

2026 KY State Fair Homebrew Competition Results

Category		First Place		Second Place		Third Place		Honorable Mention		
Best of Show Beer		Entrant	Michael Schuler	Brandon Christian		Steve Hiller				
		Substyle	26A Belgian Single	30A Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer		02A International Pale Lager				
		Beer Name	Streets Ahead	El Diablo De Chocolate		Boketto				
Best of Show Mead		Entrant	Eric Reynolds	Bill Boyer		Bill Boyer				
		Substyle	M2D Stone Fruit Mead	C2B Cider with Other Fruit		M1A Dry Mead				
		Beer Name	Moon Veil Fae	The Eldritchberry Terrors 2024		Sir Galahad the Pure - Ohi'a Iehua 2025				
Brewer of the Year		Winner -->	Alex Sullivan							
Mead & Cider Maker of the Year		Winner -->	Bill Boyer							
St Arnold Award		Winner -->	Alex Sullivan							
01	American Standard Beer	Entrant	Austin Brown	Alex Sullivan		Alex Rezmerski				
		Substyle	Cream Ale	Cream Ale		American Lager				
		Beer Name	Rainy Day Cream Ale	Ramesses Golden Ale		This is an unpaid advertisement				
02	International Pale Lager	Entrant	Steve Hiller	Jarrett Hamm		Brandon Christian				
		Substyle	International Pale Lager	German Helles Exportbier		International Pale Lager				
		Beer Name	Boketto	Belle Helles		Hey Baby Que Paso				
03	European Pale Malty Lager	Entrant	Justin Kingery	Paul Cahill		Craig Gardone		Joshua Cooper		
		Substyle	Munich Helles	Helles Bock		Kellerbier		Festbier		
		Beer Name	Appalachian Daybreak	Bock me up Scottie		A Classic Pilsner		Sweater Fest		
04	European Pale Bitter Lager	Entrant	Jack Buttress	Paul Cahill						
		Substyle	Czech Premium Pale Lager	German Pils						
		Beer Name	Czech Mate	Berlin						
05	European Amber Beer	Entrant	Joshua Cooper	Kevin Montgomery		Mark Nevitt				
		Substyle	Vienna Lager	Altbier		Vienna Lager				
		Beer Name	Voldemort'z Turban	Drei		Wish I Was There				
06	European Dark Lager	Entrant	Thomas Crabtree	Michael Schuler		James Kelsheimer				
		Substyle	International Dark Lager	Czech Dark Lager		Munich Dunkel				
		Beer Name	Bat Country	Herald of Darkness		Dunkel				
07	European Bock & Strong Beer	Entrant	Alex Rezmerski	Brian McCrickard		Paul Cahill				
		Substyle	Doppelbock	Baltic Porter		Baltic Porter				
		Beer Name	Stop Dopp and Roll			Vikings				
08	European Wheat & Rye Beer	Entrant	Alex Sullivan	Andy Pearson		Nathan Muleski				
		Substyle	Witbier	Weissbier		Weissbier				
		Beer Name	Witness Protection	El Hefe		For Mary				
09	International Pale Bitter Beer	Entrant	Lee Solomon	Justin Kingery		John Erste				
		Substyle	Kölsch	Kölsch		English IPA				
		Beer Name	Teaghlach Kolsch	Cologne in the Commonwealth		Citra Island IPA				
10	British Amber & Brown	Entrant	Ron Kraemer	Brian Donegan		Craig Gardone				
		Substyle	Dark Mild	Scottish Export		English Porter				
		Beer Name		Beam me up, Scotty		Strength to get through the day				
11	British Stout Ale	Entrant	Mark Nevitt	Alex Sullivan		Joshua Cooper				
		Substyle	Sweet Stout	Irish Stout		Sweet Stout				
		Beer Name	Black Steer's Tuchas	Cardinal Stout		Mayor MilkBowlington IV				
12	American Blond & Wheat Ale	Entrant	Mark Martin	Alex Rezmerski		Thomas Crabtree				
		Substyle	American Wheat Beer	Blonde Ale		Blonde Ale				
		Beer Name		My natural color is bald		Kohatu-Chevallier				
13	American Pale Ale	Entrant	Clay Bunn	Alex Sullivan		Andy Pearson				
		Substyle	American Pale Ale	American Pale Ale		American Pale Ale				
		Beer Name	Early Crop Chinook APA	Spider Bite		Galactic Gold				
14	American IPA	Entrant	Dirk Franzen	Brandon Christian		Steven Mayo		Justin Kingery		
		Substyle	American IPA	American IPA		American IPA		American IPA		
		Beer Name	Old School IPA	Tidewater IPA		Too Sweet To Be Sour, Too Nice To		BGV Brotherhood		
15	Specialty IPA	Entrant	Logan Smith	Ryan Kuhn		Kory Roaden		Brian McCrickard		
		Substyle	Hazy IPA	Specialty IPA		Hazy IPA		Specialty IPA		
		Beer Name	Half Nelson	Bruges to Brussels		Classic combo		Brut IPA		
16	American Amber & Brown Ale	Entrant	Ryan Naseman	Brian Donegan		Ron Kraemer				
		Substyle	California Common	American Amber Ale		California Common				
		Beer Name		Slam Dunk						
17	American Porter & Stout	Entrant	DANIEL FLAHERTY	Lee Solomon		Alex Sullivan				
		Substyle	American Stout	Pre-Prohibition Porter		Imperial Stout				
		Beer Name	American Stout	Washington's Favorite		Midnight Mass Stout				
18	Strong Ale	Entrant	Ray Platt	Alex Sullivan		Nick Shader				
		Substyle	American Strong Ale	Wheatwine		American Barleywine				
		Beer Name	Call a Marine	Big Sipper						
19	Belgian & French Ale	Entrant	Michael Schuler	Pier Giorgio Dengler		Mark Nevitt				
		Substyle	Belgian Single	Belgian Pale Ale		Saison				
		Beer Name	Streets Ahead	Not your Matersbier		Good-Will Bridge				
20	Belgian & French Strong Ale	Entrant	Alex Sullivan	Ron Kraemer		Craig Gardone		Jarrett Hamm		
		Substyle	Belgian Dark Strong Ale	Belgian Golden Strong Ale		Belgian Golden Strong Ale		Belgian Dark Strong Ale		
		Beer Name	Apotheosis			Famous for more than waffles!		Unlucky XIII		
21	European Sour Ale	Entrant	Matthew Mead	Keith Rodenhauser		James Kelsheimer		Craig Gardone		
		Substyle	Gueuze	Oud Bruin		Berliner Weisse		Flanders Red Ale		
		Beer Name	My 1st little Gueze	BW		Lawnmower Sour		Pucker Up!		
22	American Wild Ale	Entrant	Thomas Crabtree	Brandon Schaefer		Brian Biggs		Brian McCrickard		
		Substyle	Wild Specialty Beer	Wild Specialty Beer		Wild Specialty Beer		Straight Sour Beer		
		Beer Name	Margarita Gose	Tripel w/Berries and Brett		Winziger Froschpoo				

23	Fruit Beer	Entrant	Steve Hiller	Andy Pearson	Kory Roaden	
		Substyle	Fruit Beer	Fruit and Spice Beer	Specialty Fruit Beer	
		Beer Name	Meriwether's Nerve and Brain Elixir	Where did the Time Gose?	Blueberry Manilow	
24	Spice/Herb/Vegetable Beer	Entrant	Brandon Christian	Justin Kingery	Lee Solomon	
		Substyle	Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer	Specialty Spice Beer	Specialty Spice Beer	
		Beer Name	El Diablo De Chocolate	Saddle & Stein: Merchant's Reserve	Pop Pop's Sweet Honey Porter	
25	Wood-Aged Beer	Entrant	DANIEL FLAHERTY	Ryan Naseman	DANIEL FLAHERTY	
		Substyle	Specialty Wood-Aged Beer	Specialty Wood-Aged Beer	Wood-Aged Beer	
		Beer Name	BB American Stout		RIS Expedition with Oak char	
26	Smoked Beer	Entrant	Brandon Schaefer			
		Substyle	Piwo Grodziskie			
		Beer Name	Live Oak Grodziskie			
27	Specialty Beer	Entrant	Josh Reid	David Eve	Paul Cahill	
		Substyle	Alternative Grain Beer	Experimental Beer	Mixed-Style Beer	
		Beer Name	Crimson Rye	Sassy Schwarz	Florence	
28	Traditional Mead	Entrant	Bill Boyer	Eric Reynolds	Matthew Conliffe	
		Substyle	Dry Mead	Sweet Mead	Sweet Mead	
		Beer Name	Sir Galahad the Pure - Ohi'a lehua 2025	Seductive Honey (Sweet)		
29	Fruit Mead	Entrant	Eric Reynolds	Eric Reynolds	Austin Brown	Eric Reynolds
		Substyle	Stone Fruit Mead	Berry Mead	Berry Mead	Melomel
		Beer Name	Moon Veil Fae	Fey Lure	A Love Like Blood	Winter's Harvest
30	Spiced Mead	Entrant	Bill Boyer	Brian McCrickard	Bill Boyer	
		Substyle	Fruit and Spice Mead	Fruit and Spice Mead	Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Mead	
		Beer Name	Whizzo Chocolates 2026		Conquistador Coffee Campaign - M	
31	Specialty Mead	Entrant	Brian Biggs	Austin Brown	Justin Kingery	
		Substyle	Historical Mead	Experimental Mead	Braggot	
		Beer Name	Sons of a Silly Person	The Morrigan	Cologne & Clover	
32	Standard Cider and Perry	Entrant	Brian Biggs	Bill Boyer	David Woughter	
		Substyle	Traditional Perry	New World Cider	New World Cider	
		Beer Name	Major Monogram	Being There - Cote De Blanc 2026	Leona Road	
33	Specialty Cider and Perry	Entrant	Bill Boyer	Brian Biggs	Bill Boyer	
		Substyle	Cider with Other Fruit	Cider with Herbs/Spices	Applewine	
		Beer Name	The Eldritchberry Terrors 2024	I Don't Care How Big the Room Is...I Cas	Apfelwein 2023	