

BEEKEEPING

PLEASE NOTE: Any changes/updates from the previous year will be **BOLDED and **ITALICIZED**! Pay special attention to any projects with **BOLD, ITALICIZED WORDS** because they have changed from last year.**

This project will help youth learn beekeeping, the types of bees, the honey and wax they produce, the plants that attract bees, and the equipment a beekeeper needs.

Completion, exhibition participation, and State Fair information for Beekeeping			
Division/Level	Grades (suggested)	Completion Activities Needed	Maximum State Fair Entries
Educational Poster or Display (including independent study)	Grades 3-12	<i>EXHIBITION –or– RECORD SHEET</i>	1 Entry per county
Single Honey Product	Grades 3-12	<i>EXHIBITION –or– RECORD SHEET</i>	Unlimited County Entries
Two Honey Products	Grades 3-12	<i>EXHIBITION –or– RECORD SHEET</i>	Unlimited County Entries

Remember: All posters, notebooks, and display boards **MUST** include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the way references are listed. Reference Sheets are available at the Extension Office for use if needed. For personal safety, do not include personally identifiable information such as mailing address or phone numbers on posters/displays/exhibits.

[SUGGESTED REFERENCE MATERIALS \(available for purchase in Extension Office or free download at \[shop4-h.org\]\(http://shop4-h.org\)\)](#)

- **[Level 1: Learning About Beekeeping](#)**
- **[Level 2: Working With Honey Bees](#)**
- **[Level 3: Advanced Beekeeping](#)**

GUIDELINES

1. Refer to the Hendricks County 4-H Policies, Entry & Exhibit Guidelines for poster and general display guidelines.
2. ***Be sure to enroll in the project on 4-H Online and enter exhibit information into FairEntry by designated date. 2024 designated FairEntry Deadline is Monday, July 1st at 11:59 p.m.***
3. Complete the Record Sheet (***if not exhibiting at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair.***)
4. Notes:
 - There are no age/grade specifications for beekeeping exhibits.
 - No beehives may be brought to the State Fair.
 - Honey water content will be measured.
 - Fill level: the honey should be filled to the jar shoulder, not over, nor under
 - Chunk honey should go in a wide-mouth jar, preferably one (1) specially made for chunk honey (see beekeeping catalogs).
 - Be careful to distinguish "chunk honey" (comb in jar) from "cut comb" (comb only in box).
 - Honey (including chunk, cut comb, and comb) must be collected since the previous county fair.
 - It is highly recommended that honey jars include a label that have the date of collection listed.

EXHIBITS

Educational Poster or Display: Grades 3-12

Create an educational poster, notebook or display about any manual activity or on any beekeeping topic of choice that is age/grade appropriate. Youth can also design and complete an individual study activity.

Single Honey Product: Grades 3-12 – Exhibit one (1) of the following:

1. Extracted honey - 2 one-pound jars, shown in glass or clear plastic, screw-top jars holding 1 pound of honey each.
2. Chunk honey (comb in jar) - 2 one-pound jars (wide-mouth glass or clear plastic).
3. Cut-comb honey - 2 one-pound boxes (These are usually 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" in size.)

Two Honey Projects: Grades 3-12 – Exhibit two (2) of the four (4) kinds of honey, listed below – four jars total:

1. Extracted Honey - 2 one-pound jars (glass or clear plastic).
2. Chunk Honey (comb in jar) - 2 one-pound jars (wide-mouth - glass or clear plastic).
3. Cut – comb Honey - 2 one-pound boxes. Boxes are usually 4 1/2" x 4 1/2"
4. Comb Honey - 2 sections (honey built by bees in frames of wood commonly called "sections." Boxes are usually 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" in size)