

The maple sap is not running this week.

The sun heated this tree enough to cause some sap to flow, but when it hit the cold air, it froze solid. The maple sap run can be anytime from mid-February to mid- April. It normally runs for one to four weeks.

The sap runs best when the night to day temperature swings about 30 degrees.

Nighttime temperatures in the mid-twenties, followed by daytime temperatures near fifty are ideal.

So far, this season, temperatures have either been too cold or too warm.

It was eight degrees here last night and never reached thirty today.

We have 40 trees tapped and thus far we have collected only enough sap to produce one gallon of maple syrup.

Next week should be much better.

Tom

