

HONEY QUEEN GROSS TONNAGE COMPETITION

1. Purpose

- a. to encourage beekeepers of all sizes to try out queen rearing
- b. to inspire discussion about queens and genetics
- c. to stimulate the exchange of queens
- d. to broaden the genetic base of queens used in Illinois

2. Competition

- a. Competition will be held at the summer meeting, or any meeting deemed appropriate by the hosting club, Prairie State Beekeepers Association (PSBA) and Steamship Bee Company, LLC (SBC).
- b. The hosting club will provide the space and promote the competition as part of the beekeeping meeting.
- c. The competition, all weigh-ins, and auctioning of competition queens will be overseen by PSBA.
- d. SBC will provide bees to host the queens, and attendants for transport home.
- e. SBC will also provide the competition scales, queen cages, and miscellaneous supplies. SBC reserves the right to create and sell merchandise related to and inspired by the competition.

3. Submission

- a. Entries may only be submitted in person by registered attendees at the meeting where the competition is held.
- b. Cells are submitted 3 per entry with the single heaviest queen competing.
- c. The virgin queen must emerge during the bee meeting.

4. Weigh-In

- a. Queens will be weighed immediately after emergence or as soon thereafter as practicable.
- b. The sole criterium is the weight as recorded for the heaviest queen in each entry.
- c. The weigh-in and recording of results is performed by judges from PSBA.
- d. The winning beekeeper(s) will receive bragging rights.

5. Proceeds

- a. The queens will be auctioned off after the competition results have been announced. The auctioning method will be at the discretion of the organizers.
- b. The auction proceeds will be equally split (50-50) between the hosting club and the Prairie State Beekeepers' Education Fund.