

**STATE FAIR OF TEXAS
and
TEXAS BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION**

**PRESENT
BLACK JAR / POLISHED JAR HONEY CONTEST**

The Texas Beekeepers Association will conduct the honey contest during the State Fair of Texas located in the Contest Kitchen of the Creative Arts Bldg. on October 16, 2017, in Dallas, TX.

Judging will take place beginning Monday morning with results presented on that afternoon.

Thanks, go out to the participants for their hard work with the finest entries in Texas.

General Entry Requirements:

- 1) Bring Honey contest entry form with entry/entries to the registration table.
- 2) Blank forms will be available at the door.
- 3) Photocopies accepted.
- 4) Only one entry per category allowed per contestant.
- 5) All honey must be produced by honey bees owned or managed by the contestant.
- 6) There should be no identifying label or markers on the entry(s).
- 7) Contest administrators will affix coded tabs to entries upon submission.
- 8) Entry deadline: 10:30 am on the day of the contest.
- 9) Disposition of Entries: All entries will be donated to Happy Hill Children's Farm with the other honey from the Texas Beekeepers Association Honey Booth in the Food & Fiber Pavilion.

“Polished Honey” Entry Requirements:

- 1) Submit extracted honey entries in one-pound Queenline glass jars.
- 2) Contestants may only submit honey entries produced in their own apiary or by bees that they manage for honey production or pollination.

“Black Jar” Honey Entry Requirements:

- 1) Entries must be submitted by a beekeeper and be pure unadulterated honey produced by his or her own bees.
- 2) An “Entry” consists of one (1) container of any style (8 ounces or more).
- 3) Submit entry sample in a container without any identifying marks.
- 4) None of the entries will be returned but will be donated.

Contest Judging – General

- 1) Contest judges will evaluate and score entries on day of the contest.
- 2) Contest Committee Chairman will announce awards at the end of judging in the Creative Arts State Fair Contest Kitchen area.

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HONEY CONTEST REGISTRATION FORM**

- One Form Required Per Contest Entry.
- Blank Forms available at the door.
- Bring Entries to Registration Table in Creative Arts Dept. State Fair Contest Kitchen to be registered by 10:30.

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY / STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

(Check all that apply. Only One Entry Per Category)

32-01. Honey – Polished Honey

32-02. Honey – Black Jar

HONEY JUDGING CRITERIA

Contest Judging – Polished Honey –

- a) Judges will award **First, Second and Third Place Ribbons** to entries based on total points received.
- b) Judges may award points to entries in the following categories for a possible 100 points.

Polished Honey		
Container Appearance	5	
Level of Fill	5	
Density	10	
Free of Crystals	10	
Free of Air Bubbles & Foam	10	
Free of Wax	10	
Free of Lint	10	
Free of Other Foreign Matter	10	
Flavor	15	
Brightness	15	
Total Points	100	

Contest Judging – Black Jar:

- a) Judges will award **First, Second and Third Place Ribbons** to entries based on blind tastings.
- b) Judges will not see the color, clarity or any visual appeal of the honey.
- c) It is a contest based on flavor profile and taste alone.
- d) A panel of judges will taste, test and rank all the honey entries until top three honey entries are determined.

- - **Black Jar Honey judges are normally local chefs.** In describing what they are looking for in honey entries, they mentioned such things as:

- 1) Floral or fruity notes
- 2) Nutty or spicy
- 3) Complexity of flavor
- 4) Long smooth finish
- 5) Sweetness and balance
- 6) Is the honey:
 - a. Bitter
 - b. Smoky
 - c. Flat
 - d. Single Note
 - e. Sour
 - f. One Dimensional