



Changing Seasons

- Early indicator: **Maple Syrup**
- According to the Maple Research Center at the University of Vermont, maple sugaring season on average starts earlier and ends earlier than it did 50 years ago, with an overall shorter season.
- Maple syrup is produced in a very short season in late winter during the alternating freezing and thawing cycles that control the flow of maple sap.
- Fewer freezing and thawing cycles mean the maple trees produce less sap.
- In addition, maple trees rely on snowpack during this time to protect their roots from freezing. Less snow can potentially affect the health of sugar maple trees.