

# BEES & HONEY

**Be sure to refer to all applicable state and local rules for the divisions you enter!**

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SEE BELOW FOR JUDGING SCORECARDS

## **Entry Close: August 27, 2023 - 5 pm**

Limit: Two (2) entries per class per exhibitor

Location Received: Agriculture Building

Exhibits Received: Thursday, Sept. 21, 12 - 3 p.m.

Exhibits Released: Monday, October 2, 2 - 7 p.m.

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BEST OF SHOW - \$50 Cash Prize sponsored by Greg Price

## **DIVISION 1 - BEES**

Entry Fee: \$3.00 per entry per class

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS: 1st - \$5    2nd - \$3    3rd - \$2

CLASS:

- |              |                            |
|--------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Caucasian | 5. Buckfast                |
| 2. Italian   | 6. Starline                |
| 3. Russian   | 7. Cordovan                |
| 4. Carniolan | 8. Any other race, Specify |

**NOTE:** Display one standard full depth brood frame with sufficient bees and appropriately marked queen\*\* in an "observation hive" having ample ventilation and provision for feeding/watering the bees unless the hive has ample food stores for the duration of the Fair. No suitable observation hive is excluded and may be any configuration of single frame or multiple. However, to fit inside the existing live bee display case it should be of a height containing two full-depth brood frames maximum (overall maximum: 23 ½" high x 22" wide x 41" long) and a base wide enough to inhibit tipping. Windows for viewing bees should be break-resistant, e.g. Plexiglas or laminated glass, and the bee entrance/exit resistant to opening without a tool, especially on units exceeding the above size recommendation that must be displayed outside the case. The Chairperson or Fair authorities may exclude units not meeting these criteria. Hives not meeting the window or entrance criteria must be displayed inside a larger enclosure, such as the existing bee display case, for the additional layer of security against bee escape.

\*\* The queen must be marked on center of her thorax with any quick drying white paint or industry standard color marking.

As confinement is stressful to honeybees, arrangements will be made for their periodic free flight during the Fair, with a goal of allowing all bees to fly every 72 hours maximum. The Exhibitor is primarily responsible for these arrangements, or the Chairperson or Fair authorities may make them. With this 2022 9-day Fair duration including two weekends and two closed days, and if there are two or more bee entries for exhibit, all of them will be available for release from exhibit 10 minutes prior to exhibit closing on the first Sunday; Sep. 24, with those to be returned Wednesday prior to Fair opening time and all then released 10 minutes prior to exhibit closing on the final Sunday, Oct. 1. At all times bees will be monitored for stress and priority of bee release for flight will be granted those that appear to be the most stressed and in need of it to survive the remaining Fair duration will be released for one day of free flight. In the case of only one bee entry, it will be available for release 10 minutes prior to exhibit closing on the first Sunday to be returned before opening the following Wednesday, granted release 10 minutes prior to exhibit closing for free flight on Thursday, to be returned Saturday prior to Fair opening time, and on exhibit through the final weekend. On the final day of the fair all bee entries will be available for release 10 minutes prior to the final exhibit closing; however, any premium awards may not be available until the above-stated Exhibit Release time.

# Honey & Wax

Entry Fee: \$3.00 per entry per class

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS: 1st - \$5    2nd - \$3    3rd - \$2

## DIVISION 2 BEESWAX

CLASS:

1. Natural or Sun-Bleached block, any shape, minimum 5 pounds
2. Pure Beeswax Novelties, maximum 2 pounds

## **HONEY:**

Must be produced during current year

Minimum quantities & conditions per class:

Comb Honey - 1 square or round section

Extracting Frame, full depth - 1 standard full depth frame \*

Extracting Frame, shallow - 1 any depth shallow frame \*

Cut Comb Honey - 1 pkg. 4-inch clear plastic squares

Chunk Honey - 1 one-pint wide mouth canning jar

All Extracted and Creamed/Crystallized Honey - 1 one-pound queen-line glass jar

Pollen - 1 one-pound queen-line glass jar

\* All Extracting Frame honey must be wrapped in food grade plastic wrap or encased in an insect resistant display stand that is easily opened for judging.

## DIVISION 3

### **HONEY EXTRACTED (LIQUID)**

CLASS:

1. Alfalfa
2. Orange
3. Sage
4. California Buckwheat
5. Wildflower, light
6. Wildflower, dark amber
7. Fruit Trees (i.e. Cherry, Apple, Peach, etc.), Specify
8. Any Other Floral Type (Manzanita, Avocado, Clover, Almond, etc.)  
Specify on form.

## DIVISION 4

### **HONEY OTHER TYPES**

CLASS:

1. Chunk Honey, any one floral type
2. Creamed or Crystallized Honey
3. Extraction Frame, full depth
4. Extraction Frame, shallow
5. Comb Honey, square section
6. Comb Honey, round section
7. Cut Comb Honey
8. Any Other Comb Honey  
(Half Comb Cassette, Bee-O-Pac etc.)  
Specify on form.

## DIVISION 5

### **POLLEN**

CLASS:

1. Bee Pollen

## **SCORECARD FOR JUDGING BEES IN AN OBSERVATION HIVE:**

Correct type and color of bees for the class.....	15%
Queen: Size, Shape, and Behavior (must be marked).....	15%
Brood Pattern (Compact pattern showing all stages of brood development).....	15%
Variety: Presence of queen, workers, drones, brood, honey, pollen, etc.....	15%
Correct Number of Bees for Interest and Ease of Observation.....	10%
Cleanliness and Suitability of Combs.....	15%
Appearance, Cleanliness, and Suitability of Hive.....	15%
TOTAL.....	100%

## SCORECARD FOR JUDGING HONEY, POLLEN, AND BEESWAX, EXHIBITS:

### EXTRACTED HONEY (LIQUID)

Flavor & Aroma.....	30%
Body.....	25%
Color.....	15%
Clearness.....	15%
Freedom From Impurities. ....	10%
Freedom From Crystals.....	5%
TOTAL.....	100%

### CREAMED OR CRYSTALIZED HONEY

Fineness of Crystals.....	30%
Flavor.....	25%
Uniformity & Firmness.....	20%
Absence of Impurities.....	15%
Color.....	10%
TOTAL.....	100%

### POLLEN

Cleanliness – freedom from fine and coarse debris and dust. Disqualify for mold or insect damage.....	30%
Container appearance.....	10%
Flavor and smell – downgrade if Unnatural.....	20%
Color and attractiveness – downgrade if old sample.....	20%
Dryness – pellets should not stick together when pinched.....	20%
TOTAL.....	100%

### BEESWAX BLOCK

Cleanliness (freedom from honey, propolis And other impurities).....	35%
Uniformity of Appearance.....	20%
Color.....	15%
Aroma.....	15%
Freedom from cracking and shrinkage.....	15%
TOTAL.....	100%

### CUT COMB AND CHUNK HONEY

Clean and Uniform Capping's.....	30%
Neatness of Packaging.....	25%
Quality of Liquid Honey.....	25%
Neatness of Edges.....	20%
TOTAL.....	100%

### EXTRACTING FRAME

Frame - Clean & Free of Propolis & Honey .....	25%
Well Filled and Capped.....	25%
Honey One Color.....	25%
General appearance: comb should not be cracked, weeping or sagging. There should be no burr comb.....	25%
TOTAL.....	100%

### COMB HONEY - SQUARE OR ROUND SECTION & ALL OTHER

Uniformity of Appearance.....	30%
Cleanliness of Section & Frame.....	25%
Absence of Uncapped Cells.....	25%
Uniformity of Honey & Color.....	20%
TOTAL.....	100%

### BEESWAX NOVELTY EXHIBITS

Cleanliness and quality of wax.....	25%
Design and overall appearance.....	25%
Craftsmanship and finishing details.....	25%
Originality.....	25%
TOTAL.....	100%

# JUNIOR BEES & HONEY

## Entries Close: August 27, 2023

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Ribbons 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

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**BEES:** See note under DIVISION 1 BEES above.

### DIVISION 6

#### **Jr Bees**

CLASS:

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|--------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Caucasian | 5. Buckfast                |
| 2. Italian   | 6. Starline                |
| 3. Russian   | 7. Cordovan                |
| 4. Carniolan | 8. Any other race, Specify |

### DIVISION 7

#### **Jr Beeswax**

CLASS:

1. Natural or Sun Bleached, any shape, minimum 5 pounds
2. Pure Beeswax Novelties, maximum 2 pounds

### **HONEY:**

Must be produced during the current year. Minimum quantities & conditions per class:

Comb Honey - 1 square or round section

Extracting Frame, full depth - 1 standard full depth frame \*

Extracting Frame, shallow - 1 any depth shallow frame \*

Cut Comb Honey - 1 pkg. 4-inch clear plastic squares

Chunk Honey - 1-pint wide mouth canning jar

All Extracted and Creamed/Crystallized Honey - 1 one-pound queen-line glass jar

Pollen - 1 one-pound queen-line glass jar

\*All Extracting Frame honey must be wrapped in food grade plastic wrap or encased in an insect resistant display stand that is easily opened for judging.

### DIVISION 8

#### **Jr Honey Extracted**

CLASS:

1. Alfalfa
2. Orange
3. Sage
4. California Buckwheat
5. Wildflower, light
6. Wildflower, dark amber
7. Fruit Trees (i.e. Cherry, Apple, Peach, etc.), Specify
8. Any Other Floral Type (i.e. Manzanita, Avocado, Clover, Almond, etc.), Specify

### DIVISION 9

#### **Jr Honey Other Types**

CLASS:

1. Chunk Honey, any one floral type
2. Creamed or Crystallized Honey
3. Extraction Frame, full depth
4. Extraction Frame, shallow
5. Comb Honey, square section
6. Comb Honey, round section
7. Cut Comb Honey
8. Any Other Comb Honey (Half Comb Cassette, Bee-O-Pac, etc.), Specify

### DIVISION 10

#### **Jr Pollen**

CLASS:

1. Bee Pollen