

SECTION D – HONEY AND WAX

Entries will be received in the 4-H & FFA/Home Arts Building due to construction of the new Farm & Garden Building.

Entry Time – Sunday, August 17, 2025, from 3PM to 8PM, and Monday, August 18, 2025, from 9AM to 7PM.

Special Rules

1. All honey and wax must be the property of the exhibitor and must have been produced by exhibitor within a 15-month period prior to entry, except rolled candles.
2. All honey exhibited must have been gathered and ripened in a natural way by honeybees.
3. Exhibitor's name or label will not be allowed on any entry. Small labels with exhibitor number and class number will be secured to the bottoms of jars or sections to avoid errors when exhibits are dismantled.
4. Judges may remove from public view any entry or part thereof which, in their opinion, discredits the exhibit.
5. The Superintendent of the Honey and Wax Section will determine, at the time of entry, the color class of all extracted honey.
6. All extracted honey shall receive equal points on color within class.
7. The Fair is not responsible for lost or damaged items.

Class Rules

1. All extracted honey entries must be exhibited in 1 lb. glass or clear plastic, "classic" honey jars.
2. All chunk and finely granulated honey entries may be exhibited in glass or clear plastic jars **of 1 lb. or more net weight**.
3. All section comb honey entries must be wrapped in clear cellophane or be placed in window cartons. Round sections must have **clear covers on both sides**.
4. All candles and other wax entries **must be wrapped in clear cellophane or exhibited in protective boxes with clear plastic tops**.
5. Fancy beeswax, Class D18, is defined as an artistic or decorative wax product that has been manipulated, carved or formed in some way by the exhibitor. It should not be just molded in a single process.
6. Gift packs, Classes D25 and D26, **must include one or more products of the hive** and may include items to enhance appeal or promote the use of hive products. Personal gift packs should be suitable for personal gift use regardless of commercial application, and should be in a box, basket or other suitable container.
7. All photographs will be approximately 8"x 10" in size and should be matted and framed appropriately.
8. An Amateur is defined as one who makes less than 20% of their income from photography.
9. Judges' score sheets are available for exhibitors at the Farm and Garden Office.
10. Exhibitors are limited to 1 entry per class. Exception: An entry can be made in either Class 13 or Class 14, **not both**.

Large Beekeeper Class (Beekeepers with more than 10 colonies)

Awards, Class D1-D9

1st Place - \$12.00 4th Place - \$5.00
2nd Place - \$9.00 5th Place - \$3.00
3rd Place - \$7.00

- D1 Extra white to water white honey, 3 lbs. in 1 lb. jars
D2 White honey, 3lbs. in 1 lb. jars
D3 Extra light amber honey, 3lbs. in 1 lb. jars
D4 Light amber honey, 3lbs. in 1 lb. jars
D5 Amber honey, 3lbs. in 1 lb. jars
D6 Dark honey, 3lbs. in 1 lb. jars
D7 Chunk honey, 3lbs. in 1 lb. jars
D8 1 frame of honey in comb, should be packed to avoid damage while on display
D9 Block of beeswax **2lb. minimum**

Open Class (For All Beekeepers)

Awards, Class D10

1st Place - \$60.00 4th Place - \$40.00
2nd Place - \$50.00 5th Place - \$35.00
3rd Place - \$45.00

D10 Honey Sales Display

The purpose of the honey sales display is to present the exhibitor's products in an attractive way to appeal to customers. It must be 3-dimensional and fit in a space 3'-5' wide, 2' deep, and up to 5' high. It should include a variety of hive products produced by the exhibitor. The display may include pictures and text or charts, but not beekeeping equipment, tools, observation hives, baked goods or honey in opaque containers, nor purchased products.

D39 Champion Honey Display – Rosette

Awards, Class D11-D27

1st Place - \$12.00 4th Place - \$5.00
2nd Place - \$9.00 5th Place - \$3.00
3rd Place - \$7.00

- D11 Bee/beekeeping related gadgets
D12 Honey Bee related arts and crafts articles
D13 Honey Bee related photography – Amateur (*see class rules 7 & 8*)

- D14 Honey Bee related photography -- Professional (*see class rule 7*)
D15 Cobana (round) sections, 3 sections, light or dark
D16 Cut comb honey, light or dark, 3 sections
D17 Square section comb honey, light or dark, 3 sections
D18 Fancy beeswax, figurines or other forms, **1 ½ lb minimum**
D19 Molded beeswax candles, stick, minimum of 4
D20 Molded beeswax candles, other shapes, minimum of 4
D21 Dipped beeswax candles, minimum of 4
D22 Rolled beeswax candles, minimum of 4
D23 Finely granulated honey, 3 in 1 lb. jars **net weight**
D24 Any other entry, related product of bees, named **w/ingredients listed**
D25 Mailable gift pack of honeybee products
D26 Personal gift arrangement of honeybee products
D27 Dried pollen, 1 in 1 lb. honey jars

Small Beekeeper Class (Beekeepers with 10 colonies or fewer)

Awards, Class D28 – D36

1st Place \$12.00
2nd Place \$9.00
3rd Place \$7.00
4th Place \$5.00
5th Place \$3.00

- D28 Extra white to water white honey, 3lbs. in 1 lb. jars
D29 White honey, 3lbs. in 1 lb. jars
D30 Extra light amber honey, 3lbs. in 1 lb. jars
D31 Light amber honey, 3lbs. in 1 lb. jars
D32 Amber honey, 3lbs. in 1 lb. jars
D33 Dark honey, 3lbs. in 1 lb. jars
D34 Chunk honey, 3lbs. in 1 lb. jars
D35 1 frame of honey in comb, should be packed to avoid damage while on display
D36 Block of beeswax, **1 ½ lbs. minimum**

D40 Champion Honey Exhibit – Rosette

(to be chosen from Classes D1-D8; D15- D17, D23 and D28 – D35)

D41 Champion Wax Exhibit – Rosette

(to be chosen from Classes D9; D18- D22 and D36)

D42 Champion Exhibit – All Other Entries – Rosette

(to be chosen from Classes D11 – D14 and D24 – D27)

D37 **Educational Exhibit**

Object: To depict the importance of honey bees to mankind, i.e., economic goods - honey, beeswax, pollen, propolis, bee venom, byproducts, etc.; economic service - pollination; interesting and cultural recreation. Display should be 3-dimensional. Printed material should be readable from 4' away. May include pictures and charts but not beekeepers' equipment, tools, observation hives, bakery products, canned goods or honey in opaque containers.

Display to be at least 3' wide x 2' deep to a maximum of 5' wide x 2' deep.

Awards, Class D37

1st Place	\$45.00
2nd Place	\$40.00
3rd Place	\$35.00
4th Place	\$30.00
5th Place	\$25.00

D38 **Organizational display**

Maryland Beekeeping Organization Display

The purpose of the display is to promote the beekeeping industry by presenting its products, equipment and educational material. The display must include the name of the beekeeping organization. It must be a 3-dimensional display and fill a table **3' deep x 6' wide**. The height of the display should be at least 3', but may be up to 8' high. Display must have a backdrop. Display may include honey in glass or plastic containers, (with or without labels), beeswax, other bee products, beekeepers equipment, or educational material approved by the Farm and Garden Department. Two of the ten Maryland Bee Associations will be invited to exhibit on a rotating basis approximately every 5 years.

Awards, Class D38

1st Place	\$100.00
2nd Place	\$85.00

D43 Champion Educational Exhibit - Rosette

D44 Champion Organization Display - Rosette

D45 Grand Champion Honey & Wax Exhibitor-- Rosette

(Grand Champion Honey & Wax Exhibitor Rosette will be awarded to the exhibitor winning the greatest number of 1st place ribbons in the Honey & Wax Division. Ties will be broken by number of 2nd place ribbons won.)

Prize-winning honey should...

- Be clean and free from foam
- Be free from crystals and particles
- Contain less than 18.6% water
- Be in a clean container in good condition
- Be filled to the proper level
- Taste good, not fermented or overheated

Prize-winning beeswax should be...

- Lemon-yellow in color
- Clean (no propolis, honey or other impurities)
- Free from cracking and blemishes
- Of the proper weight for entry