



Kentucky State Beekeepers Association

Certified Kentucky Honey Producers Program



The Certified Kentucky Honey Producers Program is an official marketing program of the Kentucky State Beekeepers Association. The goals of the program are: to promote the sale of local honey that is produced by the beekeepers of the KSBA and is a genuine product of the State; and to connect the local beekeepers with consumers who are looking to purchase local honey.

GUIDELINES:

1. Only Kentucky honey and specific hive products (see section 9) will be sold under the Certified Honey label. Certified honey is produced from beehives managed within the State. All nectar and pollen collected by bees must be from plants within the immediate area of those managed hives, and that the honey was extracted and bottled within the State.
2. Hives will not be fed sugar syrup or corn syrup during the period of nectar flow. Nectar flow periods will be a subjective determination and will vary a lot from area to area.
3. Honey should not have a moisture content exceeding 18.0%
4. Varroa mite and other pest/virus treatments will only be used in accordance with the manufacturer's product label and as provided for by the Honey Bee Health Coalition. Example: Honey supers should not be on if a beekeeper is using Apiguard, Oxalic Acid and any non-approved treatments during honey flow.
5. Honey will be sold in its natural state and can only be filtered to allow for the removal of honeybee debris and wax particles. A coarse filter or screen will be used for filtering honey to minimize pollen removal from honey.
6. Honey will not be heated above 110 degrees or be pasteurized.
7. Honey is to be processed and bottled in a sanitary and healthy extraction facility in accordance with current Kentucky guidelines. House Bill (HB) 400, signed into law and effective beginning on July 16, 2002 contains specific exemptions for some honey producers. Specifically, the law states that if a person sells less than one hundred fifty (150) gallons of honey in a year off the farm, the person is not required to process the honey in a certified honey house or food processing establishment. This exemption is equivalent to less than 1800 pounds of honey per year. Apiaries meeting this exemption would still need to comply with Kentucky's labeling requirements and operate in a safe and sanitary manner.
8. Certified Honey Producers will be able to purchase Certified Kentucky Honey labels to be affixed to all bottling and/or other containers of honey and be prominently displayed where certified honey is sold.
9. Certified honey labels may be affixed to containers of just honey, honey with comb, comb honey, or creamed honey. Honey products with the Certified Honey label applied may contain additives or flavoring if the words "made with Certified Kentucky Honey" are added to the label, any additives or flavors are prominently displayed on the label, and label has been approved by the Program Manager.

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10. Certified Honey Producers may sell a unifloral/monofloral honey provided that the Producer has the honey analyzed and the analysis is provided along with his or her application and each year thereafter. Such honey must be appropriately labeled.
11. All participants in this program agree not to engage in any deceptive marketing or advertising and will apply the Certified Honey labels as specified within these guidelines.
12. When deemed appropriate by the Program Manager, any product being sold under the Certified Honey label may be analyzed for quality or origin and the results to be provided directly to the Program Manager. If found not to be in compliance with the Certified Honey guidelines, the Producer will be requested to remove the honey from sale or remove the certified honey label. If there is a second violation within 2 years, the Producer will be removed from the program.

PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING:

1. All honey producers who wish to participate in this program must do so through formal application to KSBA and be approved by the local area/regional representative.
2. All applications should be processed for review and approval within 30 days of receipt by the Program Administrator.
3. All applicants must pay the designated fee to KSBA at the time of application which will provide certification for one year (January through December, although application received after October of the previous year will count toward current years certification). The certification may be renewed by paying the applicable fee along with the area/regional representative review and approval.
4. Required fees are based on honey production as shown on the application form application fees are non-refundable and are not prorated.
5. Local associations will receive an incentive back for each Certified Kentucky Honey application processed and approved through their association (\$3/person).
6. Applicants agree to abide by all the guidelines set forth under this program.
7. Applicants agree to purchase the Certified Honey labels from KSBA.
8. Applicants agree to be listed on the Certified Honey Producers listing on the KSBA website.

ONCE A MEMBER OF THE PROGRAM:

1. The member may download a high-quality image of the Certified Kentucky Honey logo through www.kybees.org by making an account and requesting approval for the logo. This logo may only be used by Certified Kentucky Honey Producers for marketing purposes and must contain the ® in the logo. The logo may be incorporated directly into honey label as long as the label is 0.75in. square in size, placed over a white background (white background may be a circle directly behind the logo only), and the label is approved the Program manager prior to printing.





Kentucky State Beekeepers Association Certified Kentucky Honey Producers Application

One-Year Annual Certification 01 January – 31 December

For producers of < 250 lbs. = \$35.00; of > 250 lbs. but < 750 lbs. = \$45.00; of > 750 lbs. but < 1250 lbs. = \$55.00; of > 1250 lbs. but < 1800 lbs. = \$65.00; of > 1800 lbs. = \$100.00



Membership in the Certified Kentucky Honey Program
is also inclusive of membership in KSBA

Please print all information clearly.

Name _____

Select One New or Renewal

Street Address _____

City State Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

- 1) Are you a member of KSBA? Yes No 2) Are you a member of your local beekeeping association? Yes No
- 3) Name of local beekeeping association(s) where you are a member; _____
- 4) Name on honey label (Examples: Honey Sweet Farm, Jake's Honey); _____
- 5) County(s) in Kentucky where production hives are located; _____
- 6) Number of hives at time of application; _____ 7) Total pounds of honey produced in **2019**; _____
- 8) Migratory Beekeepers: **a)** Number of hives transported out of Kentucky in 2019; _____
b) Number of hives moved back into Kentucky in 2019; _____
c) Number of migratory hives used to collect and produce honey within Kentucky in 2019; _____
d) Number of hives maintained solely within Kentucky in 2019; _____
e) Total pounds of honey collected and produced within Kentucky that would be eligible for certification in 2019; _____
- 9) Your signature below confirms you agree to follow the conditions set forth in the Certified Kentucky Honey Producers program and to use the certified honey labels as intended to promote truth in advertising and labeling of honey gathered, harvested, processed, and packaged within the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Signature _____

Date _____

Review and verification: Local Association: _____

Signature of President: _____ Date: _____

The required application fee is non-refundable, not prorated, and must be submitted at time of application. Please make the check payable to KSBA, then mail the check along with the completed application to:

Kentucky State Beekeepers Association
Certified KY Honey Producers
P. O. Box 636
Lawrenceburg, KY 40342

