

1st Annual Florida State Beekeeper Association Club Black Jar Competition

Only honey produced in Florida, by honeybees kept in Florida, will be accepted in this category.

We have more than 40 beekeeping clubs in Florida. The FSBA would like each club to have a local honey tasting competition before the conference, and vote/select from their club members honeys, the clubs best tasting honey. That winning entry can then represent that beekeeping club in the 2025 FSBA Annual Conference Club Black Jar competition. The clubs winning honey can be presented by the winner, or by someone else from the club for the Club Black Jar Honey competition (see the complete 2025 honey show rules for submission rules), however, **only 1 entry per club** is accepted for the Club Black Jar Competition!

A quick and simple way to run a local club honey tasting is to get a bottle of all the club beekeepers who want to participate. The participating beekeepers do not have to be FSBA members. Wrap the bottles in a paper lunch baggie to hide the label. Put a number on each entry, line them up, and put a small solo cup with the same number in front of each one. Give all the attendees of the meeting a penny and let them do the honey tasting with coffee stirrers or small spoons, and each person puts their penny in the solo cup of their favorite honey. The solo cup with the most pennies wins and can be submitted for the best in club!

An entry form/affidavit should be filled out and submitted by an authorized representative of a Florida State Beekeeping Club. Only one Club Black Jar entry per Beekeeping Club will be accepted.

At the 2025 FSBA Annual Conference

ARRIVAL TIME: Thursday, November 6th, from 3:00 PM until 4:30 PM; and Friday, November 7th, from 7:30 AM until 10:00 AM. **No entries will be accepted after this deadline.**

LOCATION: UF/IFAS Extension Complex, 1921 Kissimmee Valley Lane, Kissimmee, FL 34744.

RELEASE TIME: All entries will remain in the show area for public viewing after the judging. All entries will remain on display until 1:00 PM, Saturday, November 8th, after which exhibitors may pick up their entries.

An entry consists of not less than two ounces, nor more than four ounces, of pure, unadulterated honey. Only one entry per Florida Bee Club. Entries are to be submitted in black or colored jar which entirely obscures the contents of the jar. The required jar will be provided by the Show Secretary at the sign-in table, and the Exhibitor Club will transfer their entry into the jar and return the exhibit to the Show Secretary. Judges evaluate entries for flavor only.

The Club Exhibitor shall place one ID label, as provided by the honey show Secretary, on the exhibit. The label should be affixed at the front, bottom, center of the jar, approximately ½ inch from the bottom of the jar. *Black jar entries are not eligible for Best in Show. *In the Club Black Jar category, only the First-Place prize will be awarded.