

Agriculture

Division 10

Honey

**New Mexico State Fair
September 4 – 14, 2025**

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Entry Date

**Tuesday, September 2, 2025
8:00 AM – 6:00 PM**

Judging

**Wednesday, September 3, 2025
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

General Rules

Classes Subject to Change

1. All entries and awards in this department shall be subject to the general rules and regulations.
2. All entries in this department must be products of the State of New Mexico and must have been grown or raised by the exhibitor in 2025. Exhibitors may be required to sign an affidavit that their exhibit complies with this rule.
3. Not more than one sample of any variety of farm products grown on the same farm may be entered. (Junior exhibitors are exempt provided their entries are in the Junior Division).
4. The outer surface or skin of agriculture or garden products entered must be natural. Coatings or artificial repairs are not allowed.
5. Advertising or selling of products is not allowed.
6. **Address labels** for exhibit tags **must** accompany entries. The address labels help to speed up taking entries and alleviates mistakes in spelling of names and addresses. Exhibitors should bring produce and unload directly behind the Agriculture Building.
7. Judges without bias shall consider merit only when selecting awards and when passing on best collection, shall consider quality of distinct variety first and number variety second.
8. When there is no competition or when an exhibit is not worthy of first prize, the judge shall place it in the class to which it belongs, as judged by the standard of the article. The judge shall decide as to what is standard.
9. Honey will be tasted as part of the judging process; clean spoons will be used.

10. Precautions are taken for the safety of all entries, but in no case, will the New Mexico State Fair, the state of New Mexico, employees, contractors or volunteers be held liable for the loss or damages to any entry while in the Fair's possession. Participants are encouraged to carry their own insurance.
11. Participant recognizes that marketing of the Fair and its grounds requires use of photography and video. Participant hereby expressly grants to the Fair the irrevocable, assignable right and license to take, use and publish participant images and work without the need for any other approval. Images and work will not be used for profit.
12. Participants are responsible for picking up their own entries or provide written authorization for pick-up by another individual.
13. **NEW:** Entries must be picked up Monday, September 15, 2025 from 9:00am – 5:00pm. Any entries or items remaining on the Fairgrounds after this date will be considered abandoned and shall become the property of the NM State Fair to be disposed of at its discretion.

AMATEUR SECTION

Cut Comb Honey Section 127

Class 348-352

348. Cut Comb, white
349. Cut Comb, extra light amber
350. Cut Comb, light amber
351. Cut Comb, amber
352. Cut Comb, dark amber

Score Card for Comb Honey

Comb must be displayed in containers that allow judges to examine and taste one side while the other side is kept intact for exhibit, 3" – 4" squares, circles or rectangular combs.

100 Total Maximum Points:

Uniformity of Appearance	20
Neatness of Comb Cut	20
Capping's: All cells are capped with fresh white wax	20
Cleanliness of Comb & Container	20
Flavor	20

Chunk Comb Honey Section 128

Class 353-357

353. Chunk Comb, white
354. Chunk Comb, extra light amber
355. Chunk Comb, light amber
356. Chunk Comb, amber
357. Chunk Comb, dark amber

Score Card for Chunk Comb Honey

A chunk of cut comb in a jar with liquid honey. Minimum of 16 oz. or 1 lb. jar (a canning Mason pint jar meets this minimum standard), made of clear colorless smooth glass or clear plastic jars and free of labels.

100 Total Maximum Points:

Neatness & Uniformity of Cut	25
Uniformity of Appearance in Capping Structure	25
Cleanliness of Container	25
Flavor and Aroma	25

Extracted Honey Section 129

Class 358-362

- 358. Honey, white
- 359. Honey, extra light amber
- 360. Honey, light amber
- 361. Honey, amber
- 362. Honey, dark amber

Score Card for Extracted Honey

One jar allowed, minimum of 16 fl. oz. or 1 lb. jar, (a canning Mason pint jar meets this minimum standard), made of clear colorless smooth glass or clear plastic jars and free of labels.

100 Total Maximum Points:

Flavor and Aroma	25
Color and Brightness	25
Container Appearance: Clean jar & cap ..	25
Cleanliness: Without debris	25

Beeswax Section 130

Class 363

Score Card for Beeswax Products

Minimum of 1 lb. in any shape.

100 Total Maximum Points:

Absence of Cracking & Shrinkage	25
Uniformity of Appearance	25
Cleanliness: Absence of Honey & Impurities	25
Aroma and Texture	25

Beeswax Products Section 131

Class 364

Score Card for Pure Beeswax Products without Additives

Pure Beeswax Products can be candles dipped or molded, beeswax figurines or novelties.

100 Total Maximum Points:

Absence of Cracking & Shrinkage	20
Uniformity of Appearance	20
Cleanliness: Absence of Honey & Impurities	20
Aroma & Texture	20
Craftsmanship	20

Class 365

Score Card for Beeswax Products with Additives

100 Total Maximum Points:

Absence of Cracking & Shrinkage	20
Uniformity of Appearance	20
Cleanliness: Absence of Honey & Impurities	20
Aroma & Texture	20
Craftsmanship	20

Photography Section 132

Class 366

Score Card for Photography

Photos of beekeeping related content, 5"x7"
or 8"x10" framed or mounted.

100 Total Maximum Points:

Photographic Quality	30
Mounting	30
Content of Photograph	40

COMMERCIAL SECTION

Commercial beekeepers have any location or
single bee yard: North of I-40 where 15 or
more colonies are located or South of I-40
where 25 or more colonies are located.

Cut Comb Honey Section 133

Class 367-371

- 367. Cut Comb, white
- 368. Cut Comb, extra light amber
- 369. Cut Comb, light amber
- 370. Cut Comb, amber
- 371. Cut Comb, dark amber

Score Card for Comb Honey

Comb should be displayed in containers that
will allow judges to examine and taste one
side while the other side can be kept intact
for exhibit. 3-4" squares, circles or
rectangles.

100 Total Maximum Points:

Uniformity of Appearance	20
Neatness of Comb Cut	20
Capped Cells with fresh white wax	20
Cleanliness of Comb and Container	20
Flavor	20

Chunk Comb Honey Section 134

Class 372-376

- 372. Chunk Comb, white
- 373. Chunk Comb, extra light amber
- 374. Chunk Comb, light amber
- 375. Chunk Comb, amber
- 376. Chunk Comb, dark amber

Score Card for Chunk Comb Honey

A chunk of cut comb in a jar with liquid
honey. Minimum of 16 oz. or 1 lb. jar
(a canning Mason pint jar meets this minimum
standard), made of clear colorless smooth
glass or clear plastic jars and free of labels.

100 Total Maximum Points:

Neatness 7 Uniformity of Cut	25
Uniformity of Appearance in Capping	
Structure	25
Cleanliness of Container	25
Flavor and Aroma	25

Extracted Honey Section 135

Class 377-381

- 377. Honey, white
- 378. Honey, extra light amber
- 379. Honey, light amber
- 380. Honey, amber
- 381. Honey, dark amber

Score Card for Extracted Honey

One jar only, minimum of 16 fl. oz. or 1 lb.
jar (a canning Mason pint jar meets this
minimum standard), made of clear colorless
smooth glass or clear plastic jars and of free
of labels.

100 Total Maximum Points:

Flavor & Aroma	25
Color & Brightness	25
Container Appearance: Clean jar & cap ..	25
Cleanliness: Without debris	25

**Beeswax
Section 136**

Class 382

Score Card for Beeswax

Minimum of 1lb. in any shape.

100 Total Maximum Points:

Absence of Cracking & Shrinkage	25
Uniformity of Appearance	25
Cleanliness: Absence of Honey & Impurities	25
Aroma & Texture	25

**Beeswax Products
Section 137**

Class 383

**Score Card for Pure Beeswax
Products**

Pure Beeswax Products can be candles dipped or molded, beeswax figurines or novelties.

100 Total Maximum Points:

Absence of Cracking and Shrinkage	20
Uniformity of Appearance	20
Cleanliness: Absence of Honey & Impurities	20
Aroma & Texture	20
Craftsmanship	20

Class 384

**Score Card for Beeswax Products
with Additives**

100 Total Maximum Points:

Absence of Cracking and Shrinkage	20
Uniformity of Appearance	20
Cleanliness: Absence of Honey & Impurities	20
Aroma & Texture	20
Craftsmanship	20