



North American Maple Syrup Council, Inc.

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Dear Maple Producers:

As president of the North American Maple Syrup Council and a producer who recognizes the need for statistics that accurately represent our industry, I am asking you to complete and return the enclosed questionnaire to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). The questionnaire is mailed directly to you as a producer because you are the best source of information about the maple industry. The Maple Syrup inquiry is voluntary; however, a good response is needed for an accurate measurement of this year's production and last year's prices.

The North American Maple Syrup Council is working hard with officials of NASS to make sure that the official estimating program for maple syrup remains intact. This survey is conducted as a service to the maple syrup industry and our participation is needed to see that it continues.

The national survey results will be available in the *Crop Production* report released from Washington, D.C. at 12:00 p.m. on June 12, 2013. All reports are available on the Internet at <http://www.nass.usda.gov> within minutes after the scheduled release time.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you in New Brunswick at our next annual meeting in October.

Sincerely,

Cecile B. Pichette
President, NAMSC

Enclosures