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Cheers

# Michigan's breweries hopping

Melody Baetens / The Detroit News

Last year was a big one for the U.S. craft brewing industry. According to the Brewers Association, more breweries were in operation in 2009 than before Prohibition, when the manufacturing of [alcoholic drinks](#) was at a high.

Michigan has a good share of that market, too. In 2008, our state's brewing industry generated nearly \$5 billion. The same year, we ranked 15th in the country in the number of breweries per capita.

Here are a few news bits about what's currently going on with Michigan beers.

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## Chocolate beer

Blue Tractor Brewery has teamed up with two Ann Arbor-based companies to create something delicious.

Schokolad Wizen is made mostly of wheat malt, with some pale malt and chocolate malt. During the conditioning stage, 25 pounds of Ann Arbor's Schokolad European [dark chocolate](#) is added to the tank. You also can try the Sweetwater Java Stout, made with freshly ground coffee from Ann Arbor coffee shop Sweetwaters.

Get a pint of either – or take home a growler – from Blue Tractor Brewery at 205 E. Washington St. in Ann Arbor. Call (734) 222-4095.

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