



2024 HONEY SHOW RULES OVERVIEW

Michigan Beekeepers Association

1. All registered conference participants are eligible to enter exhibits, except show officials and their immediate family members.
2. All entries must be produced by the exhibitor from honey bees owned and kept by the exhibitor.
3. Exhibitors may enter multiple classes, one entry per class.
4. Entries must have no identifying labels or marks on them.
5. Color grades are to be determined by the show officials.
6. The show officials may refuse entries for reasons believed to be just.
7. All entries must be registered in person between 8:00am - 10:00am Friday or 8:00am- 10:00am Saturday.
8. Decisions by the show officials are final.

CLASSES

- A. Extracted honey- divided into sub classes by color : 3 one pound containers per entry.
- B. Chunk honey: 3 one pound containers per entry.
- C. Comb honey : 1.(Round, section, cassette, or cut comb) : 3 entries packaged in clear container on top and bottom. Wood sections may be in removable cardboard box. 2. Full frame: one entry in container clear on both sides.
- D. Creamed honey: 3 one pound containers per entry.
- E. Beeswax block : 3 blocks of any shape, minimum 8 oz each block.
- F. Artistic beeswax : one entry, minimum 16 oz. of wax.
- G. Candles : one entry, minimum 8 oz. of wax.
- H. Baked Goods: half dozen cookies/bars, with honey used as primary sweetener.

AWARDS: First, second, and third place for each class will receive a ribbon, based on merit of entry. "Best of show " recognition offered for extracted honey. "Judges choice" award to an exceptional entry in any other category. Results announced upon conclusion of judging.

Rules for individual classes

- A. Extracted honey is divided into subclasses by color by show officials. Exhibitors may enter multiple subclasses, one entry per subclass. One entry consists of 3 identical one pound glass jars. The glass jars must be queenline or classic style. Lids may be metal or plastic of any color without tamper proof seals. The judge evaluates based on the following: uniformity of all 3 jars/lids and color of honey; cleanliness of jar and lid; correct fill level; cleanliness and clarity of the honey; moisture content; aroma and flavor.

- B. Chunk honey - one entry is 3 identical one pound glass cylinder jars with small shoulders. Lids may be metal or plastic of any color without tamper proof seals. The judge evaluates based on the following: cleanliness of the jar and lid; correct fill level; uniformity of the comb honey; cleanliness of the comb; cleanliness and clarity of the honey; freedom from granulation; moisture content; aroma and flavor.
- C. Comb honey- an entry is 3 identical containers of any style. The judge evaluates based on the following: uniformity of the items that comprise the entry; uniformity of appearance and color of honey; cleanliness of container; completeness of capping; cleanliness and clarity of the honey; freedom from granulation, pollen, and brood; moisture content (if needed); and aroma and flavor.
- D. Creamed honey- an entry is 3 one pound wide mouth straight cylinder jars with one piece lids of metal or plastic of any color. The judge evaluates based on the following: cleanliness of the jar and lid; correct fill level; uniformity of jars and color of honey; fineness of crystals; firmness of product; cleanliness, freedom from foam and striation.
- E. Beeswax block- an entry is 3 uniform blocks of any shape, minimum 8oz. each block. The blocks should be submitted on a plain white plate in a zip top bag. The judge evaluates on the following: uniformity of blocks, cleanliness of wax; texture; color; absence of casting defects (cracks, ripples, raised edges, etc); and aroma.
- F. Artistic beeswax- an entry is one exhibit of at least 16oz. of 100% pure beeswax. It may be more than one piece but must be firmly joined together. The piece may be molded or carved. No non-beeswax enhancement is allowed. The judge evaluates based on the following: cleanliness and quality of wax; minimum weight met; artistic merit (design and execution); and originality, theme appropriate.
- G. Candles- an entry is one candle, molded or carved, minimum 8oz. of 100% pure beeswax. The judge evaluates based on the following: cleanliness and quality of the wax; minimum weight met; design and appearance; proper wicking; finished bottom; performance (candle will be lit); originality.
- H. Baked goods- an entry is 6 pieces or servings. Typed copy of list of ingredients must be submitted. Entry is to be submitted on plain white plate in a zip top bag or plain bakers box. The judge evaluates based on the following; appearance; uniformity; moistness; texture; aroma; flavor; influence of honey; originality/ creativity.

Note- during registration, the show secretary will provide ID labels for entries to be affixed by the exhibitor as described by show secretary.