

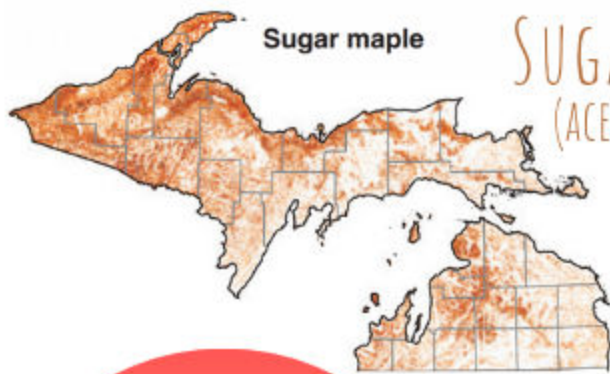
HOW SWEET IT IS

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES living in northeastern North America were the first groups to produce maple syrup and maple sugar, a skill taught to colonists helping to enable their survival. Tribes developed rituals around sugar-making which continue today.

The first written account of maple syrup production dates back to the early



1600s



Sugar maple

SUGAR MAPLE
(ACER SACCHARUM)

is Michigan's most common tree species (by volume).



OF MARQUETTE COUNTY'S **1,027,400** ACRES OF FOREST

Sugar maple is the second most abundant species after Balsam Fir (based on # of trees). Other species are used for syrup but Sugar maple sap is preferred because of it's higher sugar content.

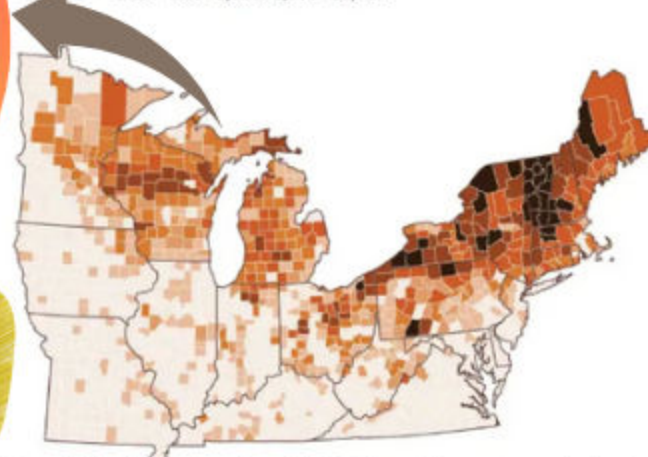
MARQUETTE CO.

3,310 taps

415 gallons

\$20,000 sales

Maple syrup production in gallons, 2012



MACKINAC AND CHIPPEWA COUNTIES ARE THE TOP PRODUCERS OF MAPLE SYRUP IN MICHIGAN.



CANADA produces nearly 80% of the world's supply of maple syrup

Sources: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USFS Forest Inventory & Analysis, MSU Extension, GLIFWC

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