

NANO CON 2021

EQUIPMENT PLANNING FOR  
EXPANSION



# OVERVIEW OF TOPICS

## PLANNING FOR BREWERY EXPANSION

- Introduction
- Before you build your first brewery
- When do you expand?
- Expansion details
- Tank / Capacity planner
- Time Savers
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# INTRO

- **Josh Miller**
- **Learned about Brewing in Organic Chemistry while at Purdue**
- **Started Home Brewing in 2010**
- **Started brewing Professionally in 2014**
- **Earned 39 professional brewing medals between 2015 and 2019**



# INTRO

- John Blichmann
- You know him





# BEFORE YOU BUILD, THE FIRST TIME

**Before you build your first brewery, think about expansion**

- Survey – How many in planning vs established?
- Glycol chiller – size ahead of time or add second
- Glycol drops – install drops / valves ahead of time
- Layout the space for expansion in the future
- Utilities – run enough power / gas from the start
- **BUSINESS PLAN**



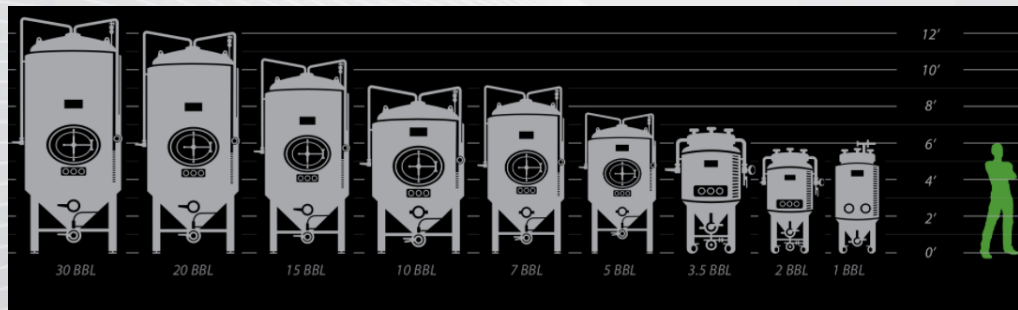
# WHEN TO EXPAND?

- **Work / Life balance – Don't be a sleepy Anderson**
- **Potential Revenue Loss – How much revenue is lost without a minimal investment?**
- **Attracting qualified labor**



# TANK ONLY EXPANSION

- Do you have the glycol capacity to handle a tank expansion? If not, plan for system expansion down the line.
- High Gravity Brewing Techniques
- Double batching – O2 and yeast day one



# EXPANSION DETAILS

- Estimate your annual production needs
- <https://www.blichmannengineering.com/tankplanner/index/index>
- Can you use your current system and invest in larger tanks?
- Expand in steps – tanks first, brewhouse second

## Tank Planner

The 5 Fields Below are Required for Calculation

Ale Fermentation Time (weeks)	<input type="text"/>
Lager Fermentation Time (weeks)	<input type="text"/>
Days in Bright Tank	<input type="text"/>
% of Ales Brewed	<input type="text"/>
% of Lagers Brewed	<input type="text"/>

Optional Field

Dedicated Bright Serving Tanks	<input type="text"/>
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Fill out the 2 fields you know in line to calculate

Brewhouse Size (BBL)	Brews Per Week	Yearly Production (BBLs)	Tanks Needed FVs	BBTs
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

\*\*\*These numbers assume 50 brewing weeks in a year.\*\*\*

\*\*\*The tanks are sized the same as your brewhouse. If using tanks to double batch you can reduce the number of overall tanks.\*\*\*

\*\*\*These numbers assume only 1 batch per day.\*\*\*





# 1bbl System Capacity

## Tank Planner

The 5 Fields Below are Required for Calculation

Ale Fermentation Time (weeks)	2.50
Lager Fermentation Time (weeks)	4
Days in Bright Tank	3
% of Ales Brewed	100
% of Lagers Brewed	0

Optional Field

Dedicated Bright Serving Tanks	
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Fill out the 2 fields you know in line to calculate

Brewhouse Size (BBL)	Brews Per Week	Yearly Production (BBLs)	FVs	BBTs
1	2	100	5	1

\*\*\*These numbers assume 50 brewing weeks in a year.\*\*\*

\*\*\*The tanks are sized the same as your brewhouse. If using tanks to double batch you can reduce the number of overall tanks.\*\*\*

\*\*\*These numbers assume only 1 batch per day.\*\*\*



# 3.5bbl System Capacity

## Tank Planner

### The 5 Fields Below are Required for Calculation

Ale Fermentation Time (weeks)	2.50
Lager Fermentation Time (weeks)	4
Days in Bright Tank	3
% of Ales Brewed	100
% of Lagers Brewed	0

### Optional Field

Dedicated Bright Serving Tanks	
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### Fill out the 2 fields you know in line to calculate

Brewhouse Size (BBL)	Brews Per Week	Yearly Production (BBLs)	Tanks Needed	
			FVs	BBTs
3.50	2	350	5	1

\*\*\*These numbers assume 50 brewing weeks in a year.\*\*\*

\*\*\*The tanks are sized the same as your brewhouse. If using tanks to double batch you can reduce the number of overall tanks.\*\*\*

\*\*\*These numbers assume only 1 batch per day.\*\*\*



# 5bbl System Capacity

## Tank Planner

### The 5 Fields Below are Required for Calculation

Ale Fermentation Time (weeks)	2.50
Lager Fermentation Time (weeks)	4
Days in Bright Tank	3
% of Ales Brewed	100
% of Lagers Brewed	0

### Optional Field

Dedicated Bright Serving Tanks	
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### Fill out the 2 fields you know in line to calculate

Brewhouse Size (BBL)	Brews Per Week	Yearly Production (BBLs)	FVs	BBTs
5	2	500	5	1

### Tanks Needed

\*\*\*These numbers assume 50 brewing weeks in a year.\*\*\*

\*\*\*The tanks are sized the same as your brewhouse. If using tanks to double batch you can reduce the number of overall tanks.\*\*\*

\*\*\*These numbers assume only 1 batch per day.\*\*\*



# REVENUE BREAKDOWN

-	▼ 1bbl Brewhouse ▼	▼ 3.5bbl Brewhouse ▼	▼ 5.0bbl Brewhouse ▼
System Cost	\$ 8,504.00	\$ 18,499.00	\$ 26,750.00
Tank Cost	\$ 21,500.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 34,495.00
Accessories cost	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Total	\$ 33,004.00	\$ 55,499.00	\$ 73,245.00
Potenti al Revenue	\$ 144,000.00	\$ 504,000.00	\$ 720,000.00
*6.00 per pint			





# EXPANSION CONSIDERATIONS

- What is required for expansion?
- Door fittings, available openings, weight restrictions / floor loads, height restrictions
- Power / Gas requirements
- Expand in steps – tanks first, system second
- Don't run the minimum electric runs

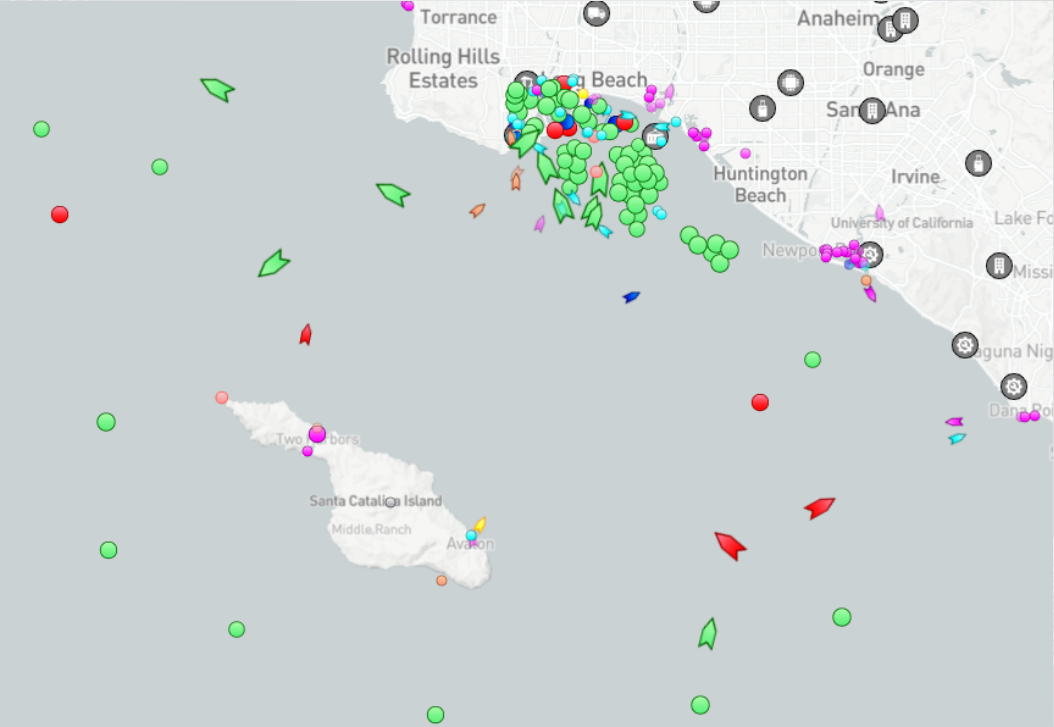


# TIME SAVERS

- Keg Washers
- Pump Carts
- Oversized HLT
- CLT
- Labor

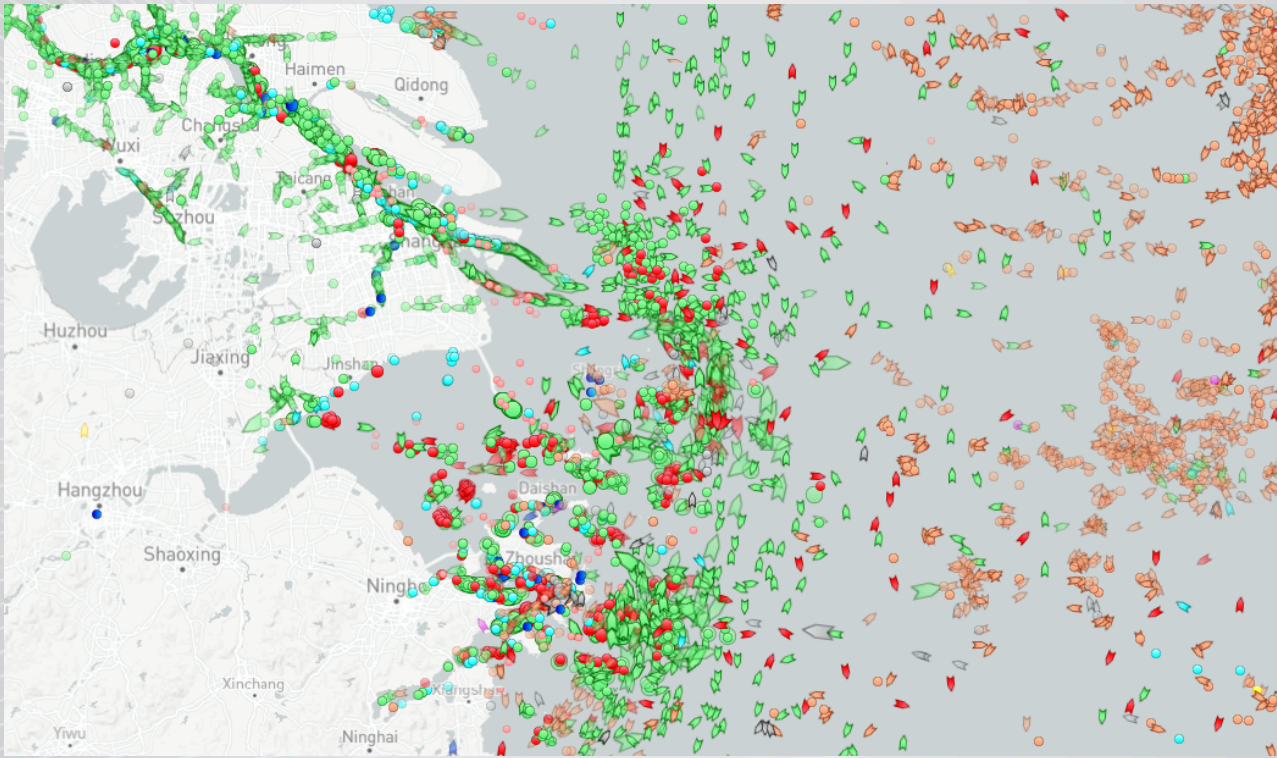


# LEAD TIMES





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- “And that’s all’s I got’s to say about that.”



# Q&A

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