



HONEY

Department 28—Open Show

Amount Offered: \$185.00
Entry Fee: \$1.00 per entry (1 entry per Class maximum)
Location: Building E
Judging Time: Wednesday, August 5th, 2026, at 10:00 am
Superintendents: Cristy Binz..... 815-861-2015

Rules and Regulations

NEW THIS YEAR: Curfew Enforced – Quiet time and curfew is 12:00am midnight – 5:00am.

All exhibits are closed. This includes grandstands, midway, barns and campgrounds. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult during these times.

1. Entries must be filed with the fair office by 2:00 pm on July 19, 2026, **online entries are due at midnight. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU REGISTER ONLINE!**
2. All exhibitors are required to purchase a weeklong exhibitor pass.
3. Home Arts General Rules apply.
4. Bring entries to **Building E** on **Tuesday, August 4th** between **5:00 pm and 7:00 pm**. If this time does not work, please contact the superintendent, she may be able to accept entries at a different time.
5. Non-livestock/Home Art exhibits will be released on the **SUNDAY of fair week between 6 pm and 8 pm. Exhibits may not be removed before then.** Ribbons and exhibits will be available for pick up at these time slots only. Any exhibits that remain unclaimed after 4 pm on the Friday following the Fair will be donated or discarded.
6. The decision of the judge(s) is final.
7. Exhibitors are encouraged to contact Superintendent(s) with any questions or to define categories if needed.
8. **All honey and beeswax items must be the product of the exhibitor.**
9. The McHenry County Fair Association, for the safety of those attending the Fair (including the rider), prohibits the use of bicycles, scooters, skateboards, hoverboards, and similar wheeled riding items of the Fairgrounds, during the Annual Fair, including set-up and take-down.

Premiums First-\$5; Second-\$4; Third-\$3; Fourth-ribbon; Fifth-ribbon; Sixth-ribbon

Best of Show Rosette (one overall) and one Judges Choice Ribbon

Division	Class
A Honey	1 Light extracted strained honey (3 one-pound Queenline or Classic glass jars) 2 Amber extracted strained honey (3 one-pound Queenline or Classic glass jars) 3 Dark extracted stained honey (3 one-pound Queenline or Classic glass jars) 4 Display of cut-comb honey in clear plastic boxes – 3 boxes 5 Chunk honey in glass or plastic (3 one-pound jars) 6 Crystallized (or creamed) honey in glass or clear plastic containers, not less than 3 one-pound containers 7 Frame of Honey, 5 ¼' or 6 ¼" must be shown in a protective casing with two clear sides 8 Comb honey in round section (Ross Rounds) with clear covers on both sides (3 sections) 9 Beeswax, molded in commercial forms for sale, not less than 3 lbs. 10 Beeswax, art designs, not less than 3 lbs. (can be molded or carved) 11 Beeswax candles, dipped, 1 pair 12 Beeswax candles, molded, 1 pair 13 Photograph – General Beekeeping, maximum size 8" x 10", unframed but matted with a maximum 2" border (subject of photo must depict honey or beekeeping activities) 14 Beekeeping Gift Basket – maximum size of basket 12" x 12", must include one bottle of honey and one beeswax item and can include other related items produced by the exhibitor. Maximum number of items is 6. Items in the basket cannot extend more than 4" beyond the sides of the basket.

15 Black Jar Contest – 2-4 ounces of pure, unadulterated honey which will be evaluated on flavor only. Exhibitors will transfer honey into the required container provided during entry drop off. Only a 1st place ribbon will be awarded in the Black Jar class. Honey is not returned to the exhibitor.

16 NEW – Notions, Potions & Lotions – An Exhibitor may submit one example of any health, bath or beauty product of their own creation, not encompassed in another category in this show. The recipe for the exhibit must include honey, beeswax, and/or propolis produced by the Exhibitor. Entries are to be presented in a resealable, unembellished container appropriate to the item with **NO Label**. Entries should not be less than one ounce (1 oz)*, not more than eight ounces (8 oz) in weight. All entries will be sampled. Judges evaluate entries on the following: appearance, uniformity, texture, aroma, tactile feel, functionality, and originality. * A white card with a description of the item and the receipt (Including all ingredients, ingredient quantities & procedure) must accompany each entry. * Lip balm exhibits may have a minimum weight of not less than one tenth of an ounce (.1 oz).

Entry Form

Use a separate form for each show.

- Register online at www.mchenrycountyfair.com or in the office at 11900 Country Club Road, Woodstock, IL 60098 on Monday – Tuesday from 9 am – 2 pm. In person registration dates: Tuesday June 2nd, Tuesday July 7th 2-7pm and July 19th 11 am-2pm ONLY.
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- Entries will NOT be taken by phone, fax, or email. NO REFUNDS!
- One entry per line. Note changes in Division and Class numbers!

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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I have read and understand, and in consideration for being permitted to exhibit at the 2026 McHenry County Fair, agree and consent to abide by the rules of the competition. This includes the McHenry County Rules and Regulations and the Home Arts Department Rules as stated in the Rule section in the McHenry County Fair Book and on the Website: mchenrycountyfair.com

Exhibitor (Owner/Exhibitor) Date

Guardian/Parent of Exhibitor (if under 18 years of age) Date

#	Fee	Total
	\$1.00 per Open entry	
	\$25.00 Late Entry Fee – per entry	
	\$15 Exhibitor Pass (one required per Exhibitor)	
	Total	\$