

New York State Maple Syrup Grades

Effective January 1, 2015

- a) **“Grade A golden color and delicate taste”** maple syrup has a uniform light golden color, a delicate to mild taste, and a **light transmittance of 75% Tc or more.**
 - b) **“Grade A amber color and rich taste”** maple syrup has a uniform amber color, a rich or full-bodied taste, and a light **transmittance of 50% - 74.9% Tc.**
 - c) **“Grade A dark color and robust taste”** maple syrup has a uniform dark color, a robust or strong taste, and a **light transmittance of 25% - 49.9% Tc.**
 - d) **“Grade A very dark and strong taste”** maple syrup has a uniform very dark color, a very strong taste, and a light **transmittance of less than 25% Tc.**
- Processing Grade Maple Syrup means maple syrup that does not meet the requirements for Grade A maple syrup set forth in paragraph (2) of this subdivision. **Processing Grade Maple Syrup may not be sold, offered for sale or distributed in retail food stores or directly to consumers for household use.**

The name of the food defined in paragraph 2 of subdivision (b) of this section is “Grade A Maple Syrup”. The name “Grade A Maple Syrup” must conspicuously appear on the principal display panel of the food’s label, and the words “golden color and delicate taste”, “amber color and rich taste”, “dark color and robust taste”, or “very dark color and strong taste”, as appropriate, must also conspicuously appear on the food’s principal display panel in close proximity to the food’s name and in a size reasonably related to the size of the name of the food.

The name of the food defined in paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of this section is “Processing Grade Maple Syrup”. The name “Processing Grade Maple Syrup” must conspicuously appear on the principal display panel of the food’s label, and the words “For Food Processing Only” and “Not for Retail Sale” must also conspicuously appear on the food’s principal display panel in close proximity to the food’s name and in a size reasonably related to the size of the name of the food.