



Richfield Historical Society 2nd Annual Maple Syrup Contest March 22, 2025

\$10 Entry Fee

Contest is open to all Wisconsin maple syrup producers big and small. To enter, fill out this form and return to RHS by Wednesday March 19th. Judging will take place at our annual Maple Syrup Family Day on Saturday March 22nd. Winners will be announced at the event and ribbons awarded to the top 3 in each category plus best syrup overall. See attached sheet for contest rules and criteria for judging. Need not be present to win.

Mail or ship syrup, fee and form to: Richfield Historical Society
P. O. Box 268
Richfield, WI 53076

Remember! Entries must be received by Wednesday, March 19th, 2025

Sample can also be delivered to our Sugar Shack at the Richfield Historical Park 1896 HWY 164 - Richfield, WI 53076 any time we are working. Call (262) 957-7890 to make sure someone is there. Questions can be directed to rhsmaplesyrupcontest@gmail.com

Your Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Number of Trees Tapped: _____

\$10 Fee Enclosed? Checks payable to RHS

Place a check mark next to the category you are entering:	Transmittance by colorimeter
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Golden Color and Delicate Taste	>75%
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Amber Color and Rich Taste	50% - 74.9%
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Dark Color and Robust Taste	25% - 49.9%
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Very Dark Color and Strong Taste	<25%

Color guide: <https://nhmapleproducers.com/pure-nh-maple/pure-nh-maple-grading/>



Richfield Historical Society 2025 Maple Syrup Contest Rules

1. You need not be present to win.
2. All entries must include a completed entry form, a one pint (16 oz.) sample of syrup and \$10 entry fee payable to RHS . Syrup must be received by the end of day Wednesday March 19th, 2025. No entries accepted after that date.
3. Entries become the property of Richfield Historical Society.
4. Only one entry per person or sugar bush.
5. Entries will be placed in uniform glass containers with randomized numbers to keep entries anonymous during the tasting portion. A panel of judges will rate the flavor of each entry at Maple Syrup Family Day.
6. Winners will be determined based on a final score of all categories including density, clarity, flavor, color, and container/label.
7. To gain full points for labeling, container label should meet retail labeling requirements to include:
 - a. Name
 - b. Address or PO Box, City, State, Zip Code
 - c. Contents stated as 16 fl. oz (473ml) on lower third of label.
 - d. Front panel should state Pure Maple Syrup and Grade A in the upper half of the label. (hint – Grade A can be written on the label or on a separate sticker)
 - e. Bottle should have a tamper resistant neck band or safety seal. (hint – wrap tape around neck and cap to secure)
8. Winners will be awarded ribbons at the annual RHS Maple Syrup Family Day held on Saturday March 22, 2025 from 9am to 4pm.

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Richfield Historical Society Maple Syrup Contest Judging Score Sheet

Entry Number _____

Light Transmittance (%Tc +/- 5%)

- Category entered:
- Grade A Golden Color Delicate Taste ≥ 75%
 - Grade A Amber Color Rich Taste 50.0% – 74.9%
 - Grade A Dark Color Robust Taste 25.0% - 49.9%
 - Grade A Very Dark Color Strong Taste <25%

Density – Maximum score 15 points

- | | <u>Score</u> | |
|---|--------------|---------------|
| *66.0 – 66.9 Brix | 15 points | |
| *67.0 – 68.9 Brix | 10 points | |
| *69+ Brix | 5 points | |
| *<66.0 Brix disqualified as Grade A syrup | | _____ Density |

Clarity – Maximum Score 10 points

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| *Crystal clear and clean | 10 points | |
| *Slightly cloudy/practically clean | 5 points | |
| *Very cloudy | 0 points | _____ Clarity |

Flavor – Maximum score 50 points

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| *Best in category, good characteristic maple syrup flavor | 50 points maximum | |
| *deduct 1 to 5 points for each negative off flavor such as moldy, musty, sour, bitter, etc, | | _____ Flavor |

Color – Maximum score 10 points

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|---|-----------|-------------|
| *Graded as per entry form: actual %Tc _____ | 10 points | |
| *Not graded as per entry form | 5 points | _____ Color |

Container/Label – Maximum score 15 points

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| *Attractive, clean industry-approved maple syrup container with safety seal meeting all retail labeling requirements | 15 points | |
| *Mason jar meeting above requirements | 10 points | |
| *Container with no label | 5 points | _____ Container |

_____ Total Score