

BEE'S & HONEY

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

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Farm & Garden \ Van Dam Building
SEE BELOW FOR JUDGING SCORECARDS

Entry Close: September 21, 2026, 5 pm

No label(s) or other markings identifying the exhibitor shall be on any entry. (Upon reception at the Fair it will receive an Exhibit Card with information provided upon submitting the entry).

Limit: Two (2) entries per class per exhibitor
Location Received: Van Dam Building
Exhibits Received: Wednesday, Sept. 23rd, 12 - 3 p.m.
Exhibits Released: Monday, October 5th, 2 - 7 p.m.
American System of Judging

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

DIVISION 1 (10201) - BEES

Entry Fee: \$3.00 per entry per class

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

CLASS:

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

BEES Guidelines:

Hive Requirements: 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.

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

No suitable observation hive is excluded and there may be any configuration of single frame or multiple. However, to fit inside the existing live bee display case it must be within the following measurements: (overall maximum: 23 ½" high x 22" wide x 41" long) and with a base wide enough to inhibit tipping. Windows for viewing bees must be break-resistant, e.g. Plexiglas, Lexan or laminated glass, and the bee entrance/exit must be resistant to opening without a tool, especially on units exceeding the above size limitation that must be displayed outside the case. The Chairperson or Fair authorities may exclude units that do not meet 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.

Bee Flight: 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.

This year's Fair duration is eight days, two spans of four days (Thursday thru Sunday each) with a three-day break between. Bee flight plans will be the same for both spans, modified as needed for bee stress. If there are two or more bee entries for exhibit, approximately half of them will be released from exhibit 20 minutes prior to exhibit closing on Thursdays with those to be returned before opening on Saturdays. The others then to be released before exhibit closing on Fridays and returned before opening on Sundays. All bees to be released before closing on the first Sunday and returned before opening on the 2nd Thursday.

In the case of only one bee entry, it will be available for release 20 minutes prior to exhibit closing on both Thursdays, to be returned after dusk on Fridays and on exhibit through the weekends.

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. They will be released for one day of free flight.

On the final day of the fair all bee entries will be available for release 20 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 (10202) - 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 (Exception: Creamed/Crystallized honey may be from the preceding year as some honeys producing good quality C/C are slow to crystallize,)

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 queenline glass jar

Pollen - 1 one-pound queenline 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.

Containers should be of good quality material without cracks, chips or much scuffing or wear, and should be filled to the proper full level for the container.

DIVISION 3 (10203)

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 in Description, when entering.

DIVISION 4 (10204)

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 in Description when entering.

DIVISION 5 (10205)

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.....	25%
Body.....	20%
Color.....	15%
Clearness.....	15%
Freedom From Impurities.....	10%
Freedom From Crystals.....	5%
Container appearance.....	5%
Fill level.....	5%
TOTAL.....	100%

CREAMED OR CRYSTALLIZED HONEY

Fineness of Crystals.....	25%
Flavor.....	20%
Uniformity & Firmness.....	20%
Absence of Impurities.....	15%
Color.....	10%
Container appearance.....	5%
Fill level.....	5%
TOTAL.....	100%

POLLEN

Cleanliness – freedom from fine and coarse debris and dust. Disqualify for mold or insect damage.....	25%
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%
Fill level.....	5%
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

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RIBBONS OFFERED PER CLASS - 1st – 3rd Place

BEST OF SHOW - \$25 Prize sponsored by Greg Price

BEES: See 'BEES Guidelines' under DIVISION 1 BEES above.

DIVISION 6 (10206)

Jr Bees

CLASS:

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

DIVISION 7 (10207)

Jr Beeswax

CLASS:

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

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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 queenline glass jar

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DIVISION 8 (10208)

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 in Description

DIVISION 9 (10209)

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 in Description

DIVISION10 (10210)

Jr Pollen

CLASS:

1. Bee Pollen