



Sussex County Beekeeper Association

Honey Show 2025

New Jersey State Fair/Sussex County Farm and Horse Show

Saturday, August 2nd at 1 pm

Richards Building

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Entries to be in by 12:00 pm Saturday, August 2nd

All entries must be the product of the entrant's apiary and must have been produced since the previous year's honey show. **Only one entry per Class or Category per Person, Family or Apiary is permitted.** Entries should not be labeled in any fashion. Each Class requires 3 of each item, unless otherwise specified. Should the judge determine that an entry does not belong in the category that the entrant has specified, the judge will move that entry to the correct class. Should that entrant already have an entry in that other class, then the judge will decide which entry remains and which is disqualified as there can be only one entry per Class or Category. The Honey Show judge will review all scoring sheets and rankings prior to the announcement of the results. All results are final at that time and will not be changed.

Entries may be delivered to the Richards Building (Bee Exhibit and Display) on **Wednesday night (July 30, 2025) 7 pm - 8 pm or on Saturday (August 2, 2025) before 12:00 pm** prior to the judging. An entry form **MUST** accompany all entries whether delivered directly to the show by the exhibitor or an SCBA Executive Board member prior to the show. This is to ensure that all entries are accounted for prior to judging.

Entries must be picked up during Booth Closedown by 11 am on Sunday August 10th. Any entries that are not picked up will be forfeited to the club and will be used by SCBA as they deem appropriate.

Exhibitors should refer to copies of individual class score sheets for details on judging criteria.

Sussex County Beekeepers Association Annual Honey Show Rules

Honey Division:

Each class requires an entry of 3 1lb Glass Jars unless specified differently

1. **Classes 1 through 4 (Extracted Honey):** Entries must be in glass Queenline type Jars or Gamber Classic honey Jars with plain metal or plastic lids. Honey color will be graded by the show chairman and judged on density, absence of crystals, cleanliness, flavor, fill and container appearance. [Jack's Scale: Class 1 0-50 / Class 2 51-85 / Class 3 86-114 / Class 4 >115]
2. **Class 5 (Sections and Cut Comb):** Sections must be in 3 window cartons, and Ross Rounds must have transparent plastic lid. Cut comb should be in 3 clear plastic containers. The comb is judged on uniformity, absence of uncapped cells and watery cappings, cleanliness, freedom from granulation, container appearance and pollen. A single entry consists of three containers.
3. **Classes 6 (Chunk Honey):** Must be in clear cylinder or square glass jars containing at least 12, but not more than 16 ounces, by weight, of honey. Chunk honey is graded on cut of comb with a mid rib, cleanliness, dryness of cappings, uniformity, density, container appearance and flavor. A single entry consists of three jars of honey.
4. **Class 7 (Creamed Honey):** Must be in clear glass cylinder, square or hexagon jars containing at least 12, but not more than 16 ounces, by weight, of honey. Creamed honey will be graded on fineness of crystals, uniformity and firmness, cleanliness and freedom from foam, flavor and fill. A single entry consists of three jars of honey.
5. **Class 8 (Frame of Honey):** One frame, wooden or plastic Deep; Medium; Shallow; Top Bar must be displayed in bee proof cases, which have both sides made of transparent glass or plastic. The frame is judged on uniformity, absence of uncapped cells and watery cappings, cleanliness, freedom from granulation and pollen.

Beeswax Division:

All entries will be judged on cleanliness, uniformity of appearance, color, aroma, and absence of cracks and shrinkage.

1. **Class 9: (Beeswax)** Single block, at least 1lb and less than 1 lb 2 oz, pure beeswax. It is suggested that entries be covered with clear plastic. The optimum color for pure beeswax is light yellow. Weight less than 1 pound or greater than 1 pound 2 ounces will be Disqualified.
2. **Class 10: (Artistic Wax)** A single or coordinated set, any size, any shape, pure beeswax. They may be decorated and/or painted.
3. **Class 11: (Beeswax Candles)** One pair poured or dipped, any size, any shape, pure beeswax. They may be decorated and/or painted.
4. **Class 12: (Novelty candles)** A single or coordinated set, any size, any shape, pure beeswax. They may be decorated and/or painted.

Cosmetics Division:

Each class requires an entry of 3 Jars; tins/pots/tubes/bars respectively

1. **Class 13: (Hand cream/lotion)** 3 Jars must be a minimum of net weight one (1) ounce. Entries will be judged on jar appearance, consistency and texture of product, and fragrance.
2. **Class 14: (Lip balm)** 3 Tins, plastic pots or tubes must be a minimum of net weight .15 ounce. Entries will be judged on jar appearance, consistency and texture of product, and fragrance.
3. **Class 15: (Soap)** 3 Bars must be a minimum of net weight one (1) ounce. Soap will be judged on overall appearance and fragrance. Do Not include packaging.

Observation Hive Division:

1. **Class 16:** Observation Hive of Bees

Pollen Division: **Requires an entry of three 3 Jars**

1. **Class 17:** Pollen entries should be in 3 Jars a minimum 4 ounce each and will be judged on container, product cleanliness, texture and color.

Photography Division: **Entry consists of One Photo per Class Only**

1. **Class 18: (Photography Bees and People)** Photo should be a minimum of 5" x 7" and no larger than 8"x10", mounted on a mounting board that extends at least one inch beyond the photo on each side. **No frames or matting are permitted.** Photo should portray both people and honeybees (e.g. a beekeeper showing a frame to a child, a beekeeper applying a bee beard) or scenes in which people are engaged in beekeeping activities (e.g. loading hives onto a truck, a winter apiary scene including a beekeeper).
2. **Class 19: (Photography Bees without People)** Photo should be a minimum of 5" x 7" and no larger than 8"x10", mounted on a mounting board that extends at least one inch beyond the print on each side. **No frames or matting are permitted.** Photos must include honeybees (e.g. honeybees on a flower, on frames, swarms, honeybees in any other setting, or any beekeeping scene that does not include people).

Mead Division:

1. **Classes 20-22:** (Mead Dry, Sweet, Made with Fruit Juices) Entries should be contained in a single 750 ml or 25.4 fl oz. clear, non-frosted glass wine bottle. Natural cork, plastic stoppers or screw top closures are all acceptable.
2. **Class 23:** (Mead - Sparkling with or without Fruit Juices) Entries should be in champagne-type glass bottles and need to be clear.

Special Exhibit

1. **Class 24:** Exhibit that promotes interest or information on bees, beekeeping, honey or products derived from the work of bees. Any entry in classes 1-23 is barred from this category.

SCBA Annual Honey Show Awards

Place Ribbon: If no entries score above 85 points in a category, no prizes will be awarded.

- 1st Blue - Score must be 90 points or higher otherwise 1st place will not be awarded.
- 2nd Red - Score must be 85 points.
- 3rd Yellow - Score must be 80 points.

Best Exhibitor Award

Best Exhibitor will be awarded to the person receiving the highest accumulation of points.

Best of Show Award

Best of Show will be awarded to the person who, in the opinion of the judge, has the single first place entry that represents the division and class entered better than any other first place entry.

Special Exhibit Award

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