



A Unique Role

The Apple Processors Association (APA) was founded in 1987 to meet a unique need: serving those firms that produce quality food products, mainly from fresh apples, and the suppliers that provide goods and services to this important market.

APA has its headquarters in the heart of the Nation's Capital, providing a highly visible and effective voice for the apple products industry. Its experienced staff works daily with Congress, federal regulatory agencies — such as FDA, EPA, and USDA — and major allied food and industry organizations.

Today, APA member firms produce more than 80 percent of the nation's apple sauce, a majority of its fresh-pressed apple juice, and a wide variety of high-quality specialty apple products. Careful attention to food safety and consumer needs is a hallmark of APA members' operations.

APA processor member firms are also unique in that each produces a portion of the fresh apples used in producing its food products. Orchards are carefully maintained, and fruit monitored and selected for maximum quality.



Continuing Programs

APA provides its members with an on-going series of programs designed to directly benefit their business operations. These include:

Annual Meeting – a three-day meeting, usually held in June, which brings top industry and consumer experts together for a dialogue on timely issues. These include marketing tips, packaging trends, consumer research, and media reports and reaction to industry initiatives. APA members also share industry ideas and experiences.

Washington Seminar – an APA exclusive: two days in the Nation's Capital with top government officials, who legislate and regulate the food industry. This mid-November meeting usually includes a regulatory update, legislative review, and an up-to-the-minute political outlook by a nationally known pundit. APA members can meet personally with national policymakers.

Raw Products Committee - APA members are automatically part of the apple industry's Raw Products Committee, which meets prior to the annual growing season to be briefed on matters affecting that year's apple crop. Environmental issues are discussed, as well as procurement of apples, latest federal pesticide requirements, and grower liaison.



Special Projects

APA undertakes special projects that benefit its members and the apple processing industry. Recently completed is the nation's first database on pesticide residues in processed apple products. This extensive research project met a critical need by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: determine whether pesticide residues are problematic in apple products consumed by children. APA's data were used in evaluating approval of commercial pesticides.

Another recently completed special project included exploring new product and packaging concepts for apple products. Goal was to enhance consumer acceptance and use of apple sauce and other products through improved packaging methods. Participating companies now have new concepts for testing and evaluation.

Added Benefits

APA members say that one of the most valuable benefits of their APA membership is the opportunity to meet and dialogue with apple processing industry leaders. Special effort is made to pair up processors and suppliers, including breakfasts, receptions and other social events, and joint committees.

APA Meetings

2005 Raw Products Committee

April 1, 2005

Channel Inn
Washington, DC

2005 Annual Meeting

June 12-14, 2005

Nemacolin Woodlands Resort
Farmington, PA

2005 Washington Seminar

November 14-15, 2005

Willard Inter-Continental Hotel
Washington, DC

2006 Annual Meeting

June 25-27, 2006

The Sanctuary Resort
Kiawah Island, SC

2007 Annual Meeting

June 13-15, 2007

The Greenbrier Resort
White Sulphur Springs, WV

Join the APA Team

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