
Who's out there in Michigan growing hops?

Posted by 2effJeff - 2008/10/14 12:31

I have already found out that I'm not the only one wanting to pursue commercial hops growing and am looking to network with others. Having a consortium of growers to share in harvesting labor, processing, and cost of pelletization would help to make the economies of scale better for each involved. Hit me back if you or someone you know is interested in expanding their hop yards or about to put in acreage.

Thanks,

Jeff S.

Re:Who's out there in Michigan growing hops?

Posted by metalcools - 2008/11/19 12:57

I am very much interested. I started brewing in January and I've decided to make this my career. I'm going to a hop growers seminar in Dec. and I'm very much interested in growing hops. At my grandpa's farm I'm growing to cascade plants (which one I was able to get 1/2oz this year) and 2 Willemette. So if you're looking for help, by all means let me know.

Re:Who's out there in Michigan growing hops?

Posted by 2effJeff - 2008/11/20 06:15

What region of MI do you live in? Is it the seminar up in Traverse City Bay mid-December? How many plants do you have? We've got a dozen now but are going to get 100-150 depending on variety and availability for next season.

Re:Who's out there in Michigan growing hops?

Posted by metalcools - 2008/11/20 12:54

I live in Sterling Heights, but my grandpa lives in Almont where my hops are. If you don't know those cities, it's Macomb county near Detroit. I have 4 plants currently, I really don't have much room to plant but I'll probably double that number next year. I have 2 cascade and 2 Willemette. If you need any help let me know. Distance isn't important.

Oh and yes it's the Traverse City seminar Dec. 17th

Re:Who's out there in Michigan growing hops?

Posted by tjjblack - 2008/11/30 09:55

I live in S.W. Michigan and trying to get crop out this spring. I have been out of the beer brewing thing for about ten years. I have made everything from stout to light. I have about ten acres and plan to put in hops this spring and need to get rhizomes early. If you know of a place that I could get them from now it would help with getting clones going over the winter.

Re:Who's out there in Michigan growing hops?

Posted by metalcools - 2008/12/01 07:21

<http://www.freshops.com/rhizinfo.html> Here's a site I found online. There are probably more. What kinds of hops are you going to be planting. And if you need any help planting or harvesting or anything for that matter. Please don't hesitate to call me or text me 1-586-484-7155. I'm always looking for experience and I'm a good worker. Also I have a few books and papers on the subject of hop growing if you're interested in taking a look.

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Re:Who\'s out there in Michigan growing hops?

Posted by tjjblack - 2008/12/01 15:48

I have left messages on the phone at freshhops and other suppliers but no reply yet. as for the type of hops I think from past experience cascade and nugget will do for now.

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Re:Who\'s out there in Michigan growing hops?

Posted by kpobrew - 2008/12/02 16:08

i live around traverse city and have the crazy notion of starting a 20acre hop/barley farm. my father's got 40 acres of farmland that's not being used for anything, and hasn't been for a long time. I'm still looking around to figure out if this is a viable project. would love some info, advice etc... also, where/when is the hop growing seminar in traverse city?

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Re:Who\'s out there in Michigan growing hops?

Posted by 2effJeff - 2008/12/03 11:39

Anyone reading this interested visit my blog at <http://hopheadfarms.spaces.live.com/> to get a hold of me. This is too impersonal with usernames and all. I need real names and real numbers if you are serious. I intend to be the glue that binds the MI growers into our own consortium.

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Re:Who\'s out there in Michigan growing hops?

Posted by Pure Hops - 2008/12/05 13:13

My fiancé and I are starting a very small scale hop yard this next spring in Grand Rapids. Both of us are attending the seminar in Traverse City too. If anyone is looking to get an order in before the spring The Thyme Garden is taking preorders already. They are an organic grower out of Oregon. We are planting about 70 Cascades and 30 Sterlings. Our goal is to provide locally grown hand picked hops while giving homebrewers a quality option over the mass produced hops from the West. Currently I have just a few Cascades growing but look forward to jumping in head first next spring. I am far from an expert but am willing to help with any questions as I can as I have been studying up for the past year. Please keep in touch and I look forward to seeing some of you on the 17th.

Jeremy Conner
Pure Hops of Grand Rapids

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