Honey & Handiwork from the Hive (Adult)

COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS

FAIR CONTACT INFORMATION

MARIN COUNTY FAIR | FAIR OFFICE & EXHIBIT HALL	20 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael, CA 94903
WEBSITE	www.marinfair.org
EMAIL	FairExhibits@MarinCounty.Gov
REGULAR OFFICE HOURS	Monday to Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
FAIR OFFICE HOURS	July 1 (Wednesday) - July 5 (Sunday): 8:00 am - 8:00 pm
MARIN COUNTY FAIR HOURS	July 1 (Wednesday) - July 5 (Sunday): 11:00 am - 11:00 pm

COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS STAFF

HONEY (ADULT)

COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS MANAGER	Jennifer Olvera
ONLINE SUBMISSIONS COORDINATOR	Carole Sanders
DEPARTMENT COORDINATOR	Marin County Beekeepers

For a list of Sponsors, visit www.marinfair.org after June 1, 2026.

COMPETITION CALENDAR

ONLINE ENTRY FORMS DUE	JUNE 18, 2026 – 11:59 pm
ENTRY RECEIVING & DROP OFF	JUNE 19, 2026 – 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm & JUNE 20 – 10:00 pm – 5:00 pm
ENTRY RELEASED	JULY 6, 2026 - 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

The full Competitive Exhibits Calendar is available on www.marinfair.org .

REGISTRATION

To register for the 2026 Competitive Exhibits, please visit https://marin.fairwire.com/

ENTRY DELIVERY AND PICK UP

Please refer to the Competition Calendar for exact dates and times.

Drop off is located at the Marin County Fair Exhibit Hall, located at **20 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael, CA 94903**. Follow the signage at the Exhibit Hall for the exact location.

Claim checks will be provided when exhibits are delivered and are required to pick up your entry on entry pick up date.

DEPARTMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

Local and State Rules govern this competition

1. **ELIGIBILITY** - Open to all residents of Marin, Sonoma, Napa, Contra Costa, and San Francisco counties.
ENTRY INFORMATION

2. **ENTRY FEES -** $3.00 per Entry
    a. Fees are NON-refundable.
3. **ENTRY LIMIT -** 2 Entries **PER** Class.
    a. The same Entry may not be entered in more than one class.
4. **ENTRY DIVISIONS -** For Baked Foods, enter Divisions 100-107 | For Decorated Foods, enter Division 108
5. **ENTRY REMOVAL -** Accepted Entries shall not be removed from exhibition until the Fair closes.
    a. Entries not collected on Release Day will be discarded.

6. **ENTRY RELEASE -** Entries must be picked up on release day. Entries will only be released by presenting your claim check, personal identification, or a signed letter of authorization from the exhibitor.

ENTRY SUBMISSION

7. All Entries must be prepared by the Exhibitor.
    a. **NO** commercial packaged products are permitted.
8. **For Classes 1-5:** Submit two jars with screw caps. Each with a minimum of 8 ounces of honey weight. Jars filled to the top of the fill line.

PUBLICITY

9. The Marin County Fair reserves the right to photograph any work in the exhibition for educational, catalog, website, or publicity purposes.

LIABILITY

10. The County of Marin, Marin County Fair, and/or its contractors will not be responsible for loss or damage which may occur from any cause. Any entries received damaged will not be juried.

SCORECARD - BEESWAX

BLOCKS	How well formed the blocks are and the lack of air bubbles.	**30%**
FOREIGN MATERIAL	Beeswax should be free from foreign material.	**30%**
UNIFORMITY & COLOR	Beeswax uniformity and the lightness of color.	**30%**
SMELL	The smell of the Beeswax.	**10%**
TOTAL	**TOTAL:**	**100%**

SCORECARD - CHUNK HONEY

NEATNESS	The neatness of the honey cut. Entries should be uniform in size and square with no ragged edges.	**25%**
CELLS	The absence of uncapped cells or cells with pollen.	**10%**
PRESENTATION	Cleanliness of the entry with no travel stains, flakes of wax, foam, or crystallization.	**35%**
LIQUID	The color, density, and flavor of the Honey.	**30%**
TOTAL	**TOTAL:**	**100%**

SCORECARD - EXTRACTED HONEY

DENSITY	The degree of Honey density. Entries must have under 18.6% water content.	**20%**
CRYSTALLIZATION	Entries should lack crystallization.	**10%**
CLARITY	The degree of clarity in the Honey with attention to cleanliness and absence of foam.	**30%**
FLAVOR	Honey should not have an "off" flavor or suffer from overheating and/or fermentation.	**40%**
TOTAL	**TOTAL:**	**100%**

SCORECARD - FINELY GRANULATED HONEY

FINENESS	The fineness of the honey crystal.	**30%**
CLEANLINESS	The cleanliness and absence of foam in the honey.	**20%**
UNIFORMITY	Uniformity of the Honey's color and firmness.	**20%**
FLAVOR	Honey should not have an "off" flavor or suffer from overheating and/or fermentation.	**30%**
TOTAL	**TOTAL:**	**100%**

SCORECARD - FULL FRAME & COMB HONEY

FRAME	Frame cleanliness. Entries should be free from propolis and Honey.	**25%**
FILL & CAP	Entry should be well filled and capped with no pollen.	**25%**
UNIFORMITY	The uniformity of the comb.	**25%**
GENERAL APPEARANCE	Honey should be one color with no streaks. Combs should not be cracked or weeping with an absence of Burr Comb.	**25%**
TOTAL	**TOTAL:**	**100%**

DIVISION 140 | HONEY

Entry Fee - $3.00 per entry

CLASSES (Submission Categories)

1. **Eucalyptus Blend**
2. **Floral Honey** | Single floral source
3. **Wildflower Honey**
4. **Crystallized Honey**
5. **Chunk Honey**
6. **Comb Honey**
7. **Beeswax - Natural**
8. **Beeswax - Molded** | Such as molded candles, novelty figures, etc.
9. **Beeswax - Hand Dipped Candles** | 2 or more candles
10. **Full Frame - In Stand** | Suitable for display

AWARDS | AMERICAN SYSTEM | HONEY

Offered per Class at the Discretion of the Judges

FIRST PLACE	$15 & RIBBON
SECOND PLACE	$10 & RIBBON
THIRD PLACE	$5 & RIBBON
HONORABLE MENTION	RIBBON

SPECIAL AWARDS

BEST OF SHOW BEESWAX	$20 & ROSETTE
BEST OF SHOW FULL FRAME	$20 & ROSETTE
BEST OF SHOW HONEY	$30 & ROSETTE
OUTSTANDING ENTRY	$20 & ROSETTE