

So, You Want a Blue Ribbon? (Honey Judging)  
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### **Cuyahoga County Fair Entries 2009**

Honey

**Entry Rules:** Check fair book.

#### **Classes:**

1. Individual booth display: educational and/or advertising/  
( educational value/advertising value, (35), attractiveness (25), quality of product (25), completeness of display (15)

Rosette

1. Observation hive
2. Extracted honey- water white to white
3. Extracted honey – extra light to light amber
4. Extracted honey – amber to dark
5. Finely granulated – Dyce process (creamed honey)
6. Chunk honey
7. Extracting frames – deep
8. Extracting frames – shallow

Trophy to Best of Show for items 1-20

9. Cut comb honey
10. Comb honey, basswood sections
11. Comb honey – round sections
12. Bee Pollen
13. Beeswax (2#)
14. Honey candy (10 pieces) recipe attached
15. Honey cookies (6) recipe
16. Honey loaf cake (not frosted) recipe attached
17. Honey yeast bread – recipe attached
18. Novelty honey cooking (jellies, granola, fruit leathers, etc.) recipe
19. Fruit canned with honey (3) pts or qts w/recipe
20. Honey gift package 8 lbs. or less (products from the exhibitor with the exception of container, honey servers, or cookbooks

#### **1. Booth Display:**

Educational Value (40)

Originality (40)

Attractiveness and Arrangement (40)

Variety of Products (extracted, comb, beeswax, pollen, literature) (30)

Quality of Products (30)

Promotional Value (20)

**1. Bees in an Observation Hive:**

- Correct Type and color of bees (15)
- Queen (size, shape, behavior, marked) (15)
- Brood Pattern (15)
- Variety (queen, drones, workers, honey, pollen, etc.) (15)
- Correct Number of bees (10)
- Appearance of Combs (15)
- Overall Appearance of Observation Hive (15)

**2. Extracted Honey:**

- Appearance, Suitability, Uniformity of Jars (5)
- Uniform and Accurate Volume of Honey (5)
- Uniformity of Honey (5)
- Freedom from Crystals, Impurities, Froth (25) (Polariscope)
- Color and Clarity (20) (Color Comparator)
- Flavor and Aroma (20)
- Moisture (20) (Refractometer)

**5. Creamed Honey:**

- Fineness of Crystals (30)
- Uniformity and Firmness (30)
- Cleanliness and Freedom from Foam (15)
- Flavor and Aroma (15)
- Uniformity of Containers (10)

**6. Chunk Honey:** (comb honey in a container surrounded by liquid honey)

- Quality of Comb Honey (25)
- Quality of Liquid Honey (25)
- Freedom from Granulation and Impurities (25)
- Uniform and Accurate Volume of Honey (5)
- General Appearance of Pack (20)

**7. Extracting Frame:**

- Cappings (completeness, whiteness, lack of stain) (25)
- Uniformity of Color (25)
- Thickness of Comb for ease of uncapping (20)
- Quality of Honey (15)
- General Appearance (15)

**9. Comb Honey:**

- Uniformity of Appearance (20)
- Absence of Uncapped Cells (20)
- Cleanliness of Section (20)
- Quality, Quantity, Uniformity of Honey (20)
- General Appearance of Pack (20)

**12. Pollen:**

- Overall Appearance (25)
- Uniformity of Granules (15)
- Cleanliness (30)
- Texture (10)
- Taste and Aroma (10)

**13. Beeswax:** (blocks, molded pieces)

- Color (straw or canary yellow) (30)
- Cleanliness (free from honey and impurities) (35)
- Uniformity of Appearance (20)
- Freedom from Cracking and Shrinking (15)

**15. Baked Goods:**

- Meets Guidelines (weight, recipe, amt of sweetener, display) (20)
- Texture (30)
- Flavor (30)
- Appearance (10)
- Handling Quality for Serving (10)

**20. Gift Package:**

- General Appearance (30)
- Quality of Products (30)
- Originality (20)
- Variety of Products (20) (Preference is usually given to a greater variety of products.)

The following is NOT judged at the CCF, but may be judged at other fairs.

**Candles:**

- Quality of Wax (20)
- Cleanliness (free from honey and impurities) (20)
- Design and Overall Appearance (20)
- Freedom from Cracking and Shrinkage (15)
- Uniformity (15)
- Functional (10)