

# Agriculture

## Division 10

### Honey

**New Mexico State Fair  
September 10 – 20, 2026**

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#### Entry Date

**Tuesday, September 8, 2026  
8:00 AM – 6:00 PM**

#### Judging

**Wednesday, September 9, 2026  
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 2026. 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. Coating or artificial repairs are not allowed.
5. Advertising or selling products is not allowed.
6. **Address labels** for exhibit tags **must** accompany entries. The address labels help to speed up taking entries and alleviate 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 providing written authorization for pick-up by another individual.
13. **NEW:** Entries must be picked up Monday, September 21, 2026, from 8:00am – 6:00pm. 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 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