

# OSBA JUDGING STANDARDS

## EXTRACTED HONEY

<u>Points</u>	<u>Description</u>
20	Degree of density, DQ above 18.6% moisture
10	Freedom of crystals — clarity
30	Cleanliness, freedom of foam & dirt
10	Neatness & clean condition of bottles
10	Uniformity of filling exhibit (added labels)
20	Variety flavor, down-grade for objectionable flavor, over heating, fermentation

## COMB HONEY, CUT COMB & FRAMES

<u>Points</u>	<u>Description</u>
35	Uniformity of color & appearance
20	Absence of uncapped cells & watery capping, cut comb neatness
20	Cleanliness of section or frame
10	Lack of granulation & pollen
15	Uniformity of weight (except frame)

## CHUNK HONEY

<u>Points</u>	<u>Description</u>
20	Neatness of cut, size uniformity
20	Absence of watery capping, uncapped & pollen cells
20	Cleanliness, travel stain, foreign matter flakes of wax, foam, debris
30	Uniformity of appearance & capping color & thickness of comb

## CREAMED HONEY

<u>Points</u>	<u>Description</u>
35	Fineness of crystals
25	Uniformity & firmness
25	Cleanliness & lack of foam
25	Flavor, Down-grade for off flavor, over heating, fermentation

## BEESWAX (one piece)

<u>Points</u>	<u>Description</u>
30	Color & odor — straw, canary, shades of yellow
35	Cleanliness, Downgrade for impurities
20	Uniform appearance
15	Freedom of cracking

## BEESWAX CANDLES

<u>Points</u>	<u>Description</u>
30	Color, odor & brightness
35	Cleanliness, Downgrade for impurities
15	Lack of cracks or blemishes
20	Uniformity of appearance

## ARTISTIC BEESWAX

<u>Points</u>	<u>Description</u>
35	Creativity & appearance
30	Cleanliness, no impurities
20	Variety in colors
15	Stability of design

## BEEKEEPING PHOTOGRAPHY

<u>Points</u>	<u>Description for Subject Category</u>
20	Follows theme (Fair Theme, Bees & Their Keepers, Bees/Bee Colonies at Work)
20	Balance
30	Color — contrast
30	Presentation

## HONEY JUDGING SCORING GUIDELINES

### Points      Description for Honey itself

- 20      Large debris, e.g., grass, whole bees, wood splinters
- 15      Medium debris, e.g., hair, long lint pieces
- 10      Small debris, e.g., many particles of lint, bee parts
- 10      Specks of dirt
- 15      Prolific crystallization
- 10      Some crystallization
- 05      Minimal crystallization
- 10      Many or large wax particles
- 05      A few wax particles
- 02      A wax particle
- 02      A few pieces of lint
- 02      Air bubbles
- 02      Pollen pieces

### Points      Volume of Honey in Jar

- 01      Per jar. Over fill.
- 03      Per jar. Under fill.
- 02      Per jar. Uneven fill.

**Points Description for Jar and Lids**

- 02 Per Jar. Difference in style of jars or lids.
- 02 Per lid. Used lid.
- 02 Per lid. Scratched or damaged lid.
- 02 Per jar. Pitted or scarred jar.
- 03 Per jar. Label attached to jar. Possible disqualification.

**Points Moisture (Penalty Scale commonly used for County Fairs)**

**DQ 18.7 and up could be disqualified**

		<u>Points</u>	<u>Moisture</u>
-00	18.6		
-01	18.5	-11	17.2
-01	18.4	-11	17.1
-02	18.3	-12	17.0
-03	18.2	-13	16.9
-04	18.1	-14	16.8
-04	18.0	-15	16.7
-05	17.9	-15	16.6
-06	17.8	-16	16.5
-07	17.7	-17	16.4
-08	17.6	-18	16.3
-08	17.5	-18	16.2
-09	17.4	-20	16.1
-10	17.3	-20	16.0% & less

**Deschutes County Fair 2016, August 3 - 7 (Deschutes, Crook, Jefferson Co.)**

Pre registration by 5 pm on Friday, July 15, 2016

Premium Book page 14. [http://www.expo.deschutes.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/fair\\_amp\\_rodeo/page/349/2016\\_fair\\_premium\\_book\\_final.pdf](http://www.expo.deschutes.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/fair_amp_rodeo/page/349/2016_fair_premium_book_final.pdf)

**Crook County Fair 2016, August 10 -13 (Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Wheeler Co.)**

Premium Book. Page 26-27. [http://www.d2w7gersd1ix5b.cloudfront.net/files.ashx?t=fg&f=2016\\_Premium\\_Book\\_Web.pdf&rid=CrookCntyFair](http://www.d2w7gersd1ix5b.cloudfront.net/files.ashx?t=fg&f=2016_Premium_Book_Web.pdf&rid=CrookCntyFair).

Pre-entry Friday, August 1

Intake Monday, August 8: 8am - noon, 4 pm - 7 pm.

Judging Tuesday, August 9.

**Ask a Beekeeper, Friday, August 12**

**Oregon State Fair 2016, August 26 - September 5.**

You do not need to enter a county fair to submit to the Oregon State Fair Honey Division.

<http://oregonstatefair.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/2016-Honey-Products.pdf>.

**Pre-entry advice:**

- Know the rules.
- Decision of the judge is final.
- Entries produced in the production year, not calendar year of exhibit.
- Color grades determined by entrant.
- Enter only contests giving judging card with information to improve the quality of future items exhibited.