2026 Honey Show Rules (Updated 22 July 2026)

THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE OPEN TO ACCEPT ENTRIES FROM 12:00 NOON UNTIL 6:00 PM ON THURSDAY BEFORE LABOR DAY.

- Exhibits may not be removed before 6 pm on Monday, and must be out by 8:30 pm unless dismissed by the show Committee. The Fair Association is not responsible for any loss or damage.
- A person shall not offer for exhibit any item not produced and/or prepared by the owner or when allowed, a household member.
- An exhibitor shall make only one entry in a given class.
- Places will be awarded on the basis of quality of exhibit and the decision of the judge will be final.
- New classes may be added and judged, provided there are 3 or more entries.

RULES FOR HONEY, HONEY PRODUCTS, WAX PRODUCTS AND CRAFTS

- Honey must be produced in Massachusetts.
- No labels or identification on any entry until judged.
- Classes A-104 through A-111 to be in queen-line or Gamber type jars.
- All honey to be in leak-proof containers.
- Frames of honey must be in bee tight cases with transparent faces.
- Frames of honey shall be wooden but may contain wax, plastic, or Duragilt foundations
- Class F1 and F2 shall be in a clear colorless glass 750ml bottle.
- Class F3 shall be in a brown glass 12oz bottle.
- The uncleaned wax use for wax items can come from any hive in Massachusetts but must be refined by the exhibitor or household member. The wax item must be made by the exhibitor.

RULES FOR COOKED AND BAKED PRODUCTS

- Entries must be accompanied by the recipe as used, written on a card or paper size from 3x5 index card to a letter size page..
- Sweetening agent must be at least 25% honey.
- Entries must be presented on plain paper or foam plates, on dome top cake carriers, or on cardboard covered with foil. Pies may be entered in pan in which they were baked.
- All entries to be covered with transparent wrap.

CLASSES

Comb Honey

A-100. Best two sections round comb honey.

A-101. Best two sections square comb honey.

A-102. Best two packages cut comb honey (4” sq).

A-103. Best extracting frame of honey.

A-104. Best two 1-lb. jars of chunk honey

Extracted Honey

A-105. Best two 1-lb. jars of light honey.

A-106. Best two 1-lb. jars of light amber honey.

A-107. Best two 1-lb. jars of amber honey.

A-108. Best two 1-lb. jars of dark amber honey.

A-109. Best two 1-lb. jars of dark honey.

A-110. Best two 1-lb. jars of chunk honey.

A-111. Best two 1-lb jars of creamed honey

Bees Wax

B-1. Articles made of beeswax.

B-2. Best pair straight, plain, tapered, molded candles of pure beeswax.

B-3. Best pair straight, plain, tapered, dipped candles of pure beeswax.

B-4. Best piece of beeswax, 2 lb. or more.

Honey Cooking

C-1. Cookies (1 dozen).

C-2. Bars or brownies (1 dozen).

C-3. Cake (1 cake).

C-4. Yeast bread (1 loaf or 6 rolls/items)

C-5. Quick breads (1 loaf or 6 rolls/items).

C-6. Candy (1/2 lb. or 12 pieces).

C-7. Pie (1 pie).

Arts and Crafts

E-1. Crafts related to beekeeping.

E-2. Gadgets related to beekeeping.

Mead and Beer

F-1. Still Mead (1 bottle)

F-2. Sparkling Mead (1 bottle)

F-3. Beer made with honey (2 bottles)

WCBA PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST–JUDGED

Category:

Individual Photo:

Size of the photo must be 5x7 beekeeping related photo mounted or matted on an 8 x 10 poster/mat board either black, white, or ivory or similar color (NO FRAMES).

- Photos will be black and white or color.
- Photos must be appropriate for a family fair.
- Name and phone number must by on the back of each photo. NO NAMES on the front of the photo.
- The photo contest is open to all WCBA members.
- Up to four entries may be submitted.
- The Spencer Fair Association and the WCBA are not responsible for damaged photos.
- Winners must consent to having their photo(s) published by WCBA in any/all appropriate publications.

HONEY LABEL, FRONT - PEOPLE'S CHOICE

- Name and phone number must by on the back of each label.
- Label should be sized to fit a One-pound jar, roughly 3.25"x 2.5"
- Entry may be an actual label or printed at size on paper or card stock and trimmed to size.
- Entry should contain all required information for a Massachusetts/US honey label for a one-pound jar. That is – The word "Honey", weight in English and Metric units, that is, Oz. and g; and name and address of person or business. At a minimal, it is the town, state and zip code
- If this category becomes recurring, the winning designs for the past three years shall be disqualified for the current contest.
- Labels may also be entered at the August WCBA meeting.