



Hops

Hops are one of Michigan's largest and most valuable specialty crops.

- Southwest Michigan is an ideal region to grow hops for many of the same reasons why fruit has been produced here since the 1860s—rich soils and Lake Effect weather.
- Michigan is the fourth highest producer of hops in the United States
- In the rich soil of Michigan, hops flourish, benefiting from the fertile ground, plentiful water, and abundant sunlight. Situated in this historic fruit belt, the predominantly sandy loam glacial soils provide an ideal environment for hop cultivation.
- Since its commercial resurgence in approximately 2007, hops have become a fast-growing agricultural commodity in the state of Michigan. Starting with only a few acres and farmers, now there are more than 670 acres of hops and 68 farms in the state.



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Michigan hops are widely distributed and utilized in beer production across the United States and various global regions.