



## ***MassGrown and Fresher News – Fall has arrived!***



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**Fall season = Apple picking season! Besides our leaves turning color and temperatures falling, our farmers are harvesting the**



**fall crops in Massachusetts: from apples, to cranberries, squashes, pumpkins, and more!**

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Apple picking is a Massachusetts family annual tradition. Where is your favorite orchard? or favorite apple? From the timeless McIntosh, Cortlands, Macouns, to the Fuji, Gala and Honey Crisp apples, ask your farmer which ones are best picked when, you might be surprised. Learn more about over 100 apple varieties at [New England Apples](#). For those who prize their homemade apple pie skills, take a look at entering the [New England Apple Pie Contest](#) on October 13<sup>th</sup> at Wachusett Mountain's [35<sup>th</sup> Annual Apple Fest](#).

Our Ag-tourism farms in the fall offer [Pick-Your-Own Apples and Pumpkins](#), as well as [Corn Mazes](#). Our [farmstands](#) and [farmers markets](#) continue to offer plenty of “Massachusetts Grown” for all.

Autumn is also the perfect season to sip a refreshing Massachusetts hard apple cider, visit a neighborhood craft brewery with friends, include wine tasting in weekend adventures or explore the growing Massachusetts distillery scene. Visit MDAR's new [beverage guides](#) for craft beer, hard cider, distilleries and wineries that have tasting rooms open to the public.

Check out the new [Massachusetts Craft Beverage Map](#) that features breweries, cideries, distilleries and wineries with tasting rooms across the state in a single, easy to navigate, map. The map can identify your current location to show which craft beverage businesses are closely. It's possible to search by any of the four beverage categories, business name or region. See if you can explore all that a region has to offer for fall activities!

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## The Fall Season Brings us the Peak Number of Events!

**[The Big E](#) continues til this Sunday, as the 200<sup>th</sup> [Topsfield Fair](#) begins tomorrow, September 28<sup>th</sup>.**

Here is a just a sampling of great annual events coming up:

- **September 29 & 30<sup>th</sup>**
  - [20<sup>th</sup> Annual North Quabbin Garlic and Arts Festival](#) – Orange
  - [Hancock Shaker Village's Heritage Country Fair](#) - Pittsfield
- **October 6 & 7<sup>th</sup>**
  - [Cranberry Harvest Celebration](#) – Wareham
  - [Berkshire Botanical Garden-Harvest Festival](#) – Stockbridge

**For these and many more events,** visit our calendar of [Culinary & Agricultural Events](#).

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