



MassGrown and Fresher News: March Maple Madness



March is here! Even though we might not like the ups and down with the winter weather, Maple Producers love it! The warm temps move the sap up through the trees and the cold nights brings it down again. The 2018 Massachusetts annual ceremonial tapping, a traditional event to recognize the first sign of the state's agricultural awakening, will be held at [Mill Brook Sugarhouse](#) in Lenox on March 9 at 1:00 pm. The public is welcome to attend.

The event will be hosted by Bill and Elaine Markham, and their daughter and son-in law Jessie Ellen and Chris Porter, who own Mill Brook Sugar House.

March is Maple Month, and this is an excellent time of the year for pancakes and fresh maple syrup! To find sugarhouse restaurants open for the season, visit www.massmaple.org/sugarhouse-restaurants/. In addition, this year's Maple Weekend will be taking place on the weekend of March 17-18! Close to 50 sugarhouses around the state will be open for tours and demonstrations. For a directory of participating sugarhouses, visit www.massmaple.org/buy-maple-syrup/directory/maple-weekend/.



Elsewhere, our growers and food producers are keeping busy selling at over the 50 [Winter Farmers' Markets](#) statewide. [The Boston Public Market](#), with many vendors and a great demonstration kitchen, has something for everyone; seasonal produce, flowers, cheese, fish, meat, honey, wine, baked goods, chocolate and more!

It's also a time to think about signing up for a CSA share. Did you know Massachusetts is 6th in the nation for CSA farms? [Learn more and find a farm near you.](#)

If you are looking for “ag-tivity” this month, visit our [Calendar of Culinary & Agricultural Events](#) to plan a family fun adventure.

Here are a few samples of events coming up:

- **March 3 - New England Cheese Day** at the Wayland Winter Farmers Market
- **March 5 - Boylston** - Screening of [Forgotten Farms](#)
- **March 14 – 18 - Boston Flower & Garden Show**
- **March 16 & 17 - Massachusetts Urban Farming Conference**
- **March 17-18 is Maple Weekend!** Sugarhouses around the state will be open for tours and demonstrations. A directory of participating sugarhouses is [here](#).
- **March 24 – Verrill Farm 100th Birthday Party**
- **March 27 – Agriculture Day at the Statehouse**

For these and more events, visit our calendar of [Culinary & Agricultural Events](#).

To submit a culinary or agricultural event, click on submission form [here](#).

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