



## MEMORANDUM

Date: May 19, 2014

To: Health Commissioners, Directors of Environmental Health and Interested Parties

From: Ohio Department of Agriculture  
Division of Food Safety

Subject: Maple Syrup Definition

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This memo is to further define maple syrup. After examination of the definition of maple syrup, it has been determined that maple cream is included in the definition. Ohio Revised Code 3715.24(5) states: Maple syrup means the unadulterated liquid food derived by concentration and heat treatment of pure maple sap or by reconstituting maple sugar or maple concentrate with water to a density of not less than sixty-six degrees on the Brix scale at sixty-eight degrees Fahrenheit and any permitted optional ingredients. Maple cream, while of a thicker consistency, meets the definition by having a density of not less than sixty-six degrees on the Brix scale.

Since maple cream (without any additional ingredients) falls under the definition of maple syrup, it may be offered for sale at registered farmers' markets and meet the exemptions in Ohio Revised Code 3717.22(B)(2), (11), and (15).

For questions contact the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Division of Food Safety at 614-728-6250.

