Champlain Orchards

Shoreham, VT

Champlain Orchards is a family-owned Vermont orchard that takes pride in growing a diversity of ecologically-grown fruits and vegetables. Our fresh produce and unique value-added products attest to our commitment to Vermont's local

Champlain Orchards received a grant to expand Vermont's apple cider supply chain by serving a hub for pressing bulk cider. The company will press their own and other Vermont orchards' apples to meet the current and exponentially growing demand from hard cider and apple-based alcohol.

Champlain Orchards will:

1. Electrify, plumb, insulate, and finish the interior of a custom-designed cider pressing building that was constructed in 2012.
2. Refurbish and outfit a commercial-scale squeezebox cider press that will support increased quantity and improved quality of juice from cider-grade tree fruit, packing line culls, and sound, windfall apples.
3. Increase supply of bulk cider, especially for hard cider, ice cider, and other Vermont-made alcohol products.
4. Promote hard ciders made in Vermont.

Total Working Lands Grant—$75,000
Total Match provided by Champlain Orchards—$100,000.00

"CIDERY" cold storage unit

SQUEEZE BOX

FRESH CIDER PRODUCTION AREA.

NEW "CIDERY" AREA