



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Patty Ritchie

## Ritchie Sees Maple Producers "Tapping" Into Success

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State Senator Patty Ritchie recently took part in “Maple Weekend” by visiting Sweeter Creations Sugar House in Waddington.

During annual Maple Weekends, maple syrup producers across the state open their operations to the public, offering everything from tours to pancake breakfasts. At Sweeter Creations Sugar House, Senator Ritchie was able to see how sap is turned into maple syrup.

New York State is second behind Vermont in maple production with 1,500 producers and more than 2.5 million taps. The Empire State has the greatest number of tappable maple

trees in the United States, at 300,000 million, producing over 700,000 gallons of maple syrup each year. In 2015, New York maple production had reached its highest level in 70 years, according to the USDA.

*(Attn. photo editors: From left to right are Senator Ritchie, Nicholas Kenny, Debra Kenny and Michael Kenny from Sweeter Creations Sugarhouse)*