

CIDER CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Michigan's 28th Apple Cider Contest

December 9, 2026

Owner's Name: _____

Cider Mill Name: _____

Cider Maker's Name (Optional): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: Michigan Zip: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ Cell Number: (_____) _____

Email Address: _____ Website: _____

Date (approximately) Cider Was Pressed: _____

Variety Blend OPTIONAL (will not be disclosed) List approximate % of each: _____

Type and Make of Cider Press: _____

Is This Cider Entry Pasteurized? Yes _____ No _____

Do You Own A Cider Pasteurizer? Yes _____ No _____ New this year _____

Bring this completed entry form and two (2) one-gallon cider jugs (thawed) to the **Exhibitor Registration** desk (next to the Expo Registration desk) in the DeVos Place Grand Gallery anytime between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm on Tuesday, December 8, 2026 or between 8:00 am and noon on Wednesday, December 9, 2026.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

1. Only Michigan cider producers eligible, just one entry allowed per cider mill.
2. Cider must be thawed by 1:00 pm on the day of the Contest; otherwise, it will not be in the Contest.
3. Registration open on Tuesday (12/8/26) 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, and Wednesday (12/9/26) 8:00 am - Noon.
4. Cider contest judging on Wednesday afternoon (1:30 pm - 4:00 pm), it is open to the public, please come.
5. Winning ciders announced at Expo Social on Wednesday evening, please try to be present.
6. Tasting of winning ciders, Thursday morning, (12/10/26), 8:00 am - 9:00 am on the trade show floor.
7. Prizes! 1st place receives a plaque and 1-year possession of the traveling (Stanley Cup type) trophy, 2nd and 3rd places receive a plaque. Prizes are sponsored by various industry publications, groups and businesses.
8. For Questions Contact Derek Plotkowski, MSU Extension Fruit Extension Educator, cell (586) 337-5615, email plotkow5@msu.edu

Don't miss Tuesday morning's Sweet & Hard Cider Educational Sessions!

Number _____

Date _____