



We are pleased to announce the 1st Annual Michigan Chinook Cup. This event is designed to showcase Chinook to both the Michigan and the national market. This competition is similar to the Hop Quality Group Cascade Cup held annually at the American Hop Convention each winter. The hops will be judged on three categories: color/appearance, aroma, and alpha percentage from lab data. Judges will consist of a small panel of well-respected Michigan brewers. There will be a beautiful traveling trophy awarded as well. The parameters for participation are as follows:

- 1 sample of ~ 1 pound (2 pounds maximum) of either a compressed “brewers cut” from a bale OR loose fill cones in an oxygen barrier bag of your choosing.
- ONE submission per entity, farm, or business/organization
- Provide Certificate of Analysis (COA) of the post-harvest material (either ASBC-14 or 12 is allowed) from an accredited lab of your choosing.

There may be farms who wish to participate, but do not happen to grow Chinook. SO, we have added a “WILD CARD” submission, in which an honorable mention will be awarded to the best sample submission among any variety (Cascade EXCLUDED). The same parameters above apply to this category. Please clearly mark what variety you have chosen to submit and provide COA as stated above.

Please make sure everything is clearly labeled. Submissions, paperwork and fees need to be sent by Monday, October 16th, 5 PM deadline to :

Rose Charron-Stahl

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Along with Check or Money Order for \$20, Payable to ‘Hop Growers of Michigan’ to help defray cost of the award and engraving as well as generate a small amount of income for the 501c(5) association.

Thank you for your participation and we look forward to sharing the results with you at next year’s first quarter meeting in early January.

Sincerely,

The Board of Hop Growers of Michigan