Hard Cider Production in New York

5 million gallons of cider were produced in 2015 and 2016 which is about 10% of total U.S. production.

88 producers—more than any other state in the U.S.

The majority of NY cideries are small to medium scale and began production within the last 5 years.

NY is also home to large companies, such as Angry Orchards, which operates an Innovation Center in Walden.

Undergraduate Education

In 2017, Professors Kathy Arnink and Greg Peck began a cider production course that teaches the scientific basis of cider from orchard to bottle. The course covers cider orchard management, fermentation, current market trends, the economics of growing hard cider apples and producing cider, and provides an overview of the history and culture of cider. Each class includes tastings so that students receive a robust overview of typical cider flavors, an introduction to different cider styles, and gain an ability to determine the causes of off-flavors and other faults.

Cornell’s Hard Cider Program Work Team

The Hard Cider PWT is a multi-disciplinary group of Cornell researchers, instructors, extension educators, and industry stakeholders who collaborate on Cornell’s hard cider activities.

Co-Chairs: Craig Kahlke, Lake Ontario Fruit Team; Chris Gerling, Cornell Vinification & Brewing Laboratory; Gregory Peck, School of Integrative Plant Science; Lindsey Pashow, Harvest NY

Hard Cider Resources

A leader in hard cider research, outreach, and teaching.
Economic Impact

Cider production supports new business opportunities for apple growers and specialty cider apple growers. U.S. cider sales are estimated at $1.3B increased 10-fold over the last decade. Domestic cider production has

Cider Science Videos

Online Resources

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hardcider.cals.cornell.edu

Facilities

Commercial Producers for Cornell has been training producers for over a decade.Cornell has been training producers for over a decade.