TENNESSEE BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION
2026 GEORGE DEBUSK HONEY SHOW JUDGING CRITERIA

1. All entries must be received by 1:00pm (Central Time) on Friday, the first conference day.
2. Judging will begin shortly after 1:00pm.
3. All entries shall remain on display through Saturday, the second conference day until 2:00pm

Judging Criteria for each Class of Entry shall be as follows:

EXTRACTED HONEY:

Density/water content	10 15.5% - 18.6%
Absence of Crystals	10
Cleanliness	40 (without lint, dirt, wax, foam)
Flavor	10 (points deducted for adverse processing or fermentation)
Container	10 (appearance and cleanliness of jar and inner lid)
Accuracy of fill	20 (no visible gap between honey and lid)

COMB / CHUNK HONEY

Density/water content	20
Neatness/uniformity of cut	20
Absence of	20 (watery cappings, uncapped cells, pollen)
Cleanliness of -	20 (product and container; points deducted for travel stains, foreign matter, wax flakes, foam, crystallization)
Uniformity of -	20 (appearance, capping structure, color, thickness, and accuracy of fill)

FRAME OF HONEY

Uniformity of appearance	25
Absence of uncapped cells	20
Uniformity of color	15
Absence of watery capping	10
Cleanliness of wax and frame	20
Free of granulation and pollen	10

BEESWAX

Cleanliness	35
Uniformity/appearance	20
Color	15
Aroma	15
Absence of cracks and shrinkage	15
shrinkage	

BEESWAX CANDLE

Cleanliness	30
Uniformity/appearance	20
Color/appropriate	10
Aroma `	10
Quality & Finishing	30 Details (1/2" waxed wick, smooth bottom)

BEESWAX PRODUCT

Cleanliness	30
Color/appropriate	15
Quality & appearance	30
Aroma and Texture	25

PHOTOGRAPHY

Composition	35
Treatment of subject matter	35
Quality and presentation	30