TENNESSEE BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION
2026 GEORGE DEBUSK HONEY SHOW CLASSES

GENERAL HONEY SHOW RULES

- All entrants must be a TBA member to enter the TBA Honey Show.
- Entrants need not attend the conference to enter.
- Schools, universities, FFA chapters, & the like who are a member of TBA may enter any class in the honey show.
- Entries will be accepted beginning at 9:00 am (Central Time on Friday the first conference day.
- All entries must be received by 1:00 pm (Central Time) on Friday the first conference day.
- Only one entry in each honey class (EH, CH, FH) may be made by a beekeeper, family, or apiary.
- In the Beeswax (BW) and photography (P) classes, each individual may enter. For example, if a husband took photo/s for each class, and his wife took photo/s; both may enter the same class/es.
- Judges, stewards, show secretaries, or any immediate family member of these persons may not enter the show.
- All entries must be the product of the entrant's apiary and have been produced since the previous TBA Honey Show in 2025.
- Exhibitors may pick up their entries on Saturday, October 10, between 2:00 and 3:00. Entries not picked up by the deadline will become property of the Honey Show Committee.
- Entry specific rules are stated in the respective category. Please be sure to read all rules.

PRIZE POINTS & SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS

- Prize points will be awarded to all First through Sixth place winners in all categories as follows: First Place = 6 points, Second Place = 5 points, Third Place = 4 points, Forth Place = 3 points, Fifth place = 2 points, Sixth place = 1 point.
- Cumulative points will be used to determine the Honey Show Sweepstakes award winner.
- The Best in Show award is awarded to the overall best entry among all combined classes.

HONEY ENTRIES

Class **EH1** Two 1-pound jars of extracted, light honey
Class **EH2** Two 1-pound jars of extracted, light amber honey
Class **EH3** Two 1-pound jars of extracted, amber honey
Class **EH4** Two 1-pound jars of extracted, dark honey.
Class **EH5** Black Jar One 1-pound jar, any color

Class **CH1** One 1 pound cylindrical or pint of chunk, light honey
Class **CH2** One 1 pound cylindrical or pint of chunk, dark honey
Class **CH3** Two wood section boxes of comb honey
Class **CH4** Two circular sections of comb honey
Class **CH5** Two packages of cut-comb honey, 4" square

Class **FH1** One frame of honey (Shallow, Medium, or Deep)

Extracted honey entries must be in a traditional one-pound glass queen line or classic jar and have plain metal or plastic lid.
All honey entries shall be unlabeled.
Safety seals are not allowed.
Plastic containers in classes EH1 – EH5 are not allowed.

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Honey moisture levels shall be 15.5% – 18.6%. Honeys outside of these levels will be disqualified.
Entries in the extracted class may be moved into a more suitable color class at the judge's discretion.
The Black Jar entry shall be unlabeled & wrapped to conceal the color of the honey.
Chunk honey entries must be in a 1 pound cylindrical or a regular or wide mouth pint jar with a one- or two-piece lid with seal.
Entries in classes CH3, CH4 and CH5 must be in the appropriate container: window cartons; round section lids – both sides transparent; cut-comb box – all sides transparent.
Entries in class CH5 should be a minimum weight of 12 oz. per comb section.
Frame honey entries must be displayed in a bee-proof case having both sides made of transparent glass or plastic.
Frame honey entry cases must be assessable without special tools.
Frame honey entries will be accessed to confirm the absence of plastic foundation.
Frame honey entries shall be unwired, wax foundation.
All entries shall be unlabeled.
It is recommended that the winning entry in the Black Jar Class EH4 become the property of TBA for goodwill beekeeping ambassador use.

BEESWAX ENTRIES

Class **BW1** One entry of beeswax, one-pound minimum
Class **BW2** Three taper candles of the same size & shape, minimum 8" in length.
Class **BW3** Three votive candles of the same size & shape.
Class **BW4** One ornamental candle
Class **BW5** One entry of a beeswax product (creams, lotions, salves, polishes, etc.)

All entries in the BW 5 category shall be accompanied by a 3X5" index card listing the use (creams, lotion, lip balms, salves, polishes etc.) & the recipe, including the ingredients.
Candle wicks shall be waxed & 1/2" in length.
Candles shall have finished bottoms.
Entries in BW5 shall be unlabeled.

PHOTOGRAPHY ENTRIES

Class **P1** Close-up Print: Subject must relate to Beekeeping
Class **P2** Scenic Print: Apiary subject, such as flowers, hives, etc.
Class **P3** Portrait Print: A person or beekeeping procedure in an appropriate setting
Class **P4** Essay Print: A set of 7 to 10 pictures depicting a beekeeping story.

Prints must be 5"x7" or larger, mounted on a mounting board that extends at least one inch beyond the print on each side. NO frames are permitted. Essay prints may be mounted on one board.
Prints may be black and white or color.
Photographs can be entered only once in any TBA Honey/Photography Show.
Each photography entry shall be accompanied by a 3"x5" card with photo title and category.
Brief captions may accompany Essay Prints, and their order must be clearly indicated.
The competition is for amateurs only not professional photographers.
By entering the photography class, the entrant consents to having their photo(s) published by TBA in any media (Hive Tool, Facebook, Website, etc.)