

**Agriculture**  
**Honey**  
**Division 10**

**New Mexico State Fair**  
**September 7-17, 2023**

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## Entry Dates

**Tuesday, September 5, 2023 - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

## Judging

**Wednesday, September 6, 2023 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

**Honey Exhibits Must be removed Monday, September 18, 2023 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.** All exhibitors must claim their entries on this deadline. Any exhibits remaining on the Fairgrounds after the designated pick up date will be considered abandoned and shall become the property of the New Mexico State Fair to be disposed of at its discretion.

## Special 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 2022. Exhibitors may be required to sign an affidavit that his 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. No coatings or artificial repairs are permitted.
5. Advertising or selling is prohibited.
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. Exhibitors are responsible for picking up their own entries or providing written authorization for pick-up by another individual.
8. Judges shall, without bias, consider merit only in making awards and when passing on 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. Exhibitor recognizes that marketing of the Fair and its grounds requires use of photography and video. Exhibitor hereby expressly grants to the Fair the irrevocable, assignable right and license to take, use and publish exhibitor images and property without the need for any other approval. Exhibitor also releases the Fair, its agents or assigns, from all claims related to the licenses that have been granted in this release.

## **AMATEUR SECTION**

### **Cut Comb Honey**

#### **Section 127**

#### **Classes 345-349**

345. Cut Comb, white
346. Cut Comb, extra light amber
347. Cut Comb, light amber
348. Cut Comb, amber
349. Cut Comb, dark amber

#### **Score Card for Comb Honey**

Uniformity of Appearance	20
Neatness of Comb Cut	20
Cappings- all cells are capped with fresh white wax	20
Cleanliness of Comb and Container	20
Flavor	20
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>100</b>

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 to 4 inch squares, circles or rectangles.

### **Chunk Comb Honey**

#### **Section 128**

#### **Classes 350-354**

350. Chunk Comb, white
351. Chunk Comb, extra light amber
352. Chunk Comb, light amber
353. Chunk Comb, amber
354. Chunk Comb, dark amber

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 jar or clear plastic and free of labels.

### **Score Card for Chunk Comb Honey**

Neatness and Uniformity of Cut	25
Uniformity of Appearance in Capping Structure	25
Cleanliness of Container	25
Flavor and Aroma	25
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>100</b>

## **Extracted Honey**

### **Section 129**

### **Classes 355-359**

- 355. Honey, white
- 356. Honey, extra light amber
- 357. Honey, light amber
- 358. Honey, amber
- 359. Honey, dark amber

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

### **Score Card for Extracted Honey**

Flavor and Aroma	25
Color and Brightness	25
Container Appearance- clean jar and cap	25
Cleanliness- without debris	25
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>100</b>

**Beeswax**  
**Section 130**  
**Class 360**

**Score Card for Beeswax Products**

Absence of Cracking and Shrinkage	25
Uniformity of Appearance	25
Cleanliness- Absence of honey and impurities	25
Aroma and Texture	25
<b>Total Points:</b>	<b>100</b>

Minimum of 1 lb. in any shape.

**Beeswax Products**

**Section 131**  
**Class 361**

**Score Card for Pure Beeswax Products – No Additives**

Absence of Cracking and Shrinkage	20
Uniformity of Appearance	20
Cleanliness- Absence of honey and impurities	20
Aroma and Texture	20
Craftsmanship	20
<b>Total Points:</b>	<b>100</b>

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

**Class 362**

**Score Card for Beeswax Products w/Additives**

Absence of Cracking and Shrinkage	20
Uniformity of Appearance	20
Cleanliness- Absence of honey and impurities	20
Aroma and Texture	20
Craftsmanship	20
<b>Total Points:</b>	<b>100</b>

**Photography**  
**Section 132**  
**Class 363**

**Score Card for Photography**

Photographic Quality	30
Mounting	30
Content of Photograph	40
<b>Total Points:</b>	<b>100</b>

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

**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**  
**Classes 364-368**

- 364. Cut Comb, white
- 365. Cut Comb, extra light amber
- 366. Cut Comb, light amber
- 367. Cut Comb, amber
- 368. Cut Comb, dark amber

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

**Score Card for Comb Honey**

Uniformity of Appearance	20
Neatness of Comb Cut	20
Cappings- cells are capped with fresh white wax	20
Cleanliness of Comb and Container	20
Flavor	20
<b>Total Points:</b>	<b>100</b>

# Chunk Comb Honey

## Section 134

### Classes 369-373

- 369. Chunk Comb, white
- 370. Chunk Comb, extra light amber
- 371. Chunk Comb, light amber
- 372. Chunk Comb, amber
- 373. Chunk Comb, dark amber

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 jar or clear plastic and free of labels.

#### Score Card for Chunk Comb Honey

Neatness and Uniformity of Cut	25
Uniformity of Appearance in Capping Structure	25
Cleanliness of Container	25
Flavor and Aroma	25
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>100</b>

# Extracted Honey

## Section 135

### Classes 374-378

- 374. Honey, white
- 375. Honey, extra light amber
- 376. Honey, light amber
- 377. Honey, amber
- 378. Honey, dark amber

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 jar or clear plastic and is free of labels.

#### Score Card for Extracted Honey

Flavor and Aroma	25
Color and Brightness	25
Container Appearance- clean jar and cap	25
Cleanliness- without debris	25
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>100</b>

**Beeswax**  
**Section 136**  
**Class 379**

Score Card for Beeswax

Absence of Cracking and Shrinkage	25
Uniformity of Appearance	25
Cleanliness- Absence of honey and impurities	25
Aroma and Texture	25
<b>Total Points:</b>	<b>100</b>
Minimum of 1lb. in any shape.	

**Beeswax Products**  
**Section 137**  
**Class 380**

**Score Card for Pure Beeswax Products**

Absence of Cracking and Shrinkage	20
Uniformity of Appearance	20
Cleanliness- Absence of honey and impurities	20
Aroma and Texture	20
Craftsmanship	20
<b>Total Points:</b>	<b>100</b>

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

**Class 381**

**Score Card for Beeswax Products w/Additives**

Absence of Cracking and Shrinkage	20
Uniformity of Appearance	20
Cleanliness- Absence of honey and impurities	20
Aroma and Texture	20
Craftsmanship	20
<b>Total Points:</b>	<b>100</b>