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Sweet Success

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When Arnold Coombs took the helm of the family business, he also inherited six generations of loyal workers—trees. Lots of them. Coombs Family Farms has been producing sticky-sweet, pure maple syrup since 1840, and many of the trees predate the business by an extra 150 years. In addition to the company's rich history, a modern development has waffle-lovers begging for more: In 1988, Coombs Family Farms began offering certified-organic syrup. Trees are neither over-tapped nor exposed to harmful pesticides. If that weren't incentive enough to indulge in some much-needed breakfast sweetener, consider using the syrup for one of the recipes on the Coombs Family Farms. Who knew that Grade A Medium Amber went so well with pork chops, swordfish, and cocktails? A case of 12 bottles of syrup costs just \$23.16 on Amazon.com.