

2026 PA FARM SHOW

DEPARTMENT 33 - CIDER

MEET YOUR COMMITTEE CHAIR PERSON!

Joe Holoubek is a familiar face in the Cider industry. Owner of Brother Monk Ciderworks, Joe decided to take on the role of cider committee chair after helping in many years past. A Navy veteran, Joe takes as much pride in the cider industry as he did serving his country.



ENTRY DEADLINE

All entries must be made online using Fair Entry Software no later than **November 7, 2025**.

The deadline for cider arrival is **November 14, 2025, by 4:00 p.m.**

If cider is shipped it must be shipped to arrive on or before **November 14, 2025, by 4:00 p.m.**

Please be sure to review all general rules and department rules prior to entering.



PA Secretary of Agriculture, Russell C. Redding

Pennsylvania's State Fair showcases top competitors from 108 county and local fairs, and the diversity and quality of Pennsylvania's agriculture industry, the innovative people who make it thrive, and the faces of our proud past and promising future. The show offers visitors a peek into the industry that supports 593,000 Pennsylvania jobs and contributes \$132.5 billion to Pennsylvania's economy every year. See you at the PA Farm Show!

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Links	<p>See General Rules and Regulations online at https://www.farmshow.pa.gov/pafarmshow/exhibit/rules-regulations</p> <p>Enter online by November 7 at https://www.farmshow.pa.gov/pafarmshow/exhibit/forms-registration</p>
General	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This competition is open to any cidery licensed to make and sell cider. 2. Ciders submitted for the competition must be made with at least 75% Pennsylvania fruit. 3. Cideries may submit up to six (6) entries. Two (2) units, MINIMUM of 12 oz. each, are required for each entry. Entries must be submitted in a hermetically sealed vessel. 4. All ciders must be received by November 14, 2025 at 4 pm, in order to be properly submitted to competition judges. Any cider received after that date will not be evaluated for competition. 5. The Pennsylvania Farm Show is permitted to use and collect information and data on the entry form. 6. A product may only enter and compete in one department per year and must appropriately labeled in correspondence with the entry. Violation of this rule will result in the product being disqualified from each department entered. 7. In order to be eligible to participate in the sampling and sales of cider at the 2025 Farm Show, a cidery must enter at least one (1) cider for judging.
Entry	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. All Entries will be accepted online only by November 7. To register online go to https://www.farmshow.pa.gov/pafarmshow/exhibit/rules-regulations 9. Register using the Company Name.
Entry Fee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. The fee for cider entries is \$35.00 per cider. 11. Payment is made with the online entry.

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Submission	<p>12. Ciders must be shipped or delivered so as to arrive on or before 4:00 p.m., November 14, 2025.</p> <p>Ship to: Farm Show Cider Competition Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex & Expo Center 2300 N. Cameron St. Harrisburg, PA 17110-9443</p> <p>13. The Box Form for the cider entered must be completed and included inside the box with the cider entries.</p> <p>14. All cider submitted should be marked on the outside of the shipping case: "Farm Show Cider Competition."</p>
Judging	<p>15. Judging will be completed prior to the opening of the Farm Show.</p> <p>16. Following the competition, cider will be displayed at the Farm Show.</p>

REGISTRATION

See General Rules, Regulations & Health Requirements online at
<https://www.farmshow.pa.gov/pafarmshow/exhibit/rules-regulations>

Use shipping tag online at
<https://www.farmshow.pa.gov/pafarmshow/exhibit/forms-registration>

HOW TO ENTER



Use Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox for best results.



Register all entries for each exhibitor in the family before proceeding to payment section.



Be sure to click the SUBMIT button when you have completed your entries.



Check your email inbox for a confirmation email with a list of your entries and invoice.



Be sure you receive the second email when your entries are approved by the Farm Show.



[Step by step entry video](#)



[Step by step entry document](#)



CIDER CLASSES

JUDGES

TBA

DATES/TIMES

Cider Judging

Thursday, December 11, 2025
10:00 a.m.

1	Modern Cider - Dry	Made primarily from culinary/table apples with a residual sweetness less than 1.8% or 1.007 SG.
2	Modern Cider - Sweet	Made primarily from culinary/table apples with a residual sweetness greater than 1.8% or 1.007 SG.
3	Traditional Cider	Made primarily from multi-use or cider-specific bittersweet/bittersharp apples, with wild or crab apples sometimes used for acidity/tannin balance.
4	Sour Cider	Ciders produced through wild fermentation or mixed culture fermentation that express an acetic character. Volatile acidity is an acceptable characteristic of this ciders in this category, as it's used intentionally by producers of this style. Ciders can contain fruits other than apple either by blending or cofermentation in this category.
5	Fruit Cider - Dry	Ciders with other fruits or juices added.
6	Fruit Cider - Sweet	Ciders with other fruits or juices added.
7	Hopped Cider	Ciders with added hops.
8	Spiced Cider	Ciders made with a combination of added spices, such as "apple pie" spices (cinnamon, nutmeg, allspice).
9	Wood Aged Cider	Ciders for which barrel character is a contributor to the taste, texture, or aroma of the cider. Barrel character can be achieved through the use of barrels or wood chips.
10	Dessert Cider	Cider made through fortification or ice cider methods, commonly finishing at a higher ABV%.

AWARDS

Per Class: First, Second, and Third - Ribbons.

Best in Show: Secretary's Cup

PENNSYLVANIA STATE FARM PRODUCTS SHOW

www.farmshow.pa.gov

2026 Cider Box Tag

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE MADE ONLINE BY NOVEMBER 7, 2025

Cider (along with a box tag) **must arrive on November 14, 2025, prior to 4:00 p.m.**

Ship cider to: Pennsylvania Farm Show Cider Competition, PA Farm Show Complex & Expo Center,
2300 N. Cameron St., Harrisburg, PA 17110-9443

PLEASE PRINT

FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND COMPLETE

CIDERY NAME: _____

CIDERY ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____ COUNTY: _____

TELEPHONE#:() _____ FAX#:() _____ E-MAIL: _____

NAME OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE: _____

Class	Cider Name	Carbonation Level	Sweetness Level (% residual sweetness or finishing gravity)	Ingredients Used	Alc./Vol%	Spices Used

*Is your business a member of the PA Preferred program? (Apply at www.papreferred.com)

**A PA Preferred Brew contains a majority of PA grown and sourced ingredients and must be registered in the PA Preferred program.

Total Number of Ciders Entered _____ (Maximum of 6)

Signature of Authorized Representative _____ Printed Name of Authorized Representative _____ Date _____

FIRE REGULATIONS

1. All exit corridors and emergency exits must be kept clear; no partial blocking will be permitted.
2. All fire alarm pull stations must be kept clear.
3. Fire extinguishers may not be covered by any drapes or hidden by any type of displays.
4. No motorized camping units or vehicles may contain more than one (1) gallon of fuel while on display.
5. All pressurized fuel tanks may be drained.
6. All fuel fills must be locked and fuel caps must be taped closed with duct tape.
7. Any living trees and shrubs are acceptable as long as the shrubbery is individually bagged and baled.
8. Artificial trees and shrubbery must be treated with a flame proofing material. The fire official may request certification of flame proofing.
9. Any type of mulch materials must be treated with a flame proofing material or watered daily. If treated with a flame proofing material, certification may be requested by the fire official.
10. Smoking is prohibited in the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex & Expo Center.
11. No open flames, fires or burning of any kind will be permitted within the Complex. No exterior burning is allowed unless the Department of Environmental Protection and the Bureau of Fire grant permission.
12. Vendors setting up tents, canopies and membrane covering must provide fire department with fire rating of material. Vendors must also provide any required portable fire extinguishers as needed.
13. Outside propane tanks shall be protected by posts or other approved physical barriers (Jersey barriers).
14. Extinguishers need to be visible, accessible and located in a conspicuous location where they will be readily accessible and immediately available for uses. These locations shall be along normal paths of travel.
15. Doors shall never be blocked or tied off.
16. The Fire Prevention Code of Harrisburg will be strictly enforced.

Contact the Harrisburg Bureau of Fire with any questions regarding the above regulations at 717-255-6464 or fax to 717-255-6448.

R. E. Gallatin Jr.
Fire Inspector
123 Walnut St. Suite 220
Harrisburg, PA 17101
Phone: 717-225-3105



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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TIPS

EARLY DETECTION

- Early detection is the most effective way to prevent emergencies or lessen their impacts.
- Vendors and exhibitors will likely be the first to witness, experience, or report incidents.
- You can be the difference in preventing something harmful from happening.
- To report any type of threat or emergency incident, notify the PA State Police Command Post.

BOMB THREATS

- Threats can be made in person, by phone, or in written message.
- Collect as much detailed information as possible about the threat (when, why, how, exact wording of threat, type of voice, personal appearance, clothing description, name, gender, phone number, physical address).
- It is especially important to know the perpetrator's timeline for activation of the device (when will it occur?).
- Immediately report the threat to the State Police Command Post.
- Authorities will investigate the threat and make the proper decisions accordingly in coordination with facility management.

LOST CHILDREN

- Be sure to get the full name of the lost child and keep them safe with you. Notify the Farm Show security desk or closest security/law enforcement team. PSP or Farm Show staff will help to reunite lost children with loved ones.

STATE POLICE
717-787-4171

FARM SHOW SECURITY
717-231-6565

SHELTER IN PLACE

- Although rare, there could be incidents that occur outside the facility that could put people at risk (chemical fire, very severe weather). In these instances, a shelter-in-place plan will be implemented for the welfare of all occupants.

SUSPICIOUS OBJECT

- Do not touch or disturb the object.
- Maintain a safe distance from the object and attempt to isolate the area.
- Notify the State Police Command Post with a description and location of the object.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON

- Observe the circumstances and behavior of the suspicious activity.
- Notify the State Police Command Post and provide as much detail as possible.
- Details about the person should include direction of travel, appearance, height and weight, build, clothing, speech, and anything about the behavior that indicates suspicion.

SEE SOMETHING? SAY SOMETHING!

Security and Law Enforcement Stations are located at the Cameron Street Lobby entrance and the Crossroads Security Office

EMERGENCY

PREPAREDNESS TIPS

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FLOODING

- Facility management will attempt to mitigate the effects of flooding and natural disasters before they happen and will work with all show vendors during this type of event.
- The Maclay and West parking lots are susceptible to flash flooding.
- Avoid contact with flood water.
- If major interstates or surrounding roads are being closed, facility management will make announcements accordingly.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY

- Notify the State Police Command Post and they will dispatch emergency medical services to the location.
- Describe the nature and severity of the medical incident and location of the victim.
- Do not attempt to move the person unless you are a trained medical responder.
- Stay with the victim and seek help from others if necessary.
- If rendering aid due to your training, be careful not to expose yourself to hazards such as fire, electricity, hazardous materials, or blood borne pathogens

FIRE & EVACUATION

- If you see a fire, activate the nearest alarm or notify the Farm Show Security Desk.
- The City of Harrisburg Bureau of Fire will respond to the alarm.
- When the building evacuation alarm is activated, leave by the closest and safest exit and alert others to do the same.
- Quickly take all personal belongings.
- Please listen to the instructions of the PA system announcements, Farm Show Complex employees, or responders.
- Do not use elevators!
- The facility is equipped with sprinklers and ABC fire extinguishers.
- Once outside, move a safe distance from the building.
- Do not return to an evacuated building until the 'all-clear' sign is provided by the Fire Chief, a Police Officer, or any other official first responder.
- Do not operate cell phones during an evacuation until the 'all-clear' is given

VIOLENT BEHAVIOR

- Your safety comes first. Use your best judgement to preserve your life.
- Report any physical abuse to the State Police Command Post.
- If there's an active shooter in the facility but not in your area, evacuate the facility and find safety.
- If the active shooter is near your area and preventing your escape, go to a room that can be lock or barricaded or hide and remain silent.
- If the shooter knows you are there but you feel you can flee, quickly evacuate the area.
- If you feel like fleeing is not possible, you can either confront, or attempt to overpower the person.
- If there is a shooter, messages regarding the known location of that person may be broadcast over the PA System.

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