

Roger A. Morse Honey Show

Now is the time to be preparing samples for 2019 Fall Empire State Honey Producers' Association Roger A. Morse Honey Show. This year's show will be much the same as in past years. Liquid extracted honey, beeswax and mead will be featured.

All members of the Empire State Honey Producers' Association are welcome and encouraged to participate. All entries shall be produced in New York State. Blue ribbons for first place entrants will be awarded as well as a cash prize of \$100. Second place winners will be awarded \$50 cash and third place winners will receive a cash prize of \$25. An additional prize of \$100 will be awarded to the best of show from the extracted honey classes and \$100 in cash will be awarded to the best of show from the beeswax classes. The best of show entries will be auctioned off at the Friday evening banquet.

The 2019 show will feature four classes of liquid extracted honey: light, light amber, amber and dark. There will also be three classes of beeswax: a one-pound block, molded taper dinner candles and dipped taper dinner candles. Also there will be a taste-only "black jar" competition.

So, here is what you need to do:

Liquid Extracted Honey Classes:

- Submit three samples per class in one pound/454g classic, queenline or similar style glass jars.
- There shall be no labeling on the jar.(however a \$20 bill taped to the bottom is acceptable)
- Plastic or metal lids may be used.

Judging criteria: Don't worry about matching Pfund grade specifications. The judge will determine the class. However, if you plan to enter more than one color class, enter a significant difference in colors so they don't end up in the same class. Samples will be judged on the following:

- 1) moisture content (density); entries over 18.6% moisture will be disqualified
- 2) absence of crystals
- 3) cleanliness (absence of dirt, wax, foam, lint or air bubbles)
- 4) flavor (lack of off flavor such as burned, fermented)
- 5) container appearance (glass, lid flaws)
- 6) accuracy and uniformity of filling

Beeswax Classes:

- For the one-pound block of beeswax the sample shall be EXACTLY one pound. Points will be deducted for non-compliant weight.
- For the molded and dipped beeswax dinner candle classes submit a pair of 10"-12" matching candles. The drip end of dipped candles should be left intact and the wick between the two candles should not be cut. The wick on molded candles shall be cut to 1/2".

Again, no identifying markings are allowed on the beeswax products. It is recommended that all beeswax entries be submitted in a clear plastic wrap that can easily be removed for judging (this keeps dirt from sticking to the entry during handling. There has been some discussion regarding a burn test

for the candle entries. This may be an additional criterion in the future.

Judging criteria:

The samples will be judged on:

- 1) cleanliness
- 2) aroma
- 3) uniformity of appearance
- 4) cracks and shrinkage
- 5) color

Black Jar Class:

A single jar of any size or shape should be submitted. If you wish to tape over the jar to hide the color of the sample you may do so. The sample will be judged solely on flavor. A panel of “celebrity” judges will decide the best taste. A \$25 cash prize will be awarded for the best tasting jar of honey.

Finally, all entries shall be submitted by noon on Friday. If a member is unable to submit his or her samples at that time a trusted friend may enter the samples. Except for the best of show samples, all sampled may be returned after the Friday evening banquet. Please do consider entering the show. There is no entry fee, there is the prestige of winning a ribbon and a fabulous cash prize(s). If you have any questions regarding the honey show you may call me at 315 224 6601 Thank you. Jon Ryan