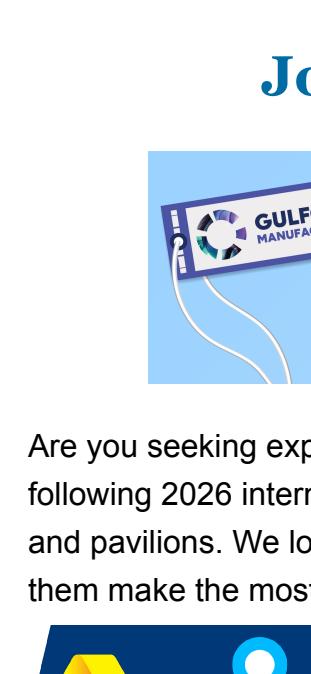


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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

**Week of January 6, 2026**

**ALERT! State of the Industry – Forecast Update**



PMMI's 2025 State of the Industry Report – Forecast Update takes a fresh mid-year look at market shifts and updated forecasts for U.S. and Canadian packaging machinery. Showing modest upward revisions for 2025–2026 compared with the August baseline, this update puts the numbers in context using broader markers like industrial production and key trade-action timelines.

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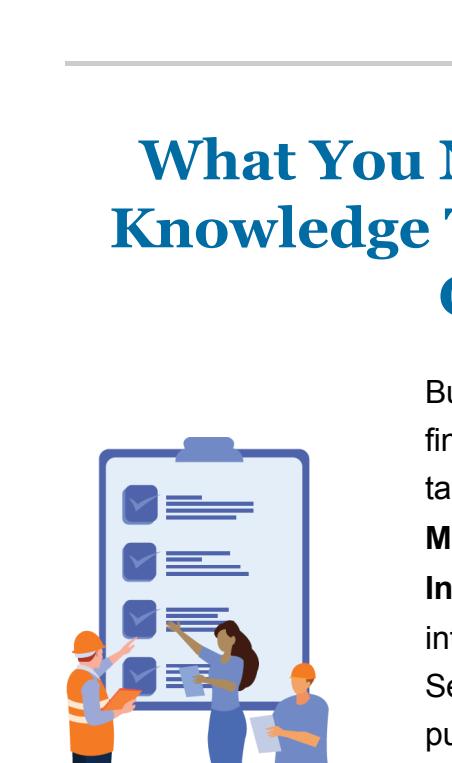
This Forecast Update builds on the insights published in the 2025 State of the Industry.

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**Join PMMI in 2026!**

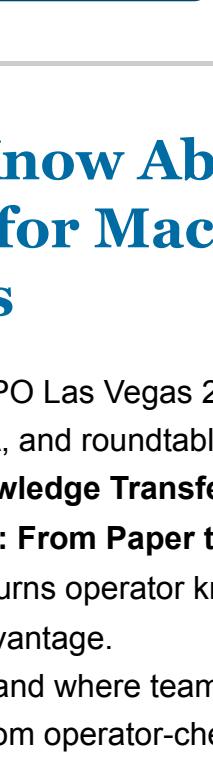


Are you seeking exposure in key international markets? Join us at the following 2026 international trade shows where PMMI will sponsor booths and pavilions. We look forward to representing our members and helping them make the most of these international shows.



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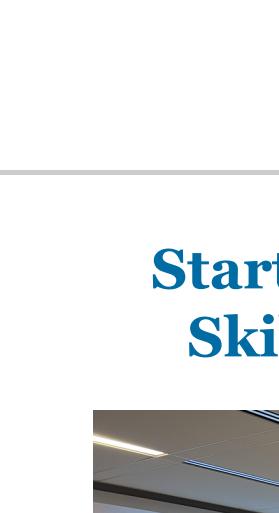
May 7–13, 2026  
Düsseldorf, Germany



EXPO PACK Mexico

June 2–5, 2026  
México City, México

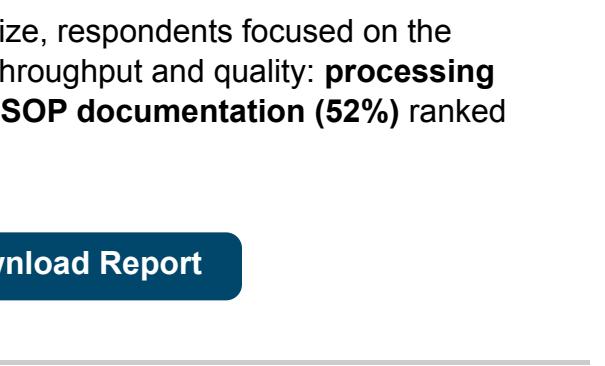
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ProPak Asia

June 10–13, 2026  
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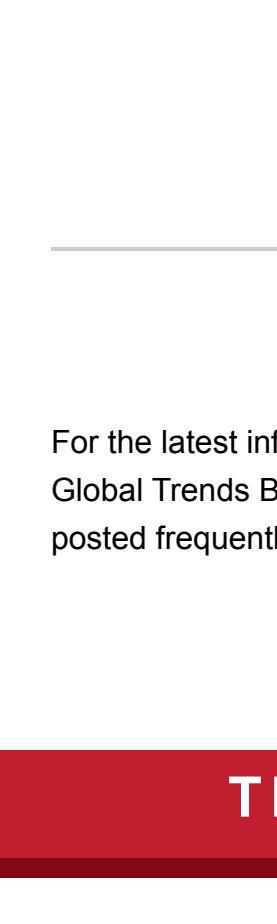
**International Trade Show Assistance Program**



With this PMMI member benefit, general member companies exhibiting for the first time at specific trade shows outside of North America are eligible to receive a reimbursement for up to \$10,000 in financial assistance from PMMI to apply toward the cost of floor space and booth decoration packages.

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**What You Need to Know About Knowledge Transfer for Machine Operators**



Built from PACK EXPO Las Vegas 2025 survey findings, expert Q&A, and roundtable takeaways, the **Knowledge Transfer for Machine Operators: From Paper to Digital Intelligence** report turns operator know-how into a repeatable advantage.

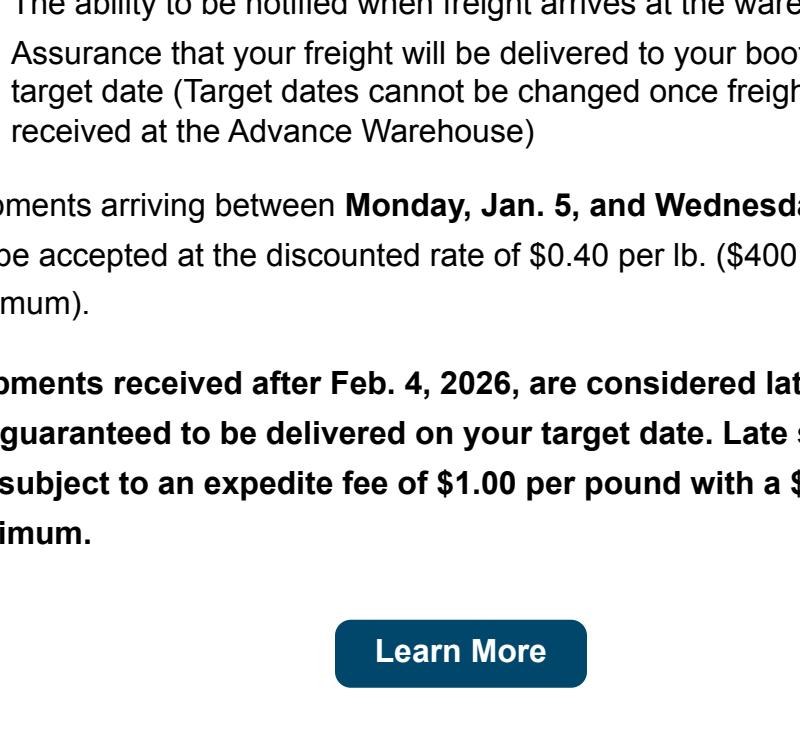
See what's working and where teams are putting resources, from operator-checked SOPs and machine data to mobile tools like QR codes, short videos, and AI search that cut downtime, boost output, and improve quality.

Find Inside:

- Tribal knowledge is reported to be a major driver of inconsistency — when dial settings drift out of calibration, teams can struggle to replicate what worked last shift, feeding downtime and rework.
- Access strategy is shifting to point-of-use: **66% prefer scannable QR codes on machinery**, enabling operators to pull the right content in the moment.
- When asked what to prioritize, respondents focused on the fundamentals that protect throughput and quality: **processing settings/limits (55%)** and **SOP documentation (52%)** ranked highest.

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**Start the New Year with Skillset Development**



Whether you want to sharpen your technical, sales, or leadership expertise, these hands-on programs are designed to help packaging and processing professionals excel.

Upcoming sessions include:

- **Packaging & Processing Equipment Selling in Today's Market** (March 11–12; Minneapolis, Minnesota)
- **Project Management for the Packaging & Processing Industry** (March 24–25; Herndon, Virginia)
- **Field Service Essentials** (March 24–25; Atlanta)
- **Certified Trainer** (March 26–27; Atlanta)
- **Successful Trade Show Selling** (April 1–2; Chicago)

Seats fill quickly, so don't wait — register early to secure your spot and take the next step in your professional development.

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**Kick Off Your 2026**



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For the latest information on tariff news and U.S. trade policy, read the Global Trends Blog on [pmmi.org](#). Stay up to speed with new updates posted frequently.

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**TRADE SHOW NEWS**

**PACK EXPO East 2026 Key Exhibitor Deadlines**

Time's running out — The advance ordering discount deadline is **any tomorrow, Jan. 7!** Be sure to submit orders BEFORE the discount deadline.

It's CRITICAL to submit this information in advance in case there are changes to your order. Any changes to orders or floor plans made after this date will be charged at the standard rate.

Additional Jan. 7 Deadlines Include:

- **Lead Retrieval** — Advanced Utility Layout
- Last Day to **register EAC**
- Last Day to order **Hanging Sign** **Sign**

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**Ship Your Freight to the Advance Warehouse**

Looking for a convenient way to ship your materials to PACK EXPO East? Ship to the Advance Warehouse to avoid delays and wait time on-site. Benefits of using the Advance Warehouse include:

1. Advance tracking of show freight
2. The ability to be notified when freight arrives at the warehouse
3. Assurance that your freight will be delivered to your booth on your received at the Advance Warehouse

Shipments arriving at the discounted rate of \$0.40 per lb. (\$400.00 minimum).

Shipments received after Feb. 4, 2026, are considered late and are not guaranteed to be delivered on your target date. Late shipments are subject to an expedite fee of \$1.00 per pound with a \$1,000.00 minimum.

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**EXHIBITOR EDITION!**

**Maximize Your Trade Show Investment**

Guest: Jay Menashe, Exhibitus, Inc.

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