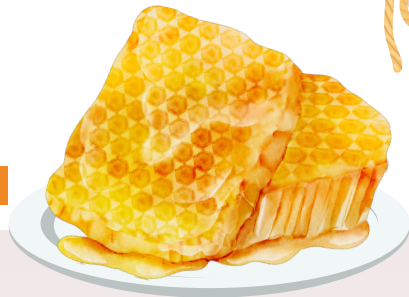


JULY 29 - AUGUST 2 2026

HONEY & HIVE



JOSEPHINE COUNTY
FAIR

OFFICIAL EXHIBIT GUIDE



HONEY & HIVE

IMPORTANT DATES

ENTRY AND RELEASE SCHEDULE

Honey & Hive

Online Entry Deadline:

11:59 pm, Monday, July 27

Deliver Competitive Entries:

Monday, July 27 - 4 pm to 7 pm

Tuesday, July 28 - 12pm to 4pm

Enter through main gates, head down the midway, and enter the Agriculture Building to your left after the gazebo.

Bring a copy of your online registration receipt (see instructions this page).

Pick up entries:

Monday, August 3 - 9 am to 12 pm

By submitting an entry into the Fair, exhibitors agree to abide by all rules, regulations and entry requirements of the Fair and of the department(s) to which they are submitting entries.

It is important that exhibitors read and be familiar with the General Rules as well as the Department Rules in this Handbook.

ONLINE REGISTRATION AND ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

ONLINE ENTRY OPENS APRIL 20, 2026

Read the complete rules, division descriptions, and entry information in the Handbook **BEFORE** going to Online Registration.

1. Then go to <https://josephine.fairwire.com/>
2. Click **Register**.
 - o Register using your First and Last Name and create a password (write password down).
 - o Fill in requested information, including email address. Fill in age only if under 18. Click **Continue**.
 - o Select **Department** - Honey & Hive
 - o Select a **Division** - example Division 242 - Beeswax
 - o Select a **Class** - example Class 2421 Beeswax Artistic
 - o Fill in all information for class(es) you are entering, including a brief **Description** if needed.
3. When all your information is complete, click **Add Entry to Cart** and follow instructions to check out. (NOTE: If you think you may want to modify your entries, you may save your current session and check out at a later session. Be sure to **Check Out before the closing date listed for your Department**
4. Fill in "yes" at the statement to agree to all the terms and conditions of entry as defined in this Handbook.
5. Click **Submit (entries are not submitted to the Fair office until the check-out process is complete)**
6. Please print and bring a copy of your detailed online entry receipt **with your entries** when you bring them to the Fair.

Please contact us with any questions.

Josephine County Fairgrounds Office

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Any Questions? Want to Volunteer?

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GENERAL RULES

(Non-Livestock)

1. All articles must be the handiwork of the exhibitor and not been previously exhibited at the Josephine County Fair.
2. Online entries must be submitted by the date indicated within each Department Handbook. Information must be accurate and complete, and no paper applications will be accepted. See Department Rules regarding whether walk-ins are accepted during intake days.
3. Entries must be delivered and removed during the scheduled times. Any exception shall be at the discretion of Josephine County Fair staff.
4. Entries will receive a claim check upon delivery. Exhibitor (or representative) must present claim check or valid Oregon ID when picking up entries.
5. Josephine County Fair staff or a judge may disqualify or transfer any exhibit which is not a true representation of the class in which it is entered, or if rules are not followed.
6. Judging is closed to the public unless otherwise noted. Every reasonable effort is made to secure highly qualified judges with expertise in their field.
7. Ribbons and/or prizes will be awarded as warranted. All judges' results are final. Results cannot be provided over the phone.
8. Josephine County Fair is authorized to use any and all photographs, video and or digital images related to the entry for promotional purposes.
9. Exhibitors shall indemnify Josephine County which shall include all authorities, boards, bureaus, commissions, divisions, departments, districts and offices of Josephine County and the individual members, employees and agents thereof in their official capacities, from and against all claims for damage to persons or property caused by them or their exhibits.
10. Josephine County Fair will take reasonable precautions to ensure safety of exhibits while on the fairgrounds, but will not be responsible for loss, damage, theft or injury of any kind to exhibits or exhibitors.
11. Exhibitors found in violation of rules, or to be in practices unethical or adverse to Josephine County Fair, shall be penalized by forfeiture of awards and/or privileges, and removed from the exhibit.
12. Items not picked up within 30 days of final return days of each department are forfeited by exhibitor.

The Josephine County Fair reserves the final and absolute right to interpret any and all terms, conditions, rules and regulations contained in any and all parts of Department Handbooks and to settle and determine all matters, questions or differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incidental to the Josephine County Fair. Josephine County Fair further reserves the right to determine unforeseen matters not covered by General or Department Rules, and to withdraw award offerings in all Competitions should any emergency exist and circumstances demand.

DEPARTMENT RULES

1. All General Rules Apply. Your submission indicates you have read and agree to abide by the General Rules and the Rules of this Competition.
2. All exhibits must have been produced under the direct management of the Exhibitor and produced from the apiary of the Exhibitor between September 2025 and August 2026. Entry cannot be “store bought” honey.
3. Honey must be purely produced by bees with no additives and be true to the entry category.
4. Junior exhibitors (17 and under) will be judged against other junior entries if there are at least two. Youth are also encouraged to compete in Adult divisions, where they will be judged against all competitors.
5. Exhibitors are limited to 1 entry per class and a maximum of 10 entries per person.
6. Walk-ins on entry day are accepted only at the discretion of staff. Register online by dates indicated to assure entry.
7. Entries will be judged according to The Oregon State Beekeepers Association Standards.
8. Entries must be submitted and picked up according to entry schedule. Fair is not responsible for any entries not picked up by 2:00 pm, Monday, August 3, 2026.

Additional Information:

- Jars should be filled up to the threads. Exhibitors should use three 1 lb. Queenline jar for each honey category.
- Honey should be clean and free of lint, dust or any other debris floating on top or within.
- Honey should be free of foam on top (a byproduct of settling).
- Jars should be clean of fingerprints, stickiness and threads should be clean of honey and easily opened.
- Honey will be sampled. No labels, please.

Other Considerations:

- Check your honey against a Honey Color Chart that reflects the USDA’s Pfund scale and 7 color categories. This is especially helpful if you are entering your extracted honey in more than one color category. You can find images easily online or go to the USDA website.



In this Department, ribbons may be awarded as merited for the following categories:

Best of Show; Best of Class; 1st, 2nd, 3rd for each class

All judges’ decisions are final.

DIVISIONS & CLASSES

240 Youth (Ages 17 years & younger)

- 2401 Artistic Beeswax, molded or dipped (1 lb minimum); Artistic Beeswax can be several shades of beeswax, i.e., brood or capping wax. Artificial enhancements accepted but should not overpower the beeswax.
- 2402 Bee Related Item – Decorated Hive Box

- 2403 Honey, Extracted (any variety) – **3** one-pound glass Queenline jars only, uniformly filled, No labels. Specify color when registering: water white, white, light amber, amber, dark amber.
- 2404 Bee Related Item – Arts and Crafts

242 Beeswax

Minimum quantities are listed below

- 2421 Artistic Beeswax, molded or dipped (1 lb minimum); Artistic Beeswax can be several shades of beeswax, i.e., brood or capping wax. Artificial enhancements accepted but should not overpower the beeswax.
- 2422 Beeswax Block – 1 block (1 lb minimum)
- 2423 Beeswax Candles, dipped or molded – 2 dipped or molded candles, 100% beeswax

243 Honey, Extracted (any variety)

Extracted Honey – **3** one-pound glass Queenline jars only, uniformly filled, No labels.

- 2431 Water White
- 2432 White
- 2433 Light Amber
- 2434 Amber
- 2435 Dark Amber

244 Honey, Other (any variety)

- 2441 Other Honey-includes Creamed or Chunk Honey, one 1 pint glass jar each and Comb Honey section or Cut Comb (min 12oz), 3 samples each

245 Bee-Related Items

- 2451 Photograph: Bees and their keepers; must be 8x10 mounted in a black frame
- 2452 Photograph: Bees/Bee colonies at work; must be 8x10 mounted in a black frame.
- 2453 Arts and Crafts
- 2454 3-D Creations – includes hive boxes and hives
- 2459 Other not already listed (specify)

246 America 250

(1 entry per exhibitor)

- 2461 Any bee-related item that celebrates the Fair theme "Home of the Brave: 250 Years of Heroes" Include details with entry

JUDGING CRITERIA

#245 BEE-RELATED ITEMS

Presentation
Creativity
Craftsmanship

#242 ARTISTIC BEESWAX

Creativity & appearance
Clean lines – no impurities
Variety in colors
Stability of design

#242 BEESWAX BLOCK & BEESWAX CANDLES

Cleanliness (down-grade for impurities)
Color, odor & brightness – straw, canary, shades of yellow
Uniformity of appearance
Freedom from cracks or blemishes

#243 EXTRACTED HONEY

Cleanliness, freedom of foam & dirt
Variety flavor, down-grade for objectionable flavor, over-heating or fermentation
Degree of density -DQ above 15% - 19%
Freedom of crystals – clarity
Neatness & clean condition of bottles
Uniformity of filling exhibit (No Labels))

#244 EXTRACTING FRAME WITH CAPPED HONEYCOMB

Uniformity of appearance
Absence of uncapped cells
Uniformity of color
Absence of watery cappings
Cleanliness of section or frame

#244 CHUNK HONEY

Uniformity of appearance & color of cappings & thickness of comb
Neatness of cut, size uniformity
Absence of watery cappings, uncapped & Pollen cells
Cleanliness: travel stain, foreign matter, flakes of wax, foam, debris
Density & flavor of honey

#244 COMB HONEY & CUT COMB HONEY

Uniformity of color & appearance
Absence of uncapped cells & watery cappings (Cut comb cut neatness)
Cleanliness of section or frame
Uniformity of weight (except frame)
Lack of granulation & pollen

#244 CREAMED HONEY

Fineness of crystals
Uniformity & firmness
Cleanliness & lack of foam
Flavor, down-grade for off flavor, over heating

#246 OREGON AWARD

Creativity & appearance
Presentation
Oregon-Centric Theme
Flavor (if applicable)