

HONEY JUDGING GUIDELINES

Classes 0101 and 0201

All entries must be in a 1lb Queenline type GLASS jar with plain metal or plastic lid.

Classes 0102, 0202, 0104 and 0204

All entries must be in a GLASS jar with no label or logo on or in the glass.

All entries must have a solid lid of plain metal or plastic with no logos, labels or printing.

All Extracted honey will be judged on:

1. Density - water content above 18.6% will be disqualified
2. Absence of crystals
3. Cleanliness of honey - Without lint, without dirt, without wax particles, without foam
4. Flavor - ONLY for honey flavor adversely affected by processing
5. Container - appearance and cleanliness
6. Accuracy of filling

All Classes with Chunk Comb:

1. Neatness and uniformity of cut - Upgrade for parallel and 4-sided cuts; downgrade for ragged edges
2. Absence of watery cappings, uncapped cells and pollen
3. Cleanliness of product - Down-grade for travel stains, foreign matter, wax, foam or crystallization
4. Uniformity of appearance in capping structure, color, and accuracy of fill
5. One (1) piece of comb (bottom to fill line) in jar

Cut Comb Honey – Classes 0106 and 0206:

1. Neatness and uniformity of cut, absence of liquid honey
2. Absence of watery cappings, uncapped cells and pollen
3. Cleanliness of product, absence of travel stains, crushed wax
4. Uniformity of appearance

Beeswax - Class 0107:

The optimum color for pure beeswax is light canary to straw yellow.

1. Single piece of pure beeswax
2. minimum 1 pound (16 oz.) not to exceed 17 oz
3. Shapes accepted are: Hexagonal, Rectangular and Circular
4. Only imprints of a Honey Bee or the word Beeswax will be allowed – NO other markings or designs

Wax Judging Criteria:

Cleanliness Absence of cracks and shrinkage, Color Uniformity of appearance and Aroma