Open Honey - U.S. Grade

Robert Gibson, Superintendent **Deadline for Entry Forms: September 4**

Judge: Keith Tignor, VDACS State Apiarist

Honey Department Rules:

1. All State Fair General Rules apply to this department. By making an entry, you agree to read and abide by the General rules and the Honey Department rules.
2 Only one entry in each class may be made by an individual or family and must be the work of that individual or family. No commercial products or displays are permitted.
3. Upon receiving and processing your entry forms and processing fee, entry identification tags for your products will be mailed to you. Other identifying labels on the entries are forbidden.
4. Entries are to be brought to the Fair on **Wednesday, September 23, to The Horticulture Tent**, from **9 a.m. to 7:00 PM**. They may also be brought on **Thursday, September 24, to the Meadow Pavilion,** from **9 a.m. to noon**. Judging will start after lunch.
5. Entries can be picked up on the last day of the fair, Sunday, October 4 after 9 p.m. or Monday, October 5, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Any other pickup arrangements must be made with the superintendent.
6. Prize ribbons will be awarded to the top three winners in each class. **Best in Show** award (fancy ribbon) will be made to the most outstanding entry, determined by the judge considering all first place winners as a group. The decision of the judge is final.
7. Entries not claimed by 1 p.m., Monday, Oct. 5, will be disposed of by the State Fair.

You may enter on-line at www.statefairva.org, but submit your information ONLY ONCE! Please note that all entries are charged $1.00 per entry. Mail-in entries must be accompanied by a check or money order made out to State Fair of Virginia. Mail to: Honey Competition, State Fair of Virginia, P.O. Box 130, Doswell, VA 23047. Faxed entries will not be accepted. Payment must be received when products are registered.

Awards: Individual Classes 1st, $15 2nd, $12 3rd, $10 4th, $8 5th, $6 6th, $4

LIQUID HONEY (Packed in 3 - 1 lb. Queenline or Classic jars) Judged on:

Density (above 18.6 disqualified or below 15.5% will docked points)	20
Freedom from crystals	10
Cleanliness (absence of lint, dirt, wax, foam)	30
Flavor (absence of overheating, fermentation)	30
Container appearance (cleanliness and neatness)	10
	100

FRAME OF HONEY (Any type-wired foundation, cut comb or chunk honey wrapped in clear plastic or in display glass case) Judged on:

Uniformity of appearance	20
Absence of uncapped cells	10
Uniformity of color	15
Absence of watery cappings	10
Cleanliness and absence of travel stains	15
Freedom from granulation & pollen	10
Uniform weight of each section (except bulk honey frame)	10
Total Weight of entry	10
	100

CUT COMB (Packed in 3 - clear plastic cut-comb boxes) Judged on:

Uniformity of appearance (color -5, capping structure -5, thickness of comb - 5	15
Neatness and uniformity of cut, absence of liquid honey	20
Absence of (watery cappings - 7, uncapped cells - 7, pollen -6)	20
Cleanliness (travel stain - 7, crushed wax or flakes - 7, crystallization - 6)	20
Uniformity of weight	15
Total Weight	10
	100

CHUNK HONEY (Packed 3 - 1 lb. round glass jars) Judged on:

Neatness of cut, ragged edges, parallel cuts, four sided cut, & uniformity of size of cut	20
Absence of watery cappings, uncapped cells and pollen cells	20
Cleanliness (no travel stain, specks of foreign matter, flakes of wax, foam or crystallization)	20
Uniformity of appearance (capping structure, color, and thickness of comb)	20
Density and flavor of liquid part (around comb)	20

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COMB HONEY (3 - round sections or 3 half comb cassettes)
Judged on:
Uniformity of appearance..... 20
Absence of uncapped cells. 10
Uniformity of color..... 15
Absence of watery cappings 10
Cleanliness and absence of travel stains..... 15
Freedom from granulation and pollen..... 10
Uniformity of weight..... 10
Total weight of entry..... 10
100

CREAMED, GRANULATED HONEY (Packed in 3 - 1 lb. plastic or glass containers)
Judged on:
Fineness of crystals 30
Degree of uniformity & firmness 25
Degree of cleanliness and freedom of foam 20
Flavor (absence of: off flavor, overheating, fermentation) 15
Accuracy of filling and uniformity 10
100

BEESWAX
Judged on:
Cleanliness (freedom from honey, propolis, and, or other impurities) 35
Uniformity of appearance. 20
Color 15
Aroma 15
Freedom from cracking and shrinkage 15
100

OBSERVATION HIVE
Judged on:
Uniformity of appearance of all combs 15
Brood comb with eggs, larvae, sealed brood, and emerging brood, also pollen cells 15
Extracting frame or sections with sealed honey and some open cells of honey 20
Marked queen, workers, and drones 20
Cleanliness of hive (inside of hive, glass sides, outside, also, wooden parts of frames) 30
100

GADGETS
Judged on:
Explanatory Text 25
Practicality 35
Ease of Reproduction 15
Help to beekeeping 10
Originality 15
100

Class
1001. Light extracted honey, three 1 lb. Queenline or Classic glass jars
1002. Light amber extracted honey, three 1 lb. Queenline or Classic glass jars
1003. Amber extracted honey, three 1 lb. Queenline or Classic glass jars
1004. Dark extracted honey, three 1 lb. Queenline or Classic glass jars
1005. Frame of honey for extracted, cut-comb or for chunk honey wrapped in plastic or in a case
1006. Display of light or light amber cut-comb honey in plastic boxes, three containers
1007. Display of amber or dark cut-comb honey in plastic boxes, three containers
1008. Display of light or light amber chunk honey in 1 lb. glass jars, three containers
1009. Display of amber or dark chunk honey in 1 lb. glass jars, three containers
1010. Comb honey, three round sections or three half-comb cassettes
1011. Creamed, granulated honey, in three 1 lb. jars, plastic or glass containers
1012. Beeswax, one mold of total weight not less than 1 lb.
1013. Beeswax, pair candles dipped or poured
1014. Beeswax, three molds fancy, total weight not less than 1 lb.
1015. Observation hive
1016. Gadgets

Please see following page for illustrations of extracted honey types. Exhibitor is responsible for entering the appropriate class.

Examples of Extracted Honey Types

Light Extracted Honey

Light Amber Extracted Honey

Amber Extracted Honey

Dark Extracted Honey