Calendar of Events

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June 29, 2025 - July 1, 2025

Reserve Your FCIA Pavilion Booth at the 2025 Summer Fancy Food Show in NYC! 10:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

The Fine Chocolate Industry Association (FCIA) is excited to invite you to be part of the FCIA Partner Pavilion at the 2025 Summer Fancy Food Show, taking place June 29 – July 1, 2025, at the Jacob Javits Convention Center in New York City. This is the largest specialty food industry event in North America, bringing together thousands of buyers, distributors, and industry professionals.

For fine chocolate companies looking to expand their reach, the FCIA Pavilion offers a prime opportunity to showcase your brand alongside other premium chocolate makers in a high-visibility section of the show floor.

Booth Options & Costs

FCIA's pavilion will feature two booth size options:

5' x 10' Booth: \$2,350 Includes:

One 4' draped table (24" W x 42" H)
Two stools
One wastebasket
Booth carpet
Three complimentary exhibitor badges
50 lbs of complimentary drayage (material handling)

10' x 10' Booth: \$4,700 (\$650 additional for corner booths) Includes:

Two 6' draped tables (24" W x 30" H)
Two folding chairs
One wastebasket
Booth carpet
Five complimentary exhibitor badges
100 lbs of complimentary drayage (material handling)

Exclusive Benefits for FCIA Pavilion Exhibitors

One year of complimentary Tier 1 SFA membership (\$400 value) for participating companies who are not already Specialty Food Association (SFA) members. Opportunity to participate in a 30-45 minute education session at the show. Inclusion in a pre-show SFA Promoted Product email reaching over 30,000 industry buyers, retailers, and distributors.

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High-visibility FCIA-branded pavilion area on the show floor, drawing attention to your

fine chocolate brand.

Exclusive networking opportunities with specialty food buyers, retailers, and industry professionals.

Why Exhibit in the FCIA Pavilion?

Being part of the FCIA Pavilion at the Summer Fancy Food Show means positioning your brand at the heart of the specialty food industry's premier event. With direct access to buyers, distributors, and retailers, you'll have the opportunity to showcase your chocolate to decision-makers actively seeking premium products. The pavilion offers unparalleled visibility within the show, allowing exhibitors to stand out in a dedicated fine chocolate section. This is more than just an exhibit space—it's an opportunity to leverage FCIA's strong industry connections, gain media exposure, and build relationships that can take your business to the next level. If you are looking to grow your presence in the fine chocolate market, this is the place to be.

Don't Miss Out! Secure Your Booth Today! The Deadline is March 8th, 2025!

Reserve Your Spot in the FCIA Pavilion!

Join us in New York City and take your chocolate business to the next level! For questions, contact Cathy Ford at C.Ford@FineChocolateIndustry.org.

May 31, 2025
- November 30, -0001

CocoaTown Webinar - Bringing Cocoa to Life: Storytelling for Chocopreneurs 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST

Join us for our next Empowering Chocopreneurs© webinar, where supply chain storyteller and cultural researcher Benjamin Setor Gbadago will share his experiences listening to the stories of cocoa farmers and learning about their work firsthand.

Benjamin will take us on a journey to explore how storytelling can help chocopreneurs bring their supply chain to life and build deeper, more meaningful connections between chocolate and its consumers.

He will walk us through:

The Problem: Chocolate is loved—but consumers are disconnected from its origins
The Shift: Bridging the gap between Cocoa Farmer and Consumer
The Opportunity: How Chocopreneurs can lead the way through authentic storytelling

Don't miss this Empowering webinar.

To Learn More and Register

June 16, 2025 - June 20, 2025

Penn State Chocolate Short Course

Start and End times are available on the website You're invited to join us for the Penn State Chocolate Short Course 2025.

WHEN: June 16 - 20, 2025

WHERE: 252 Rodney A. Erickson Food Science Building

Penn State Department of Food Science is proud to offer a Bean-to-Bar course for both craft and industrial chocolate manufacturers.

During this 5-day course, successful craft chocolate entrepreneurs, equipment manufacturers, and Penn State faculty will instruct you in the theory and practice of chocolate production from the selection of raw materials through the marketing of finished product. Of value to those with both technical and non-technical duties, attendees will engage minds and hands to gain detailed knowledge of chocolate processing.

For more information and to register: Click here for the event summary or call 877-778-2937.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Click Here to Register

June 25, 2025 - November 30, -0001

Chocolate in the Americas

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM PST Date: Wednesday, June 25

Time: 10am-12pm,

Location: Gayley Center, 1145 Gayley Ave, Room 119B, Los Angeles, CA 90024

Fee: \$15 for non-members (public).

Course description:

Chocolate consumption began over 5000 years ago in South America as a fermented beverage made from the pulp surrounding the cacao beans. By 1757, it was being manufactured in New York, and as its popularity grew, craft chocolate developed in the 20th and 21st centuries.

In this course, we explore the history, culture, and economics of cacao and chocolate in the Americas. Tastings include chocolate made in the Americas from cacao beans of the Americas; chocolate makers include Pacari (Peru), Cacao Hunters (Ecuador), Soma (Canada), and other companies around the world that use beans from the Americas such as Friis-Holm (Denmark).

To Register: Please call 310 825-9971 and press 2.

June 28, 2025 - November 30, -0001

FCIA Summer Event: Crafting the Future of Chocolate

01:00 PM - 07:00 PM EST

Join us as we bring together the chocolate industry for an afternoon of education, networking, and celebration.

Date and time: Saturday, June 28 · 1 - 7pm EDT

Location: Cocoa Store

873 Broadway #6th floor New York, NY 10003

We are excited to invite you to the FCIA's 2025 Summer Event!

Join us for our summer conference, FCIA Summer Event: Crafting the Future of Chocolate, an inspiring and immersive afternoon hosted by the Fine Chocolate Industry Association (FCIA). Gather with industry trailblazers—chocolate makers, chocolatiers, cocoa suppliers, and visionaries—who are shaping the future of fine chocolate.

This in-person event is designed to deliver real value to the chocolate world by sparking fresh ideas and cultivate powerful connections within our community.

What to Expect

Thought-Provoking Panels & Workshops: Hear from leading voices in the industry on topics that matter:

How to Market & Sell More Chocolate: Ricardo Trillos of The Choconnector to lead the panel.

Understanding Cocoa Pricing: Trends, Challenges & Strategies - Speakers TBD
Defining the Next Chapter of FCIA: Talk with Board Members
Community Tribute: We'll gather to celebrate the lives and legacies of two remarkable contributors to our field, Eric Case and Ed Seguine

Networking & Collaboration: Meet like-minded professionals and expand your industry network in a welcoming, idea-rich atmosphere. Chocolate tasting table.

Light Refreshments & Tastings: Join us for some coffee, fine treats, and possibly a special guest beverage sponsor to elevate your tasting experience.

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# Ticket Options

FCIA Members: \$145 - Check your email for discount codes when purchasing tickets Non-Members: \$245 - Join FCIA for discounts on tickets to events like this along with other benefits!

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Exhibitors

6x2 Booth Space (Only 18 Available): \$995 Includes exhibitor space for sampling, showcasing products, or connecting with attendees. This includes up to 2 tickets to the event. Certain membership levels are entitled to free or discounted tables. Check your email for discount codes that apply to your membership level.

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### Sponsor Opportunities:

Want to showcase your brand in front of fine chocolate industry professionals and decision-makers? We're currently accepting sponsors for this premier summer event. Sponsorship comes with prominent visibility and recognition throughout the event. This includes a booth at this event. Send an email to Cathy Ford, Manager of Member Services, at C.Ford@FineChocolateIndustry.org for details.

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Location Details

Cocoa Store – Sixth Floor Loft 873 Broadway (between 18th & 19th Streets), 6th Floor New York, NY 10003

This beautiful loft setting in the heart of Manhattan sets the perfect tone for an afternoon of indulgence, inspiration, and industry insight.

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#### Speaker Info

If you're interested in presenting, participating on a panel, or leading a workshop, send an email to Cathy Ford at C.Ford @ FineChocolateIndustry.org for details. Spots are limited. We are looking for people to speak on the topics listed above as panel members.

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Don't Miss It

The fine chocolate industry is evolving—be part of the conversation and the community shaping what's next. Register now and join us in New York City on June 28 for a summer event you'll never forget. Space is limited—reserve your spot today!

Please reach out to Cathy Ford, Manager of Member Services at C.Ford@FineChocolateIndustry.org if you have any questions.

The Fine Chocolate Industry Association is the only non-profit organization focused 100% on supporting professionals in the Fine Chocolate segment of the Chocolate Industry.

Buy Your Tickets Today!

July 1, 2025 - July 3, 2025

Food & Drinks Malaysia 2025 by SIAL

Times are on the website.

July 1-3, 2025 Malaysia International Trade & Exhibition Center (MITEC) Kuala Lumpur Click Here to Learn More

October 4, 2025 - October 5, 2025

Northwest Chocolate Festival

Times & Dates are on the website

We are excited to present the world's top education workshops, the best chocolate exhibitors, and indulgent chocolate tastes!

Acclaimed as the TOP SHOW for CHOCOLATE in North America and one of the best shows for Chocolate in the world for the past 15-years running – we are proud to "Celebrate and Educate the Chocolate Lover in All" for Two Full Days in October with you.

Location: Meydenbauer Center 11100 NE 6th ST, Bellevue WA 98004

Click here for more information, to exhibit, or to buy tickets

October 5, 2025 - November 30, -0001

Los Angeles Chocolate Salon and Festival 2025

10:00 AM - 03:30 PM PST

Discover, taste and savor the finest in artisan, gourmet and premium chocolates and confections

Date and time: Sunday, October 5 · 10am - 3:30pm PDT

Location: Pasadena Center 300 E Green Street Pasadena, CA 91101

Chocolate lovers, en garde! The premier major chocolate show in the Los Angeles area this millenium takes place at the

16th Annual LOS ANGELES CHOCOLATE SALON

Chocolate aficionados, fanatics, lovers and addicts can taste & experience the finest in artisan, gourmet & premium chocolate in one of the world's great culinary metropolitan areas.

TASTE GREAT CHOCOLATE!

Featuring a delicious selection chosen and curated by the Organizers, the Annual CHOCOLATE SALON participants have included master chocolatiers, confectioners, and other culinary artisans such as Amano Artisan Chocolate, Codinha Chocolate, Venecacao Chocolateria, Goufrais, Letterpress Chocolate, 3D Candies, Truffles N Toffee, Mignon Chocolate, Phillip Ashely Chocolates, Melting Pot Candy, PRP Wine, La Noblezza Confectionary, P.O.P. Candy Co., Gourmet Blends, Polar Seltzer and more.

Salon highlights features chocolatiers, confectioners, and more with chocolate tasting, demonstrations, chef talks, and ongoing interviews by TasteTV's Chocolate Television program. (Salon Entry includes all chocolate tastings, demos, etc.).

For more information: http://www.LAChocolateSalon.com

November 15, 2025 - November 16, 2025

Secaucus Coffee and Chocolate Festival

Times for each day are on the website.

The Secaucus Coffee & Chocolate Festival is a celebration of all things coffee and chocolate related... and then some! Attendees will sample a variety of coffee roasts and styles, along with a multitude of decadent chocolate-themed sweets from local and surrounding area businesses. Join local coffee shops, gourmet roasters, artisan chocolatiers, wineries, bakeries, and so much more. Explore additional exhibitors and their products and purchase items to take home. What better way to kick off the holiday season?

Where: Meadowlands Exposition Center - 355 Plaza Drive Secaucus, NJ 07094

When: November 15-16, 2025

Learn More & Buy Tickets