recipes become the property of the Vermont Maple Festival and may be published.
7. Foods must not require refrigeration or heating prior to judging. Perishable products would be unsafe to eat after 2 hours at room temperature and therefore cannot be entered in this contest.
8. Contest entrants must be residents of Vermont.

9. Scoring will be based on the following criteria:

Appearance	10pts
Flavor	10pts
Texture	10pts
Uniformity of size/shape	10pts
Conformity to contest rules	10pts (including neatness of recipe)
Presentation	10pts
Prominence of Maple	20pts
<u>Overall quality of product</u>	<u>20pts</u>
Total	100pts

Good Luck! Enjoy the 45th Vermont Maple Festival.

Cooking Contest Questions???

Call Kaye Mehaffey 527-0289 (evenings)

2011 Vermont Maple Festival

"Spring is Always Sweeter in Vermont!"

April 15th, 16th, 17th

MAPLE SYRUP , PRODUCTS AND COOKING CONTESTS

Getting your entries to St. Albans and the 2011 edition of the Vermont Maple Festival:

Entries can be delivered to the Festival Exhibit Hall (BFA Cafeteria, off of Fairfield Street in St. Albans) on Thursday, April 14th from 1 to 5 p.m. only.

Entries can be delivered to the following UVM Extension offices no later than Wednesday, April 13th:

Berlin, Middlebury, Morrisville, Newport, Rutland, St. Johnsbury, South Burlington and St. Albans

Other delivery places:

White River Junction: FSAS Agency Office, 28 Farm Vue Drive, by 3pm Wed. April 13th

Westfield: Couture's Maple Shop, Route 100

Please note: There will be no pickup in Brattleboro this year.

Entries may also be shipped by mail or UPS to the Vermont Maple Festival, c/o UVM Extension, 278 South Main Street, St. Albans, VT 05478 to arrive no later than noon on Thursday, April 14th.

Entry Tags: Tags must be completed by the contestant before leaving 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 Festival assumes no responsibility for error 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.

MAPLE SYRUP AND PRODUCTS CONTESTS

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 be used for your contest entries. All maple syrup entries must be graded by the entrant. Contest entrants must be residents of Vermont.

Class and Product

1. Maple Syrup, Vermont Fancy
2. Maple Syrup, Grade A Medium
3. Maple Syrup, Grade A Dark
4. Maple Syrup, Grade B
5. Pure Maple Sugar Cakes, 5 small cakes
6. Pure Maple Cream, 8 oz. Glass container
7. Pure Maple Fudge, 8 oz. (may contain nuts)
8. Pure Indian Sugar, 8 oz. (Made from Grade A Dark Amber)

Rules and Entry Procedures

Entering the Maple Syrup and Maple Products Contest is easy! Pick out your best 2011 Syrups, Maple Cream, Candy, Fudge, and prepare to enter the contests at the 45th Annual Vermont Maple Festival.

Entries per Farm: Maple syrup or product entries can be made in the name of any employee or family member, but absolutely 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 Thursday evening, April 14th, beginning at 5 p.m. 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. Contestants will be notified of the reason for any disqualification by the contest chair. Only Pure Vermont Maple Syrup may be used in the preparation of any entry.

Awards: All entries judged to be excellent, in each class, will receive a Blue Ribbon and \$10. Award of Merit winners in each class will be presented an additional \$15 and a rosette. Presentations are made at the Vermont Maple Buffet Dinner on Saturday evening.

The Best of Show winner in the Maple Syrup Contest is chosen from Class winners. The winner shall receive a special \$50 award from the Franklin County Maple Cooperative in memory of C. Blake Roy.

The Best Vermont Fancy Maple Syrup shall receive a special prize of \$50.00, awarded by Franklin County Sugarmakers, in memory of Cleon Gillilan.

Good Luck! Enjoy the 45th Vermont Maple Festival.

Maple Syrup and Product Contest Questions???

Call Tim Wilmot 899-9926