



New York State Grown & Certified Maple Application

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The New York State Grown & Certified program makes it easy for consumers to identify local, safely handled, and environmentally responsible agricultural products. This voluntary program is a cooperative effort among producers, processors, wholesalers, retailers, restaurants, and the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets to meet consumer demand for high-quality food and agricultural products.

Maple producers are eligible to participate in New York State Grown & Certified if they adhere to best practices in safe food handling and operate in an environmentally responsible manner as described in the Program Requirements. Upon acceptance to the New York State Grown & Certified program and submission of a signed trademark licensing agreement, program participants will be able to display a new high-impact label that will clearly stand out and tell the consuming public their food handling practices are audited and certified and that they operate their farms in an environmentally responsible manner.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- **Applicability:** 100% of maple syrup is sourced from New York maple trees and processed in New York State. When syrup of a desired grade is not available as required, up to 25% may be sourced from out-of-state.
- **Safe Food Handling:** Certificate of completion of Maple Food Safety Class and compliance with food safety best practices subject to onsite audit.
- **Environmental Stewardship:** Producer participates in one of the following environmental management programs, or equivalent:
 - New York State Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) program, administered by the Department of Agriculture and Markets, with the completion of Tier 2 of the program (or higher) within three years of admission into the New York State Grown & Certified program;
 - Group Certified Tree Farmer, administered by the American Tree Farm System; or
 - Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Forest Management Certification

SECTION 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION

BUSINESS NAME

FARM NAME/DBA (if different from business name)

CONTACT PERSON(S)

TITLE

BUSINESS ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP PHONE NUMBER(S)

MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)

CITY

STATE

ZIP

EMAIL

WEBSITE

Please provide a brief description of your business and/or products for potential buyers/customers.

SECTION 2: REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

- I certify that 100% of maple syrup is sourced from New York maple trees and processed in New York State. When syrup of a desired grade is not available as required, up to 25% may be sourced from out-of-state.
- Safe Food Handling Participation Documentation**
Certificate of completion of Cornell Cooperative Extension’s Maple Food Safety Class and compliance with food safety best practices subject to onsite audit.
- Environmental Stewardship Documentation**
Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) Tier II Environmental Stewardship Verification Cover Form, dated within the past three years. To obtain a copy, contact your county Soil and Water Conservation District. If Group Certified Tree Farm or FSC Forest Management Certified, please submit documentation such as a letter with tree farm # or certificate.
- Trademark Licensing Agreement**
A signed licensing agreement must be on file with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets prior to use of the trademarked logos or slogans. Any unapproved use of these materials may result in liability under federal trademark laws.

SECTION 3: TERMS AND AGREEMENTS

I understand that any false statement made in this application, in addition to being the possible basis for termination of participation in the New York State Grown & Certified program and the Trademark Licensing Agreement, may be punishable under the provisions of Section 210.45 of the Penal Law of the State of New York.

I understand that as a participant in the New York State Grown & Certified program, my business will be identified as a program participant on the New York State Grown & Certified website unless I notify the department in writing that I do not want the business identified on the site.

SIGNATURE

DATE

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED
APPLICATION TO THE FOLLOWING
ADDRESS:

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