

**Agriculture**  
**Division 39**  
**Junior – 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**

**Special Rules**  
**Classes Subject to Change**

1. Age Limit of 18 years old and younger are allowed to submit into the Junior Honey Division.
2. Entries and awards in this department shall be subject to the general rules and regulations.
3. Entries in this department must be products 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.
4. 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).
5. The outer surface or skin of agriculture or garden products entered must be natural. Coatings or artificial repairs are not allowed.
6. Advertising or selling products is not allowed.
7. **Address labels** for exhibit tags **must** accompany entries. The address labels help to speed up taking entries and alleviate mistakes in the spelling of names and addresses. Exhibitors should bring produce and unload directly behind the Agriculture Building.
8. Judges without bias shall consider merit only when selecting awards and when passing on the best collection, shall consider quality of distinct variety first and number variety second.
9. 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. Advertising or selling is prohibited.
10. Honey will be tasted as part of the judging; clean spoons will be used.
11. 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.
12. 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.

- 13. Participants are responsible for picking up their own entries or providing written authorization for pick-up by another individual.
- 14. **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.

## JUNIOR SECTION

**Age 18 & Under**

### **Cut Comb Honey Section 8**

#### **Class 207-211**

- 207. Cut Comb, White
- 208. Cut Comb, Extra light amber
- 209. Cut Comb, Light amber
- 210. Cut Comb, Amber
- 211. Cut Comb, Dark amber

#### Score Card for Comb Honey

Comb should 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 rectangles.

#### **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 and Container .....	20
Flavor .....	20

## **Chunk Comb Honey Section 9**

### **Class 212-216**

- 212. Chunk Comb, White
- 213. Chunk Comb, Extra light amber
- 214. Chunk Comb, Light amber
- 215. Chunk Comb, Amber
- 216. 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 and Uniformity of Cut .....	25
Uniformity of Appearance in Capping Structure .....	25
Cleanliness of Container .....	25
Flavor and Aroma .....	25

## **Extracted Honey Section 10**

### **Class 217-221**

- 217. Honey, White
- 218. Honey, Extra light amber
- 219. Honey, Light amber
- 220. Honey, Amber
- 221. 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 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 11

### Class 222

#### Score Card for Beeswax

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 & Texture .....	25

## Beeswax Section 12

### Class 223

#### Score Card for Pure Beeswax Products without Additives

Minimum of 1 lb. in any shape. 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

## Beeswax Section 13

### Class 224

#### Score Card for Beeswax Products with Additives

Minimum of 1 lb. in any shape.

#### 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 14

### Class 225

#### Score Card for Photography

Photos of beekeeping related content in a 5"x7" or 8"x10", frame or mount.

#### 100 Total Maximum Points

Photographic Quality .....	30
Mounting .....	30
Content of Photograph .....	40