



APICULTURE

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Apiculture NZ National Honey Competition

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General Rules and Conditions of Entry

1. Exhibitor entries will be accepted from **all registered New Zealand beekeepers, packers and exporters**.
2. All award-winning honey will be available for tasting by the conference attendees on completion of judging. Winners will have their products displayed at the conference and published on the ApiNZ Conference App.
3. Exhibitors may only have one entry per class.
4. All honeys exhibited to be presented in anonymous (unlabelled) square transparent PET Poly-jar with white plastic lids. Size 500gm (400ml). These jars are available from Ceracell Beekeeping Supplies Auckland, or Ecrotek Beekeeping Supplies Auckland and Christchurch. Jar uniformity is essential for fair and equitable judging free from light and density variations. Any honey presented in non-regulation jars will be disqualified.
5. All honeys presented must be below a moisture content of 18.5% as tested by refractometer.
6. All honeys entered must be naturally produced by Apis Mellifera in accordance with the Codex Alimentarius Honey Standard. The Codex is available [here](#)
7. All honeys entered must be bona fide produce from beehives situated in New Zealand.
8. All entries should be accompanied by:
 - a. **completed entry form**
 - b. **entry fee** (*made payable to Apiculture NZ Conference 2021*)
 - c. **signed MPI Harvest Declaration form (for beekeepers)** which is available on the Conference website - National Honey Competition - <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/1021-Harvest-declaration-for-bee-products-intended-for-export> or obtainable from the Conference Registration desk. (Please note it is not necessary to provide a MPI Harvest Declaration form if you are only entering Class K Honey Beverages).

9. It is optional to include a high resolution photo of the product (if it is commercially available) to be used for promotional purposes by Apiculture NZ.
10. The judges are empowered to withhold awards should the quality of entries in any class not reach adequate standard.
11. The judges' decision will be final, with no correspondence entered into.
12. **Monofloral Manuka Honey Category** – Certified Laboratory Analysis results **MUST** accompany entries for this honey category. These must include the MPI Chemical Marker test, MPI's DNA test and HMF test.
13. Awards will be given in each of the Classes with a Supreme Award recognising the highest scoring Exhibitor overall. The sum of the top three scores of an individual exhibitor in classes A-F being taken into account.
14. **Jar Honey** will be judged on general presentation, cleanliness, freedom of foreign matter, density/viscosity, clarity, colour, aroma, freedom of crystals (liquid classes) evenness and texture of granulation (naturally granulated and creamed classes) and finally, flavour.
15. **Comb Honey** will be judged on fullness and colour of cappings, uniform cell size, weeping or travel staining, general cleanliness, absence of granulation, wax moth damage, brood or pollen and lastly flavour. Both sides of the comb may be inspected.
16. **Pfund Colour** guidelines are used and entries may be moved to an appropriate category based on the following international guidelines:

Light	Water White to White (less than 34mm on the pfund scale)
Medium	Extra Light Amber to Amber (34 to 114mm on the pfund scale)
Dark	Amber (115mm plus on the pfund scale)
17. Entry form(s), honey and entry fee(s) must be delivered to the Conference Registration desk at the Energy Events Centre, Rotorua, no later than **10am on the first day of the National Conference, Thursday 24th June 2021.**
18. If paying by direct credit, please ensure your payment is received by **17 June 2021.**