



2026 Howard County Fair Honey Consignment

Thanks for your interest in consigning your honey for sale at this year's Howard County Fair Honey and Beeswax booth. Below is important information regarding this year's honey consignment requirements.

To be eligible to sell honey at the Fair, a *2026 HCBA Member* must:

1. Agree to the established Fair honey sale pricing and jar sizes (see below for details) with a 10% honey consignment sales fee, **and**
2. Have all consigned jars/containers meet the appearance and labeling requirements listed below, **and**
3. Volunteer to help at least one HCBA outreach or other club event during the year, **and**
4. Volunteer for at least one shift at the Fair Honey and Beeswax Booth during Fair week **OR** submit at least one entry in at least one of the Honey and Beeswax Booth entry categories.
 - To volunteer for a shift, go to hocoba.com to access the sign-up page.

Products and Appearance

Honey products offered for sale are not judged for awards. However, every potential customer is judging your product when they select their purchase.

- Pure liquid, comb, chunk, and creamed honey **only**. Products with flavorings or any additives will not be accepted.
- Honey should be in clean containers like those normally seen in stores and farmers' markets. Sizes and types accepted at the Fair are: 8 oz, 12 oz, 1 lb., 2 lb., 5 lb.; 1 lb. creamed, 1 lb. chunk, 1 lb. comb.
- Containers are to be clean, free from drips, not sticky, have clean lids that are free of rust, and be filled to uniform amounts at the expected fill line of the container.
- Containers with debris of any kind in the honey will not be accepted.
- Bubbles, foam, debris, or wax at the surface of pure extracted honey should be avoided.
- Labels should be neat and straight on the container.

Labeling

Maryland product labeling law requires that product labels include:

- The common name of the product (Honey, Comb Honey, Chunk Honey, Creamed Honey).
- The quantity in both metric and English units.
- The name and address of the producer (City and State at a minimum; full address preferred).
- A method of contact (phone and/or email address; both are preferred).
- For pure raw honey, there are no other requirements in the law. See the label example on page 2 and Maryland Regulations (COMAR), Title 10.15.03.12
<https://dsd.maryland.gov/regulations/Pages/10.15.03.12.aspx> and <https://honey.com/honey-industry/resources/honey-labeling>

Delivery to the Fair and pick up at End of the Fair

- All honey consigned for sale by HCBA at the Fair must be checked into the Honey and Beeswax Booth on Friday evening, **August 7, 2026, between 6:00 and 7:45 PM** or Saturday morning, **August 8, 2026, between 9:00 and 11:30 AM**.
- Unsold items must be picked up *before noon on Sunday, August 16, 2025*.

Inspection by the HCBA Fair Honey Sales Coordinator at Check-in

- One random jar of your honey will be tested for a maximum moisture content of 18.5%. If that sample fails the maximum moisture content, none of your jars of honey will be accepted for sale.
- All containers will be checked for appearance and labeling as listed above; honey that fails any of the Coordinator's checks will not be accepted for sale.
- The Coordinator's decision to accept or reject honey for consignment is final.



Honey Label Requirements for Sales at the Howard County Fair

**Name of the
producer.**

**Common product
name clearly
visible (Honey,
Chunk Honey,
Comb Honey,
Creamed Honey).**

**City and State of
the producer is
required; full
address is
preferred.**

**La Dolce Vita
Bee Farm**



Wildflower

HONEY

Net wt.: 16 ounces (454 g)

**2121 Main Street
Ellicott City, Maryland
410-233-8783
sweet@server.com**

**Specific floral source if
evidence can support
claim. Otherwise,
'wildflower' or no
indicator is acceptable.**

**Net weight in BOTH
imperial and metric.**

**Phone and/or email of
the producer;
providing both is
preferred.**