



RIBA Annual Honey Show

General Show Rules

1. Entries shall be accepted from Noon to 1:30pm at the Coventry Rec center on December 8 just prior to the 2pm -4pm December General Membership meeting. No entries after 1:30pm!!
2. All exhibitors MUST BE current dues-paying members of the Rhode Island Beekeepers Association
3. Honey must be in a one pound glass queenline or Gamber jar, caps maybe plastic or metal.
3. Only one entry in each class may be exhibited by an individual, that individual's family, or that individual's apiary.
4. At the time of entering a small label with the exhibitor's number will be placed on the cap of the jar, that number will also be noted on the entry form, the judging sheet, and a card shall be given to the exhibitor with the number, in order to reclaim their entry after the Honey Show. The honey show steward will bring the jar to the judges with gloved hands.
5. The exhibitor must choose the class in which to place entries. We have 3 classes for extracted honey Light, Amber and Dark and one class for Black Jar.
6. The decision of the judges in all cases will be final.
7. Entries may be hand delivered, on behalf of a qualified entrant, by another person.

HONEY SHOW
Class Descriptions

Extracted Honey

CLASSES

- 1-lb. jar of honey, extracted, light
- 1-lb. jar of honey, extracted, amber
- 1-lb. jars of honey, extracted, dark

Black Jar One food grade container containing any color of honey. Exhibitor will provide their own opaque container.

Entries for classes Light, Amber and Dark must be in one pound queen line or Gamber glass container, caps can be plastic or metal

Extracted Honey

20 MAX. POINTS

Honey with water content above 18.6% will be disqualified

15.5 to 17.2 - 20 points

17.1 to 18.0 - 18 points

18.1 to 18.6 - 15 points

Absence of crystals 7 points

Cleanliness 30 total points

without lint 7 points

without dirt 10 points

without wax 7 points

without foam 6 points

Flavor 8 total points

Will be reduced ONLY for honey flavor adversely affected by processing

Clarity 20 maximum points

Free of suspended particulates e.g. pollen, air bubbles.

Color 5 total points

Entry in correct color class

Container appearance 10 Points

No fingerprints on jar, clean lid, no rust, no moisture barrier seal/tamper proof seal.

Accuracy of filling

20 points

Headroom: ½ inch maximum, 3/8 inch minimum with no gap between honey level and cap)

Black Jar of Honey

To be judged solely on the merits of its taste by the general membership

RHODE ISLAND BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL HONEY SHOW ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Check Categories in which you are entering:

Extracted Honey

Light Extracted

Amber Extracted

Dark Extracted

Black Jar One opaque glass jar containing any color of honey. This category will be voted on by members at the meeting

EXHIBITOR NUMBER _____

ANNUAL HONEY
JUDGING FORM

Entry #_____

Extracted Honey, check one

- Light Extracted
 Amber Extracted
 Dark Extracted
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Score	Item	Judge's Remarks
_____	20 Points MAX for Moisture Content (%) 15.5 to 17.0 20 pts 17.1 to 18.0 18 pts; 18.1 to 18.6 15 pts; > 18.6 0 pts	
_____	7 Points Absence of crystals	
_____	30 Points MAX Cleanliness of honey without lint – 7 points without dirt – 10 points without wax – 7 points without foam - 6 points	
_____	8 Points MAX Flavor and Aroma - Points will be reduced for honey flavor or aroma that has been adversely affected by processing.	
_____	20 Points MAX Clarity of honey - free of suspended particulates e.g. pollen, air bubbles.	
_____	5 Points MAX Color - Entry is in correct color class	
_____	10 Points MAX Container appearance, clean, free of fingerprints, jar cover clean free of dirt and rust, with no moisture barrier/tamper proof seal.	
_____	20 points MAX Headroom: ½ inch maximum, 3/8 inch minimum with no gap between honey level and cap	
_____	TOTAL SCORE	

PROCESS

Show steward #1 Verify the exhibitor is a current RIBA member by checking the membership list. Assign number to exhibitor, noting that number on an index card and judging form. Never touching the jars.

If the exhibitor is also submitting a jar for the black jar honey the same number is assigned and will be placed directly on the jar. Exhibitor will walk that jar over to the black jar contest area.

Each exhibitor shall have the same number of all 4 classes, if they have an entry for each class.

Exhibitor will keep the index card to claim their award.

Steward #2 With gloved hands he/she will place sticker on lid with the exhibitor number.

Steward #3 With gloved hands will bring the entries to the judges for scoring.

All results are final.

We hope you get some bragging rights to impress your friends and relatives!

HELPFUL HINTS

If you are using a glass queen line jar that you purchased store bought honey in, be sure to take off the very small and maybe difficult to see numbers and letters that are printed directly onto the glass. This usually can be taken off with some rubbing alcohol.

Pay attention to the fill line on the jar.

Make sure the jar lid is clean both the outside AND inside, transport it either with 2 lids, so you can replace the lid that you transported the honey with. OR place some plastic wrap over the open jar with your cap on top, when arriving at the show simply remove the plastic warp and replace with the clean lid.

Remember to remove the foam that sometimes rises to the top. A small baby or demitasse spoon works well.

GOOD LUCK!

