

**DIVISION 120**  
**APIARY - BEES AND HONEY**

Starlite Ballroom

Superintendent – John Behrens

Judge - Ron Fischer

Offered by Mississippi Valley Fair .....\$450

Premiums offered per class.....\$10.00    2<sup>nd</sup> \$9.00    3<sup>rd</sup> \$8.00    4<sup>th</sup> \$7.00    5<sup>th</sup> \$6.00    6<sup>th</sup> \$5.00

Apiary exhibits will be open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. each day of the Fair.

**RULES**

1. **SUBMITTING ENTRIES.** Entries may be made online. Entries may also be made on the entry form. Complete entry form and return it with full payment of all fees to: Mississippi Valley Fair, 2815 W. Locust St., Davenport, IA 52804. To receive your entry tags please send a self-addressed stamped envelope with the entry.

2. **ENTRY DEADLINE IS JULY 15.** Entries must be submitted online or postmarked on or before July 15. **NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED.**

3. **ENTRY FEE.** Each exhibitor, as a requirement for entry, shall pay a fee \$2 per entry.

**ENTRY ELIGIBILITY**

4. Exhibitors are limited to one entry in each class.

5. All honey and beeswax exhibits must be the product of the exhibitor’s apiary and must be prepared by the exhibitor unless otherwise specified. Please check class description for eligibility.

6. Entries are to be submitted by an individual, not by a business, club or organization.

7. An entry tag with exhibitor’s number must be attached to each container or exhibit (on lid when possible).

8. In all classes, adult and youth, items submitted must not have any reference to the exhibitor. This includes exhibitor’s name, company name and/or logo. Any items so identified will be disqualified and will be on display only after judging is completed and if space is available. All containers must be unlabeled. Beekeeper’s label may be applied only after judging.

9. Points will be deducted for entries with less than the specified amount.

10. Entries in the Beekeeping Photo Classes must have been taken by the exhibitor.

11. A youth (exhibitors 18 years and under as of the day of judging) can enter an Adult Class only if there is not a comparable class for youth. If there is a Youth Class available, youth must submit their entries in the appropriate Youth Class. This includes Class 9 YOUTH CLASS - Three 1 lb. Queenline or Classic Jars of extracted honey; Class 10 - Beekeeping Photo

#### DELIVERY OF ENTRIES

12. Exhibits must be in place Monday July 30th and remain in place through Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. Exhibitor will bring in exhibits between 8:00 – 10:00 Monday July 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### JUDGING

13. Exhibits will be judged July 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00AM

14. Any entry may be withheld at the discretion of the judge or the Superintendent.

15. Any entry may be disqualified if it does not comply with the classification.

#### DISPLAY OF ENTRIES

16. The arrangements of exhibits will be directed by the Superintendent and will be classified whenever possible. A Jack's Scale Honey Comparator or Judge's discretion will be used in Classes 2, 3 and 4 for color placement. Entries shall have no labeling present on the containers or packaging. Labels may be placed after judging is completed. Each entry shall be accompanied with an entry tag secured on each container or exhibit. The entry tag shall display the Exhibitor's number (provided at time of entry) on the outside of the tag.

#### SALE OF ENTRIES

17. Apiary products cannot be sold during the Fair.

#### RECLAIMING ENTRIES

18. Entries must be picked up between 9:00AM and 12:00pmon Monday, August 6th.

#### LIABILITY

19. The Management will use diligence to insure the safety of articles after their arrival and placement, but in no case will they be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.

**Class 1- Six Cut Comb in Hard Plastic Box, 4 ¼ inches x 4 ¼ inches x 1 1/3 inches**

Scorecard- Accuracy and neatness of cut edges of cut edges of comb, 20; uniform depth and filling of honey cell, 20; complete, uniform and clean cappings, 20; quality, quantity and uniformity of honey, 20; freedom from leakage and general appearance of pack, 20. TOTAL 100

**Class 2 - Six 1lb. Glass Queenline or Classic Jars Light Extracted Honey**

Score Card - Container: free of defects, 5; flavor: free from burnt taste, chemical contaminants or other off flavors, 15; color of honey, 15; moisture content, 20; uniform volume of honey in all containers, 10; clarity of honey, 15; freedom from impurities, including foam and granulation, 20. TOTAL 100.

**Class 3 - Six 1lb. Glass Queenline or Classic Jars Amber Extracted Honey**

Score Card - Container: free of defects, 5; flavor: free from burnt taste, chemical contaminants or other off flavors, 15; color of honey, 15; moisture content, 20; uniform volume of honey in all containers, 10; clarity of honey, 15; freedom from impurities, including foam and granulation, 20. TOTAL 100.

**Class 4- Six 1lb. Glass Queenline or Classic Jars Dark Extracted Honey**

Score Card - Container: free of defects, 5; flavor: free from burnt taste, chemical contaminants or other off flavors, 15; color of honey, 15; moisture content, 20; uniform volume of honey in all containers, 10; clarity of honey, 15; freedom from impurities, including foam and granulation, 20. TOTAL 100.

**Class 5 - Six 12 oz. Hex or Round Jars Creamed Honey** (A pure honey developed by controlling the process of natural granulation. Noted for its fine texture and ease of spreading at normal room temperature.)

Score Card - Container: free of defects, 5; color, 10; firmness (not runny but spreadable), 25; texture of granulation (smooth and fine), 20; uniform and accurate volume of honey in all containers, 10; absence of impurities, including froth, 15; flavor: free from burnt taste or other off flavors, 15. TOTAL 100.

**Class 6 - One Frame of Honey, Sealed, Ready for Extracting, Wrapped in Clear Plastic Wrap**

Medium or Super Top Bar frames with beeswax or plastic foundation are acceptable for entry. All frame entries shall be supported by a frame stand used to suspend the frame for judging. Each entry shall be displayed to be visible on each side of the frame without removal from the stand.

Score Card - Cleanliness of frame, 5; completeness of comb attachment, 10; uniform and completely filled honey cells, 25; uniformity of color of honey (comb, cappings, honey), 25; thickness of comb for ease of uncapping, 10; completeness, uniformity and cleanliness of cappings, 25. TOTAL 100.

**Class 7 - Photograph - General Beekeeping** (maximum size 8x10 inches, unframed, but matted with a maximum two inch border) Subject of photo must be honey or beekeeping and may depict harvesting, processing, marketing or packaging bee hive products.

Score Card - Technique, 30; composition, 30; impact, 30; overall appearance, 10. TOTAL 100.

**Class 8 - Gift Basket**-Maximum Size 12 inches x 20 inches. A basket full of honey and other beehive products and beekeeping-related items attractively displayed. Items that are not honey or beeswax do not have to be a product of the exhibitor. Honey and beeswax must be from the exhibitor's apiary but may have one (1) item of honey (example: honey sticks, bundles of five or less) from another source and must be identified as such with the name of the Apiary or source it is from. Failure to do so will disqualify the entry.

Score Card - Quality of products, 20; packaging of products, 20; originality and creativity, 20; variety and sales appeal, 30; overall appearance, 10. TOTAL 100.

**Class 9 - YOUTH CLASS - Three 1lb. Glass Queenline or Classic Jars of Extracted Honey**

Score Card - Container: free of defects, 5; color of honey, 20; moisture content, 20; uniform volume of honey in all containers, 20; clarity of honey, 15; freedom from impurities including foam and granulation, 20. TOTAL 100.

**Class 10 - YOUTH CLASS** - Beekeeping Photo (maximum size 8x10 inches, unframed but matted with a maximum two inch border) Subject of photo must be honeybees, honey or beekeeping related.

Score Card - Technique, 30; composition, 30; impact, 30; overall appearance, 10. TOTAL 100.