



Cider jugs

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September 23, 2017 04:34PM

Does anyone know of a good source for gallon cider jugs in NH, or ME or VT or MA?

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[Michael Phillips](#)

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September 25, 2017 12:18AM

Our best bet back in the days of the leased cider mil was to tag onto a farm dairy order. Hatchland Dairy in North Haverhill may be a good bet.

Registered: 10 years ago
Posts: 24

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Registered: 11 years ago
Posts: 621

Let me take this to yet another level. I intend to give each member of my cider club several "returnable" glass gallons. Or maybe half-gallons. Anyone else doing this? What's your source? A pallet of how many jugs costs what?

The same might be asked on Kevin's behalf: What are people paying for plastic jugs?

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[Paul Weir](#)

[Re: Cider jugs](#)

October 04, 2017 07:43PM

Hi Folks,

Registered: 11 years ago
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This may be too far away, but I know that several growers out this way have used the Cary Company in Addison, Illinois for their bulk glass 1/2 gallon and 1 gallon glass jug orders.

[www.thecarycompany.com]

Bonus . . . the Cary Company sells all sorts of containers, from plastic juice jugs to stainless steel 55 gallon drums and more. Might be good to be acquainted with them regardless.

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[Karen Brindle](#)

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November 28, 2017 07:52AM

Very Helpful link Paul, Thank you! We freeze 20-40 gallons of juice for our own use all winter from apples we don't sell and needed a source of containers.

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[Peter Topping](#)

[Re: Cider jugs](#)

January 13, 2018 04:54AM

Registered: 7 years ago

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I worked at a cider mill this last season and I was informed that the jugs were ~15 cents a piece from Rockford Packaging Supply Inc. We used gallons and half gallons from them on a refurbished milk bottler. We also received custom labels from them. Sometimes the labels came on the bottles, sometimes we had to place them ourselves.

[\[rockfordpack.com\]](http://rockfordpack.com)

In the highest point of the season we were doing 1000-1600 gallons a week. I do not know how accurate this information was or whether the labels or shipping were included in this cost. However, my home is a stones throw away from Rockford Packaging Supply so I expect delivery was a nominal fee.

Their website now has online ordering and it appears jugs are \$47.52 for a case of 48 gallons. That would be \$0.99 a jug. \$42.72 (\$0.89/jug) if you order 9 cases. They regularly run discounts. I see a 10% discount if you order by Feb 16, or a 5% by May 25 at the moment. This might bring the price down to \$0.80 a jug if you buy bulk and early.

The highest discount I see is at 10+ cases for \$33.12 (\$0.69/jug) if you order 10 or more cases (480+ gallon jugs). With the 10% discount you're still looking at \$0.62/jug. Not the ~15 cents I was told but perhaps they received further discounts because we order a large quantity of gallons, half gallons, jug labels, bag stickers, bags and more.

Hopefully this information helps a little.

Zone 5b in Michigan

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[Re: Cider jugs](#)

January 25, 2018 11:00PM

Registered: 10 years ago

Posts: 301

We use glass half gallon jugs as much as we can (to those willing to pay the deposit). The last purchase was Cary, which is currently 3.10 a bottle (moonshine style jug), including shipping. This is for a pallet of 162, a little cheaper for a larger order. When someone breaks a bottle (usually me), or someone keeps one (plan on it, they are pretty cool), we loose a little money since our deposit is 3 bucks. The lids are often pricier than plastic jug lids. Glass is reusable, but you do have to add your labor cost into this. It is, in my opinion the best thing a local producer can do. Proportionally less environmental footprint, better flavor, healthier, and it looks VERY classy. Very few people use them around here, I imagine because of inconvenience. Josh uses them too Michael.

Rockford are plastic jugs I believe.

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March 08, 2018 08:17AM

Registered: 6 years ago

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We press around 100 gal. Of cider a year. We buy our 1 gallon plastic jugs from our local supermarket. They stock them for their in store water purifier sales. Their empty jug price is .49 cents! I just talked to their store manager and he's willing to special order them by the case. Best price I've found.

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