

DEPARTMENT 3

HONEY

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Schedule of Events

August 1 – Friday

12 PM Last day to pre-enter online or drop off entry form in Office

August 5 & 6 – Tuesday & Wednesday

2 PM - 7 PM Pre-entered exhibit tags are available for pick up (Building 1)

August 14 – Thursday

7 AM-12 PM Entry Drop Off (Building 9)

1 PM - 7 PM Entry Drop Off (Building 9)

August 15 – Friday

9 AM Judging begins (building closed)

August 25 – Monday

3 PM - 7 PM Entry pick up

General Rules for Honey

Please contact superintendent with entry questions and to clarify requirements!

- Limit **one** entry per class per exhibitor.
- 17 & under enter youth divisions 0390, 0391, and 0392.
- Entry is free if pre-entered online or by form in the Fair office by 12 PM, August 1. Exhibits registered during entry are subject to a \$1 fee per entry.
- Only pre-enter classes you know you have an entry for. If you are unsure, please wait and enter when dropping off all entries.



EXTRACTED HONEY

Division 0300 (Adults 18+)

- Two samples constitute an entry.
- Exhibited honey may be produced in 2024 or 2025.
- Clear glass containers only. No labels, stickers, or markings.
- Liquid Honey (16 oz Queenline-style jars only)
- Exhibitors may have assistance with selecting the appropriate color class when entries are delivered.
- Creamed Honey (8 oz Wide mouth clear glass jars only)

What the Judges look for in Extracted Honey

- Density: moisture content
- Absence of: crystals, bubbles, and foam
- Cleanliness: No lint, dust, wax, bee parts, or foreign objects
- Flavor & Aroma: No burnt or objectionable taste from honey processing or management of bees
- Color: light, amber, or dark
- Container appearance: exterior cleanliness, and accuracy of filling to the same level in both jars
- Creamed honey consistency: smooth and fine

CLASS

- 01 Light color (includes water white, extra white & white)
- 02 Amber color (includes extra light amber, light amber & amber)
- 03 Dark color (includes dark amber through black – cannot see through it)
- 04 Creamed Honey
- 05 Other Honey, identify -contact superintendent for requirements

CAPPED HONEY IN EXTRACTING FRAMES

Division 0320 (Adults 18+)

- One frame of capped honey constitutes an entry.
- Each entry must be wrapped with clear plastic wrap (e.g., Saran Wrap, etc.) to prevent honey leakage.
- Please provide frame stand to display and protect each frame entered.

What the Judges look for in Honey Extracting Frames

- Uniformity: appearance of honey & wax, and color
- Absence of: uncapped cells, watery cappings, granulation, & pollen
- Cleanliness: exterior frame sections & cappings

CLASS

- 06 9-1/8" extracting frame
- 07 7-1/4" extracting frame
- 08 6-1/4" extracting frame
- 09 5-3/8" extracting frame
- 10 Other extracting frame, identify
- 11 Heaviest frame, (judging based on weight only)

CHUNK COMB HONEY

Division 0340 (Adults 18+)

An overall Chunk Comb Honey will be chosen as a special premium exhibit.

CLASS

- 12 Square cut, Rounds or Basswood, 2 entries in appropriate containers
- 13 Chunk comb honey and added extracted honey, 2 same sized wide mouth 8 or 16 oz jars constitutes an entry. Not required to be glass. (No labels or markings on jars, and not queen line like jars.)
- 14 Other comb honey, identify

EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY

Division 0360 (Adults 18+)

- Entries must be educational and address any topic related to Honeybees or Beekeeping.
- Constraints on size/dimensions may be imposed by superintendent if space is limited.

What the Judges look for in an Educational Display

- Educational Value
- Public Appeal
- Originality
- Attractiveness and professional appearance
- Time and effort of exhibitor

CLASS

15 Educational Display

SPECIAL CONTEST

MAKE IT WITH A MENTOR

Division 0370 (Adults 18+)

Division 0390 (Ages 7 & Under)

Division 0391 (Ages 8-12)

Division 0392 (Ages 13-17)



Want to learn more about beekeeping? Work with a mentor to exhibit an entry that you create together.

- Entries can be from any of the Honey Department divisions.
- Exhibits must be made through the efforts of both the mentor and the exhibitor.
- The rules from the appropriate division must be followed.
- Limited spots available!

What the Judges look for in Make It With a Mentor

- Education: the exhibitor should include an index card describing what they learned by completing this exhibit. Exhibitors who enjoy beekeeping may be eligible for a grant to continue their education.

CLASS

16 Make it with a mentor

HONEY GIFT PACKAGE

Division 0380 (Adults 18+)

What's sweeter than honey? Giving the gift of honey! Make the ultimate gift basket that anyone would love to receive!

- Entries may be in a basket, box or other suitable container to display contents.
- Container must be covered with clear plastic wrap (e.g. saran wrap, etc.)
- A list of contents must be attached to the outside of the container.
- Contents of Gift Package may include: Items that promote the use of hive products such as honey, wax, wax products, lotion, soap, lip balms, etc and/or beekeeping tools or other items related to beekeeping. "Bee Creative"

What the Judges look for in Gift Package

- Originality
- Neatness of workmanship
- Variety of components & contents
- Quality of content

CLASS

17 Honey Gift Package

YOUTH HONEY

Division 0390 (Ages 7 & Under)

Division 0391 (Ages 8-12)

Division 0392 (Ages 13-17)

Refer to adult divisions 0300 through 0380 for general rules, entry requirements, and information on what the judge is looking for.

EXTRACTED HONEY

CLASS

- 18 Light color (includes water white, extra white & white)
- 19 Amber color (includes extra light amber, light amber & amber)
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- 21 Creamed Honey
- 22 Other Honey, identify -contact superintendent for entry requirements

HONEY EXTRACTING FRAMES

CLASS

- 23 9-1/8" extracting frame
- 24 7-1/4" extracting frame
- 25 6-1/4" extracting frame
- 26 5-3/8" extracting frame
- 27 Other extracting frame, identify
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- 29 Square cut, rounds, or basswood
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EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY

CLASS

- 32 Educational Display

HONEY GIFT PACKAGE

CLASS

- 33 Honey Gift Package

