



Georgia Beekeepers Association

Serving Georgia's Bee Industry for Over 90 Years

Rules for the Fall GBA Honey Show

The following categories will be accepted and judged at the Fall Honey Show sponsored by the Georgia Beekeepers Association:

- Class 1: Extracted Honey
- Class 2: Chunk honey
- Class 3: Creamed Honey
- Class 4: Cut comb
- Class 5: Section comb honey
- Class 6: Black jar
- Class 7: Full Frame
- Class 8: Novice
- Class 9: Commercial
- Class 10: Wax block
- Class 11: Candles
 - a. Dipped Tapers
 - b. Molded Tapers (spiral, octagon or straight sided accepted)
- Class 12: Molded ornamental candles



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General Rules

1. Once honey or other items have been accepted into the competition by the Show Secretary, items may not be altered.
2. After submitting entries to the Show Secretary, competitors may not enter the area where the entries have been placed.
3. The Secretary, Stewards or Judges are the only persons who may enter the honey judging area.
4. Judges will enter the honey show area after the close of entry acceptance. This is to ensure as close to a blind judging as possible.
5. All entries must be produced by and original to the contestant within the last calendar year. This time restriction does not apply to entries in photography, art and gadgets.
6. Only current members of the Georgia Beekeepers Association are eligible to enter the honey show and must sign an affidavit stating that entries were produced by the entrant.
7. Each member may make only one entry per class. Duplication (same product) of entries by families is prohibited.

Awards

It is the intention that ribbons will be given in all classes even if there is only one entry in the class. However, in order to receive an award that entry must be worthy of placement. Entry into a class does not guarantee an award.

Cash prizes will be awarded to Best in Show, First, Second and Third place winners in each class. The decisions of the judges are final. Any contestant may meet with the class judge to discuss their entry and ask questions. Senior judges will act as a referee and have final say in any matter pertaining to the contest. Contestants found willfully cheating or purposefully altering or disfiguring an entry for the purpose of questioning the validity of judging will be permanently disqualified from the Georgia State Honey Show.

Awards for the Fall Honey Show are as follows:

- Best in Show \$250

In each category:

- First place \$100
- Second Place \$30
- Third Place \$20



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Class 1: Extracted Honey

Extracted honey is judged in three classes: light, medium, and dark.

Entrants may submit one entry in each of these three classes.

One entry of extracted honey is defined as three (3) one pound jars.

All forms of extracted honey are to be presented in one-pound queen line glass or plastic jars without tamper proof seals.

Closures may be of metal or plastic No labels on the jars.

Judges evaluate entries on the following:

- Cleanliness of the jar and lid
- Correct fill level
- Uniformity of the three jars that comprise the entry
- Cleanliness and clarity of the honey
- Moisture content (only if needed)
- Aroma and flavor (for off aromas and or flavors)



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Class 2: Chunk Honey

One entry of chunk honey is defined as three (3) 1 pound jars.

Chunk honey must be displayed in straight sided, glass, wide mouth, jars.

The glass should not be embossed. Such jars are available from many commercial beekeeping suppliers.

Only one chunk of comb should be in each jar for competition.

The chunk of comb must be in one piece, with a straight mid rib and of uniform thickness.

The cuts should be clean and uniform.

The chunk comb should be cut and sized to appropriately fit the container. Honey should fill the rest of the jar to the appropriate fill line.

The comb should be oriented in the container as found naturally in the hive.

Comb with watery cappings should be avoided.

The comb should extend the length of the jar.

Comb is judged for equal amounts on either side of the center rib

Judges evaluate entries on the following:

- The criteria stated above for judging extracted honey applies to judging chunk honey as well.

Class 3: Creamed Honey

An entry of creamed honey is three (3) wide mouth jars.

Creamed honey must be displayed in clear straight-sided glass jars with one piece lids.

Judges evaluate entries on the following:

- Creamed honey is judged on the fineness of crystals, uniformity and firmness of product, cleanliness and freedom from foam or from added flavors, striation or colors.



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Class 4: Cut Comb

An entry of cut comb honey is three (3) boxes.

The boxes must be transparent on all sides made for displaying cut comb.

The chunk of comb must be in one piece, with a straight mid rib and of uniform thickness.

Comb with watery cappings should be avoided.

The cuts should be clean and uniform.

There should be no leaking of honey from comb into the box.

Judges evaluate entries on the following:

- Cut comb honey entries are not judged for flavor, unless signs of fermentation are apparent.
- Judging criteria are uniformity of appearance and color (including the honey in the comb), cleanliness, absence of uncapped cells, no "wet" cell appearance, freedom from granulation, pollen, and brood.
- Weight should be uniform for each section.
- Total weight of the entire entry (3 sections) may be used as a tiebreaker.

Class 5: Section Comb Honey

An entry of section comb honey is three (3) sections.

Ross rounds and square section entries must be displayed in the original square or circular section.

Round sections must be in clear plastic boxes made for the display of section comb honey.

Judges evaluate entries on the following:

- Section comb honey entries are not judged for flavor, unless fermentation is apparent.
- Judging criteria are uniformity of appearance and color (including the honey in the comb), cleanliness, absence of uncapped or leaking cells, no "wet" cell appearance, freedom from granulation and pollen, and uniform weight of each section.
- Total weight of the entire entry (3 sections) may be used as a tiebreaker.



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Class 6: Black Jar

Entries are to be submitted in clear jars of any type.

A bag to mask entry will be provided upon entry into the show.

Entries must be unmarked and unlabeled, or identifiable in anyway.

Judges evaluate entries on the following:

- An entry is one jar judged for flavor only.

Class 7: Full Frame

An entry of full frame comb honey is one (1) frame of capped honey. Frames suitable for extraction must be shown in protective casing without lacing or edging and both sides of the comb should be visible. Frames must be 100% capped. Judging: Full frame comb honey entries are not judged for flavor, unless fermentation is apparent. Judging criteria are uniformity of appearance and color (including the honey in the comb), cleanliness, absence of uncapped or leaking cells, no "wet" cell appearance, freedom from granulation and pollen, and symmetry throughout the frame. Total weight of the entire entry may be used as a tiebreaker.

Class 8: Novice

A 1 lb. jar of extracted honey. Open only to exhibitors who have never won first prize at any honey show. Judging criteria is the same as that for extracted honey (classes H2-H4).

Class 9: Commercial

An entry consists of six identical jars. The six jar commercial class includes exhibitors' own labels. Labels should be legal within the laws of Georgia; only one I.D. label is required per entry (six jars). Tamper-proof seals are allowable. Judging: Criteria are cleanliness of the jar and lid. Correct fill level; uniformity of the six jars that comprise the entry; cleanliness and clarity of the honey; and design and content of the label.



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Class 10: Wax Block

The block must weigh between one to two pounds, no more.

The block should be smooth-surfaced and free of decorations or embellishments.

Preferable color should be lemon yellow with a pleasant fragrance.

Class 11: Candles

Dipped tapers

- An entry for dipped tapers is defined as four (4) candles.
- Dipped tapers should have the last drip left on; the wicks must be left joined.

Molded Tapers (spiral, octagon or straight sided accepted)

- An entry for molded tapers is defined as three (3) candles.
- Molded tapers must have flat finished bases with wicks well centered.

Minimum length is eight inches.

One of the candles in each entry will be burned. (If time and conditions allow)

Wicks must be undipped and trimmed to one-half inch in length.

Class 12: Molded Ornamental Candles

An entry is defined as three candles.

Wicks must be undipped and trimmed to one-half inch in length.

The form must have a flat finished base with wicks well centered.

Candles will be judged on the above criteria as well casting flaws and sharpness of detail.

These are the 9 standard classes that will be judged at the Fall Honey show during the Fall Georgia Beekeepers Association meeting.