

# Open Honey - U.S. Grade

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Judge: Keith Tignor, VDACS State Apiarist

Deadline for Entries: Sept. 8

## 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 **Thursday, Sept. 28, to The Meadow Pavilion**, from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon. Judging will start after lunch.
5. Entries can be picked up on the last day of the fair, Sunday, Oct. 8 after 9 p.m. or Monday, Oct.9, 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 judges considering all first place winners as a group. The decision of the judges is final.
7. Entries not claimed by 1 p.m., Monday, Oct. 9, 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 [www.statefairva.org](http://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 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
	100

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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.....	<u>10</u>
	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 .....	<u>10</u>
	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 .....	<u>15</u>
	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) .....	<u>30</u>
	100

## GADGETS

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 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 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**