



ROTH SUGARBUSH NEWS



PHOTO BY CHARLES RICHARDS

HOBBY BOTTLERS ARE SOLD OUT!

WOW THAT WAS FAST!

We sold the last of our hobby bottlers last month. Unfortunatley we will not be getting anymore for the rest of the season. We only restock once a year, so if you've been thinking about them, next fall is whenwe get more in!

Our photo contest is still going until April 30th! We have a couple of prizes available for the winners, and we encourage you to keep sending photos of your season! This month's cover comes from a submission in our photo contest from Charles Richards!

MAPLE PHOTO CONTEST!

HAVE A QUESTION OR WANT TO SHARE YOUR STORY?
EMAIL SAMARA@ROTHSUGARBUSH.COM & WE'LL SHARE ON OUR NEWSLETTER!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE SUGARBUSH?

MARCH

Product updates;

If you've noticed we have been out of RO soap, it will be in stock by the end of this week. We also have Orlon bags and caps for the plastic cruchons back in stock!

Steel and Stainless barrels recently went out of stock. We're anticipating our 55 Gallon steel barrels by the end of this week and another 2-3 weeks for the stainless.

CHECK-IN WITH PETE

There's been a lot of sugar sand this year. A lot of people have had to use more filter aids in their filter presses and we've noticed how much dirtier the syrup is! We are experimenting with different grades of filter aids that may make it easier to filter next year. So we'll see if we can come up with a new option for next year!

We've got some questions and concerns about the hobby bottler and sugar sand. Any time it boils the Hobby Bottler heats from the bottom, if you stir it while it's heating it will heat evenly. Similar to any cooking you'd do on a stove, the heating element is at the bottom. We still recommend testing the temperature with water and a thermometer before using.

We still know little about the Tariffs at this time. It's April 1st, but the results of what's on it will come out in the next couple of days. So tune into our YouTube for more information.





SAP REPORT

MARCH RECAP OF HOW OUR SEASONS ARE GOING!

WE'VE LOVED GETTING SAP REPORTS FROM OUR CUSTOMERS THIS MONTH! CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE TO SEE THE WEEKLY REPORTS!

>>> JIM ADAMSKI ANTIGO, WI

"The season was going good up until the ice store that we had on March 30th. We have a large amount of woods and tubing damage in the event. Prior to the storm we were at about 70% of a crop."

>>> DON HANSEN TAYLOR FALLS, MN

"We are currently at 110 percent of a crop and this is turning out to have the makings of a record syrup year. The three inches of snow helped keep over night temperatures in the mid twenties through April 7th. We are Running short of stainless barrels!"

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We're at about 85% crop. Farther south it's getting close to being done, we're hoping to get through next week to the 8th or 9th, and we'll have a full crop. Anything after next week would be a bonus for us! As of now, everything looks good!

>>> SCOTT WALTER VIOLA, WI

"The season here in Richland County has wrapped up. Overall, we're at just under 1/2 crop. Deep frost on North-facing slopes after a snow-free early winter slowed early-season sap runs in these stands, and stretches of nights at or above freezing limited overall sap flow. Stretches of unseasonably warm weather, including an 80 degree day last week, pushed the trees forward and red maples have broken bud. While sugar maples have not broken bud, sap flows and sugar levels have dropped considerably even with recent cold nights. Most syrup producers in this area will begin pulling taps this week, and all are looking forward to a better season in 2026."



Q&A

THIS MONTHS QUESTIONS WE THINK ARE HELPFUL!

>>> HOW MUCH FILTER AID SHOULD I USE?

We recommend using 1-2 cups per gallon of syrup. If your filter press seems like it's having trouble filtering, you can always add more!

>>> WHEN CAN I SELL MY SYRUP? HOW MUCH IS IT?

We will again be buying your bulk Maple Syrup starting in Mid-April...at which time we will be posting the price we will be paying. We have several large contracts so we will be actively buying your syrup! Please give us a call and ask for Dawn...she will give you all the details and schedule you for an appointment to bring your syrup

>>> WHEN'S YOUR SPRING SALE? WHAT WILL BE ON IT?

May 1st...watch for all the details on our 2025 Big Spring Sale. This year more important than ever to order your equipment early on the Spring Sale as we will do our very best to strategically place our orders this spring to try and avoid any tariffs that may arise during the upcoming year. There are no guarantees when it comes to the tariffs...but we will do our very best! So with that being said...now is the time to look over all your current equipment to see if you need any replacements or upgrades...then get in on the spring sale!