



**YOU MAKE IT, WE TAKE IT!**  
**YOU GROW IT, WE SHOW IT!**  
**YOU RAISE IT, WE PRAISE IT!**

## **HONEY & APICULTURE COMPETITION GUIDE**

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### **WALK-IN DEADLINE & DROP-OFF**

*No late entries accepted*  
Tuesday, September 22  
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM thru Gate 11  
Wednesday, September 23  
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM thru Gate 11

### **LOCATION**

Agriculture Building

**CENTRAL WASHINGTON STATE FAIR**  
September 25 - October 4, 2026

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# 2026 HONEY & APOCULTURE EXPO CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
AUG 30	AUG 31	SEP 1	SEP 2	SEP 3	SEP 4	SEP 5
SEP 6	SEP 7	SEP 8	SEP 9	SEP 10	SEP 11	SEP 12
SEP 13	SEP 14	SEP 15	SEP 16	SEP 17	SEP 18	SEP 19
SEP 20	SEP 21	SEP 22	SEP 23	SEP 24	SEP 25	SEP 26
		Walk-In Registration Deadline & Entry Drop-Off 3 PM - 7 PM	Walk-In Registration Deadline & Entry Drop-Off 3 PM - 7 PM		FIRST DAY OF FAIR	
SEP 27	SEP 28	SEP 29	SEP 30	OCT 1	OCT 2	OCT 3
OCT 4	OCT 5	OCT 6	OCT 7	OCT 8	OCT 9	OCT 10
LAST DAY OF FAIR	Entry Release Day, Pick-Up 10AM - 1PM					

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## JUDGING & ENTRY INFORMATION

### SYSTEM OF JUDGING

American, unless otherwise noted.

The American System is where the entered item is judged against other entries in the same class. If there are fewer than three entries in any class, the superintendent may include those entries in a similar class.

### PROCESSING FEE

There is no entry fee.

### ENTRY LIMIT

Exhibitors are allowed multiple entries per class. \*Family members may enter the same class provided that each member is responsible for the production of the entry under his or her name.

### PREMIUMS

No premiums will be paid.

## SHOW DIVISIONS

Extracted Honey .....Div. 650  
Comb Honey .....Div. 651  
Honey in Extracting Frames .....Div. 652  
Beeswax .....Div.653  
Educational Display .....Div. 654  
Miscellaneous .....Div. 655

# SPECIAL AWARDS

### CWBA Best of Show

One rosette will be awarded for Best of Show to the most outstanding entry, as determined by the judging panel, from the first-place winners of all classes judged under the American Judging System (Division 1; Division 2; Division 3; and Division 4, Class 1).

### CWBA Sweepstake Award

One rosette will be awarded for Sweepstake Award to the individual exhibitor with the highest cumulative score. Highest score is calculated by adding individual's cumulative points in all CWBA divisions.

Ribbons: Blue = 10 pts; Red = 6 pts; White = 4 pts; Participant = 1 pt.



# HONEY SHOW & APICULTURE EXPOSITION RULES

Please also read the CWSF Rules and Regulations. All rules and regulations as stated apply to all exhibitors and entries.

- Entry is open to anyone interested in honey, honeybees, apiculture, or apiary products. Exhibitors need not be a member of CWBA or any other beekeeping club or association.
- The decisions of the judges are final.
- All entries must be produced by the entrant in the production year in which they are exhibited and not previously exhibited at CWSF.
- Entries must have no identifying labels or marks on the entry other than numbers or letters placed on them by the Fair.
- The show superintendent may refuse exhibits for any reason.
- Each entry may only compete for one award and therefore may only be entered in one class.
- Judging cards will be used and these become the property of the exhibitor at the close of the show.
- Judges have the right to open containers.
- If the judges find no entry within a class qualifies for a particular award, they may choose to omit that award.
- Neither the Central Washington State Fair nor the Central Washington Beekeepers Association can be held responsible for any loss or damage to entries.
- Entries must remain on display until the close of the Fair.
- Unclaimed entries may be disposed of after release date. If you are unable to pick up your entries during scheduled release time, alternate arrangements must be made at time of entry.

## EXTRACTED HONEY DIVISION 650

### Requirements

1. Color grades are determined by the show superintendent, whose decision is final.
2. All entries must be exhibited in clear glass.
  - a. Extracted liquid honey must be exhibited in three (3) glass one-pound Queenline jars.
  - b. Although crystallized honey is generally packaged in opaque containers, for show purposes crystallized honey must be exhibited in three (3) clear glass one-pound Round Comb Jars.

### Class

1. Water White Liquid Honey (1-8mm)
2. Extra White Liquid Honey (9-17mm)
3. White Liquid Honey (18-34mm)
4. Extra Light Amber Liquid Honey (35-50mm)
5. Light Amber Liquid Honey (51-85mm)
6. Amber Liquid Honey (86-113mm)
7. Dark Amber Liquid Honey (114mm or more)
8. Creamed (Dyce) Honey

### QUEENLINE JARS TO USE



# COMB HONEY DIVISION 651

## Requirements

1. Each entry must consist of three (3) standard sections of comb
  - a. Round sections should be in standard clear plastic containers
  - b. Chunk honey must be exhibited in three (3) clear glass one-pound Round Comb jars

## Class

1. Square Cut Comb
2. Basswood Sections
3. Round Sections
4. Chunk Honey
5. Other (Please Specify)

# HONEY IN EXTRACTING FRAMES DIVISION 652

## Requirements

1. Each entry must be enclosed in a see-through container with clear plastic wrap to avoid invasion of bees and pests.

## Class

1. One (1) 9 1/8" Extracting Frame
2. One (1) 7 1/8" Extracting Frame
3. One (1) 6 1/4" Extracting Frame
4. One (1) 5 3/8" Extracting Frame
5. Other (Please Specify)



# BEESWAX DIVISION 653

## Requirements

1. Processed Beeswax entries must consist of one block of wax weighing at least two (2) pounds. The exhibit should contain no lettering or mold marks.
2. Exhibitors are allowed multiple entries withing the same class, however, each must be from a different mold or style.
3. Matched items may be entered as a set.
4. All items must be pure bee wax.

## Class

1. Processed Beeswax
2. Molded Candle
3. Molded Beeswax
4. Dipped Candles (one pair)
5. Dipped Novelty
6. Container Candles
7. Rolled Candles
8. Beeswax Sculpture
9. Other (Please Specify)

# BEESWAX DIVISION 653

## Requirements

1. All exhibits must be clean and labeled for educational benefit with little or no guidance.
2. No live bees.
3. Beekeeper Tools and Gadgets must be accompanied by a typed/written explanation.
4. The Danish System of Judging will be used.

## Class

Educational display or poster pertaining to:

1. Honey or Other Hive Products - Youth
2. Honey or Other Hive Products - Open
3. Pollen or Pollination - Youth
4. Pollen or Pollination - Open
5. Bees, wasps, etc. - Youth
6. Bees, wasps, etc. - Open
7. Beekeeping - Youth
8. Beekeeping - Open
9. Beekeeper Tools & Gadgets
10. Other (please specify)

# HONEY & APICULTURE IN OTHER DEPARTMENTS

## HOMEMADE BEER DIVISION 422

Central Washington Beekeepers Association encourages makers of honey ale and/or mead to enter. Please refer to the Specialty Beverages Department for all rules, classes, processing fees, and dates. Bottles of honey ale & mead entered in these competitions may be displayed at the CWBA booth during the Fair.

## ARTS AND CRAFTS VARIOUS DIVISIONS

The Central Washington State Fair has divisions for just about every imaginable art form!

Central Washington Beekeepers Association encourages you to check the CWSF Guidebook in the Threads, Photography, Crafts, and the Fine Arts Departments to enter your bee themed or oriented art in the appropriate division. All rules, classes, and processing fees for those departments would apply. Please note dates and times for entry may be different.



## COOKING WITH HONEY SPECIAL AWARD

Central Washington Beekeepers Association is sponsoring a special award for the best recipe that uses honey as the primary sweetener in the Foods Department.

Entries utilizing honey as the primary sweetener winning blue ribbons under the Danish System will be eligible for this award.

Those blue-ribbon winners will be judged again under the American System and CWBA will present one rosette for Best Honey Recipe entered. Please refer to Foods Department for entry and delivery dates.

