



History of the Maple Syrup Festival



Established in 1967, the Delta Maple Syrup Festival was the first maple celebration to be established in the area. In planning for Canada's Centennial, a small group of dedicated volunteers met regularly in the Council Chambers at the Old Town Hall. As President of the group, Harold Russell worked tirelessly as he contacted every farmer, arranged for sugar shack visits and tours, promoted sugaring off demonstrations and jack wax parties.

Other members of the community who were heavily involved with the planning included Arch Ostrom, Sally Halladay, Ron Morris, Lloyd Sawyer, Howard Jones, Sid Talbot, Glen & Irma Chant, Mildred Sweet and Vera Sheridan. There was little advertising required for the event, but huge crowds came from far and near.

In the beginning, the festival was a three-day event held in March which included feeding pancakes and syrup to busloads of students on school trips. To keep up with the crowds, meals were served on both floors of the Old Town Hall. Visitors were able to tour local sugar bushes along with watching maple syrup being bottled and maple candy being made in the Confederated Foods Syrup Plant building.

Over the years, the festival continued through the efforts of many residents and Service Clubs before becoming a project for the Directors of the Delta Agricultural Society.

And now, the tradition continues 59 years later!

Interested in Volunteering?

Contact Leanna Thomas

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Celebrating in Delta Throughout the Year!

- ❖ **Delta Fair**
196th Anniversary
July 23rd to July 26th
Contact: 613-928-2800
Email: info@deltafair.com
Website: www.deltafair.com
- ❖ **Old Stone Mill (NHS)**
Open from
Victoria Day Weekend to
Labour Day Weekend
Contact: 613-928-2584
Email: info@deltamill.org
Website: www.deltamill.org
- ❖ **Harvest Festival**
September 26th
Contact: 613-928-2584
Email: info@deltamill.org
Website: www.deltamill.org
- ❖ **Lower Beverley Lake Park**
235 Campsites
11 Cottages / 3 Bunkies
Open from
Mother's Day Weekend to
Thanksgiving Weekend
Contact: 613-928-2881
Email: info@beverleylakepark.com
Website: www.beverleylakepark.com



59th Anniversary

Delta Maple Syrup Festival 2026

Saturday, April 18th
&
Sunday, April 19th

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
~Both Days~

A Community Event
sponsored by the
Delta Agricultural Society

For more information,
Visit www.deltafair.com
Call 613-928-2800
Email: info@deltafair.com






Festival Events

110 Mill Creek Drive



Craft Sales

Upper level of the Fair Exhibit Hall (both days)
Outdoor Displays (both days)

Local Syrup Producers

Onsite selling produce at the Fair Grounds (both days)

Fun for Kids

Fun For Kids at the Fair Grounds

Magic of Dr. ~~Orchestra~~
Saturday at 10:00 and 12:00 p.m.

Old Town Hall

8 Lower Beverley Park Road
Ginormous Book Sale
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (both days)

Old Stone Mill

44 King Street
Tours on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Milling Demonstration at 1:00 p.m.
Blacksmithing Demo on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Athletic & Recreation Centre

47 Recreation Drive
Ball Hockey Tournament on Saturday
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Contact Brandon at 613-561-6684 for details

Fire Hall Museum

121 Mill Creek Drive
Stop in for a visit and see Delta's 1937 Fire Truck

Dance at the Legion Hall

32 William Street
Saturday at 8:00 p.m.
Music by DJ / \$10 pp

APRIL 18th and 19th, 2026

Come & Enjoy All You Can Eat Pancakes



Flooded with Fresh Maple Syrup

First Order Served with Sausages
3 Additional Sausages for \$5.00

in the

Fair Exhibit Hall

at the

Delta Fair Grounds
110 Mill Creek Drive

Cost

11 Years of Age and Over: \$12.00

10 years of Age and Under: \$8.00

5 years of Age and Under: Free

(Note: HST included in price)

Debit/Credit Cards accepted with \$1.00 Service Charge

DELTA FAIR TURNS 200 and WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Do you have old photos or papers that can be copied or any favourite memories that can be shared for inclusion in a history book, please email info@deltafair.com



Maple Syrup Producers



Antoine's Maple Syrup

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613-928-2473 / mkantoine01@yahoo.ca

Curtis Valey Farms, Ernie Curtis

711 Daytown Road, Delta
613-928-2964 / darlenecurtis@hotmail.com

Findlay Farms, Darrell & Rosanne Findlay

118 Kitley-Bastard Town Line Road, Toledo
613-275-4125 / cleaner.66@hotmail.com

Gunnebrooke Farms Limited, the Gunnewiek Family

206 County Road 8, Elgin
613-359-5071 / gunfarm@rideau.net

Halladay Maple, Darrell Halladay

11337 Miller Road, North Augusta
613-246-2923 / darrell@halladaymaple.ca

Leggett's Maple Syrup, Bruce and Kathy Leggett

637B Crosby Road, Crosby
613-246-6542 / www.leggettmaplesyrup.com

Little Rideau Farm, Matt Chaikowsky

8929 County Road 42, Westport
613-430-9416 / littlerideaufarm@outlook.com

Mensen Farm, Gary and Susie Mensen

161 County Road 42, Delta
613-928-2555 / susiemensen@gmail.com

Oak Leaf Maple Syrup, Wesley Eyre

564 Upper Oak Leaf Road, Athens
613-246-2493 / olrmaplesyrup@gmail.com

Sugar Maple Farms, the Chant Family

3189 Thousand Acre Road, Portland
613-246-5854

Vali Rill Farm, Scott Pattermore

650 Lake Street, Plum Hollow
613-924-1905

Vincent Family Farm, Len Vincent

195 Curtis Lane, Delta
613-928-2671 / vlenvincent@sympatico.ca