Robert Gibson, Superintendent
Judge: Keith Tignor, VDACS State Apiarist
Deadline for Entries: midnight Friday, Sept. 1, 2023

Honey Department Rules:

1. All State Fair General Rules apply to this department. By making an entry, you agree to read and abide by the General rules and the Honey Department rules.
2 Only one entry in each class may be made by an individual or family and must be the work of that individual or family. No commercial products or displays are permitted.
3. Entry identification tags will be picked up at the time of intake delivery. Other identifying labels on the entries are forbidden.
4. Entries are to be brought to the Fair on Saturday, Sept. 16th from 9am to 12 noon to the **Horticulture Pavilion OR** on Thursday, Sept. 21, from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon to **Meadow Pavilion**. Judging will start after lunch on Thursday, Sept. 21st.
5. Entries can be picked up on the last day of the Fair, Sunday, Oct. 1st after 9 p.m. or Monday, Oct.2, from 9 to 10 a.m .from Meadow Pavilion. ***Any other pickup arrangements must be made with the superintendent prior to 9/30***
6. Prize ribbons will be awarded to the top three winners in each class. **Best in Show** award (fancy ribbon) will be made to the most outstanding entry, determined by the judges considering all first place winners as a group. The decision of the judges is final.
7. Entries not claimed by Noon, Monday, Oct. 2nd, will be disposed of by the State Fair.

You may enter on-line or by mail, but submit your information ONLY ONCE!

***Enter on-line at www.statefairva.org. Please note that on-line entries are charged $1.00 per class.**
Mail-in entries must be accompanied with a check per exhibitor made out to State Fair of Virginia.
Mail to: Honey Competition, State Fair of Virginia, P.O. Box 130, Doswell, VA 23047.
Faxed entries will not be accepted.

Awards: Individual Classes 1st, $15 2nd, $12 3rd, $10 4th, $8 5th, $6 6th, $4

LIQUID HONEY (Packed in 3 - 1 lb. queenline jars) Judged on:

Density (above 18.6 disqualified or below 15.5% will docked points)	20
Freedom from crystals	10
Cleanliness (absence of lint, dirt, wax, foam)	30
Flavor (absence of overheating, fermentation)	30
Container appearance (cleanliness and neatness)	10
	100

FRAME OF HONEY (Any type i.e. wired, not wired, plastic foundation, wrapped in clear plastic wrap or in display glass case) Judged on:

Uniformity of appearance	20
Absence of uncapped cells	10
Uniformity of color	15
Absence of watery cappings	10
Cleanliness and absence of travel stains	15
Freedom from granulation & pollen	10
Uniform weight of each section (except bulk honey frame)	10
Total Weight of entry	10
	100

CUT COMB (Packed in 3 - clear plastic cut-comb boxes) Judged on:

Uniformity of appearance (color -5, capping structure -5, thickness of comb - 5	15
Neatness and uniformity of cut, absence of liquid honey	20
Absence of (watery cappings - 7, uncapped cells - 7, pollen -6)	20
Cleanliness (travel stain - 7, crushed wax or flakes - 7, crystallization - 6)	20
Uniformity of weight	15
Total Weight	10
	100

CHUNK HONEY (Packed 3 - 1 lb. round glass jars) Judged on:

Neatness of cut, ragged edges, parallel cuts, four sided cut, & uniformity of size of cut	20
Absence of watery cappings, uncapped cells and pollen cells	20
Cleanliness (no travel stain, specks of foreign matter, flakes of wax, foam or crystallization)	20
Uniformity of appearance (capping structure, color, and thickness of comb)	20
Density and flavor of liquid part (around comb)	20
	100

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COMB HONEY (3 - round sections or 3 half comb cassettes) Judged on:

Uniformity of appearance	20
Absence of uncapped cells.	10
Uniformity of color	15
Absence of watery cappings	10
Cleanliness and absence of travel stains	15
Freedom from granulation and pollen	10
Uniformity of weight	10
Total weight of entry	10
	100

CREAMED, GRANULATED HONEY (Packed in 3 - 1 lb. plastic or glass containers)

Judged on:

Fineness of crystals	30
Degree of uniformity & firmness	25
Degree of cleanliness and freedom of foam	20
Flavor (absence of: off flavor, overheating, fermentation)	15
Accuracy of filling and uniformity	10
	100

BEESWAX Judged on:

Cleanliness (freedom from honey, propolis, and, or other impurities)	35
Uniformity of appearance.	20
Color	15
Aroma	15
Freedom from cracking and shrinkage	15
	100

OBSERVATION HIVE Judged on:

Uniformity of appearance of all combs	15
Brood comb with eggs, larvae, sealed brood, and emerging brood, also pollen cells	15
Extracting frame or sections with sealed honey and some open cells of honey	20
Marked queen, workers, and drones	20
Cleanliness of hive (inside of hive, glass sides, outside, also, wooden parts of frames)	30
	100

GADGETS Judged on:

Explanatory Text	25
Practicality	35
Ease of Reproduction	15
Help to beekeeping	10
Originality	15
	100

Class

1001. Light extracted honey, three 1 lb. Queenline glass jars
1002. Light amber extracted honey, three 1 lb. Queenline glass jars
1003. Amber extracted honey, three 1 lb. Queenline glass jars
1004. Dark extracted honey, three 1 lb. Queenline glass jars
1005. Frame of Honey- Any size beeswax foundation either wired or unwired may be used. The frame should be wrapped in plastic wrap or in aglass case for display.
Note: No plastic foundation may be used.
1006. Display of light or light amber cut-comb honey in plastic boxes, three containers
1007. Display of amber or dark cut-comb honey in plastic boxes, three containers
1008. Display of light or light amber chunk honey in 1 lb. glass jars, three containers
1009. Display of amber or dark chunk honey in 1 lb. glass jars, three containers
1011. Creamed, granulated honey, in three 1 lb. jars, plastic or glass containers
1012. Beeswax, one mold of total weight not less than 1 lb.
1013. Beeswax, pair candles dipped or poured
1014. Beeswax, three molds fancy, total weight not less than 1 lb.
1015. Observation hive
1016. Gadgets

Please see below for illustrations of extracted honey types.
Exhibitor is responsible for entering the appropriate class.

Examples of Extracted Honey Types

Light Extracted Honey

Light Amber Extracted Honey

Amber Extracted Honey

Dark Extracted Honey