

**SECTION D – HONEY AND WAX**

**Exhibits will be received in the new building, Harvest Hall**

*Entry Time – Sunday, August 23, 2026, from 3PM to 8PM, and Monday, August 24, 2026, from 9AM to 7PM.*

*Release Time - Monday, September 14, 2026 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.
8. **For 2026: Celebrate America's 250 Years! A special prize will be awarded for the best use of patriotism/Americana in a Honey & Wax Section exhibit.**

**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 D19, 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 D26 and D27, **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 **must 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 14 or Class 15, **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	3rd Place - \$45.00	4th Place - \$40.00
2nd Place - \$50.00		5th Place - \$35.00

**D10 Honey Sales Display (3' x 3' x 3' maximum size)**

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' x 3' x 3'. 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.

**D40 Champion Honey Display – Rosette**

**Open Class-For All Beekeepers (Cont.)  
Awards, Class D11-D28**

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

- D11 Bee/beekeeping related gadgets
- D12 Honey Bee related arts and crafts articles
- D13 Honey Bee related/Beekeeping related needlework (can include but not limited to Quilting, Crochet, Knitting, Felting, etc.)
- D14 Honey Bee related photography – Amateur (*see class rules 7 & 8*)
- D15 Honey Bee related photography -- Professional (*see class rule 7*)
- D16 Cobana (round) sections, 3 sections, light or dark
- D17 Cut comb honey, light or dark, 3 sections
- D18 Square section comb honey, light or dark, 3 sections
- D19 Fancy beeswax, figurines or other forms, **1 ½ lb minimum**
- D20 Molded beeswax candles, stick, minimum of 4
- D21 Molded beeswax candles, other shapes, minimum of 4
- D22 Dipped beeswax candles, minimum of 4
- D23 Rolled beeswax candles, minimum of 4
- D24 Finely granulated honey, 3 in 1 lb. jars **net weight**
- D25 Any other entry, related product of bees, named **w/ingredients listed**
- D26 Mailable gift pack of honeybee products
- D27 Personal gift arrangement of honeybee products
- D28 Dried pollen, 1 in 1 lb. honey jars

**Small Beekeeper Class  
(Beekeepers with 10 colonies or fewer)**

**Awards, Class D29 – D37**

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

- D29 Extra white to water white honey, 3lbs. in 1 lb. jars
- D30 White honey, 3lbs. in 1 lb. jars
- D31 Extra light amber honey, 3lbs. in 1 lb. jars
- D32 Light amber honey, 3lbs. in 1 lb. jars
- D33 Amber honey, 3lbs. in 1 lb. jars
- D34 Dark honey, 3lbs. in 1 lb. jars
- D35 Chunk honey, 3lbs. in 1 lb. jars
- D36 1 frame of honey in comb, should be packed to avoid damage while on display
- D37 Block of beeswax, **1 ½ lbs. minimum**

**D41 Champion Honey Exhibit – Rosette**  
(to be chosen from Classes D1-D8; D16- D18, D24 and D29 – D36)

**D42 Champion Wax Exhibit – Rosette**  
(to be chosen from Classes D9; D19- D23 and D37)

**D43 Champion Exhibit – All Other Entries – Rosette**  
(to be chosen from Classes D11 – D15 and D25 – D28)

**Awards, Class D38**

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

**Awards, Class D39**

1st Place	\$50.00
2nd Place	\$40.00
3rd Place	\$35.00
4th Place	\$30.00
5th Place	\$25.00

**D38 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 3' wide x 2' deep maximum.**

**D39 Storyboard Poster or Display**

Object: To tell a story thru photos, drawings and words. No props are to accompany this exhibit. The height of the exhibit not to exceed 3'. Trifold (maximum 3' x 3') or flat single posters accepted.

**D44 Champion Educational Exhibit - Rosette  
D45 Champion Storyboard Poster or Display - Rosette  
D46 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