



**Robert Gibson, Superintendent**  
**Judge: Keith Tignor, VDACS State Apiarist**  
**Deadline for Entries: midnight Friday, Sept. 6, 2024**

**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. Entry identification tags will be picked up at the time of intake delivery. Other identifying labels on the entries are forbidden.
4. Entries are to be brought to the Fair on Saturday, Sept. 21st from 9am to 12 noon to the **Horticulture Pavilion** OR on Thursday, Sept. 26th, from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon to **Meadow Pavilion**. Judging will start after lunch on Thursday, Sept. 26th.
5. Entries can be picked up on the last day of the Fair, Sunday, Oct. 6th after 9 p.m. or Monday, Oct. 7th, from 9 -10am from Meadow Pavilion. **\*Any other pickup arrangements must be made with the superintendent prior to Friday 10/4**
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 judges considering all first place winners as a group. The decision of the judges is final.
7. Entries not claimed by Noon, Monday, Oct. 7th, will be disposed of by the State Fair.

**You may enter on-line or by mail, but submit your information ONLY ONCE!**

\*Enter on-line at <https://www.statefairva.org/>

**Please note that on-line entries are charged \$1.00 per class. Mail-in entries must be accompanied with a check per exhibitor 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.**

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

**LIQUID HONEY** (Packed in 3 - 1 lb. queenline glass jars) Judged on:

Density/Moisture Content: => 18.7 or <= 14.9% will be disqualified. Density will be prorated at 15.0 for 0 pts. to 17.0 for 20 pts. to 18.6 for 0 points. ie 16.0 = 10 pts., 17.0 = 20 pts., 18.0 = 12 pts.....Max 20

Freedom from crystals .....	10
Cleanliness (absence of lint, dirt, wax, foam) .....	30
Flavor (absence of overheating, fermentation) .....	30
Container appearance (cleanliness and neatness) .....	<u>10</u>
	100

**FRAME OF HONEY** (Any size wax foundation may be used wired or unwired and should be wrapped in clear plastic or in glass display case. **Note: No Plastic Foundation may be used**)

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 .....	<u>10</u>
	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 .....	<u>10</u>
	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).....	<u>20</u>
	100

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<b>COMB HONEY (3 - round sections or 3 half comb cassettes)</b>	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.....		<u>10</u>
		100

<b>CREAMED, GRANULATED HONEY (Packed in 3 - 1 lb. plastic or glass containers)</b>	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 .....		<u>10</u>
		100

<b>BEESWAX</b>	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 .....		<u>15</u>
		100

<b>OBSERVATION HIVE</b>	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) .....		<u>30</u>
		100

<b>GADGETS</b>	Judged on:	
Explanatory Text .....		25
Practicality .....		35
Ease of Reproduction .....		15
Help to beekeeping .....		10
Originality .....		<u>15</u>
		100

## Class

- 1001. Light extracted honey, three 1 lb. Queenline glass jars
- 1002. Light amber extracted honey, three 1 lb. Queenline glass jars
- 1003. Amber extracted honey, three 1 lb. Queenline glass jars
- 1004. Dark extracted honey, three 1 lb. Queenline glass jars
- 1005. Frame of Honey- Any size beeswax foundation either wired or unwired may be used. The frame should be wrapped in plastic wrap or in a glass case for display.  
**Note: No plastic foundation may be used.**
- 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
- 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 below 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**