










A BRIEF HISTORY OF

BREWING IN TENNESSEE



- 1815**
T.M. Burland opened a small brewery 1.5 miles west of Nashville along Cockrill Spring. The brewery used water from the nearby spring and barley purchased from local farmers. Learn more [here](#).
- 1859**
Jacob Stifel opened the first production brewery, South Nashville Brewing Company, which later became Nashville Brewing Company. Learn more [here](#).
- 1893**
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- 1920-1933**
National Prohibition took place. Did you know that Prohibition lasted longer in Tennessee than any other state? Learn more [here](#).
- 1934**
The William Gerst Brewing Company advertised local ingredients for their beer after Prohibition.
- 1994**
Blackstone Brewing opens and establishes relationships with farmers to donate spent grain. Learn more [here](#).
- 2012**
The [Tennessee Craft Brewers Guild](#) is established.
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- 2015**
Yazoo's Embrace the Funk begins sourcing Tennessee grapes for sour and wild beers. Learn more [here](#).
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- 2015**
Bootleg Biology develops Nashville-sourced yeast strain, 37211A. This was the first brewing-viable yeast strain from Tennessee. Learn more [here](#).
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- 2016**
East Nashville Beer Works releases flagship beer Miro Miel, an American style blonde ale brewed with Tennessee honey. Learn more [here](#).
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- 2017**
Tipsy Mule Hops is established in Columbia, Tennessee. Learn more [here](#).
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- 2018**
Tennessee Brew Works, Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Tennessee State Parks and Batey Farms announce a multi-year brewing initiative to bring "barley back to Tennessee," producing an all-Tennessee grain Tennessee State Park Blonde Ale. Learn more [here](#).
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- 2019**
Harding House Brewing Co. released a series of beers brewed with fresh, local fruit. Learn more [here](#).
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- 2021**
The Tennessee General Assembly votes to fund Farm to Tap, a partnership between Tennessee Craft Brewers Guild and Tennessee Department of Agriculture. Learn more [here](#).
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- 2022**
Three Farm to Tap festivals were held across the state of Tennessee. Learn more [here](#).
Farm to Tap hosts their first annual Barley Summit and Hops Week events in partnership with UT Extension.
The Tennessee General Assembly votes to fund Farm to Tap for a second year.
- 2023**
Farm to Tap launches the Tennessee Ale Trail passport program. Learn more [here](#).
The Tennessee General Assembly votes to fund Farm to Tap for a third year.
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