



**KENTUCKY STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
CERTIFIED KENTUCKY HONEY PRODUCERS
P. O. BOX 636
LAWRENCEBURG, KY 40342**



2021 HONEY BOOTH GUIDELINES

**All COVID-19 restrictions are due to be lifted by the Governor on June 11, 2021. At this time, no further guidance has been offered by the Kentucky State Fair Board. These booth guidelines will be revised at any such time guidelines are disseminated to fair exhibitors.*

The Kentucky State Beekeepers Association (KSBA) and its marketing brand The Certified Kentucky Honey Producers (CKHP) will have a honey booth at the Kentucky State Fair this year. The booth will be located in the West Wing courtyard, located between the West Wing hall and Freedom Hall. **All member beekeepers may provide their honey for sale at this year's booth.** We will be selling both Certified Kentucky honey and Non-Certified honey in the same booth.

To sell honey at the state fair, the beekeeper must be a member in good standing with the **KSBA**. If the beekeeper is not currently a member or needs to re-new their membership, they must submit an application and dues before **August 1, 2021**. Any applications received after this date will not permit the beekeeper to sell their honey at this year's state fair.

Based on the number of honey producers selling items this year, each producer will be allocated an equal amount of shelf space. Whether a beekeeper is a hobbyist, a sideliner or a commercial producer, each will be provided the same equitable allocation of shelf space. As one producer's honey sells out, the shelf space will be equitably reallocated to other producers that still have honey and/or products to sell. All honey sold by a producer shall be displayed for sale within the allocated shelf space regardless of size of containers (1 lb. bottle, quart jar, 12 oz. bear et al.). **The priority is to provide equitable shelf space to all producers.** (*Note: this year no cannabidiol (CBD) products will be sold at the booth*)

Since the KSBA now collaborates with the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board for the advancement of the CKHP program, the Program Manager Scott Moore will work with the Kentucky Department of Public Health (KDPH), Food Safety Branch to take minimal random sampling of honey. During the state fair, any producer's honey could be randomly selected for sampling. Honey label practices will also be reviewed throughout the year to assure labels are in compliance, including the state fair. Any issues will be confidentially addressed directly with the producer.

If you label your honey as a monofloral (Sourwood, Clover, Lavender et al.) the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requires that you are able to prove that at least 46% of a honey analysis contains pollen from the named label source. Monofloral honey is a rarity in areas where bees harvest nectar from multiple sources, and most pollen analysis will show the major pollen source is around 18% maximum. To avoid any problems with mislabeled honey, the KSBA Board recommends designations such as "Wildflower," "Spring Harvest 2020," "Local Franklin County Honey," et al. unless you can provide an analysis report indicating otherwise.



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All honey container labels must comply with the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services –Food and Safety Services labeling requirements as outlined in the Commercial Food Manufacturing in Kentucky: A Starter Guide, pages 33-35.

<https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dphps/fsb/Documents/CommercialFoodManufacturinginKentuckyAStarterGuide.pdf>

(Note: container labels should be large enough to read the information easily. Small “return address” type labels displaying the main information should be avoided. 2 oz. honey bears may have a small label, but a label is required) You may send your honey labels (PDF, image file, word document et al.) to Virginia Hamilton at the KDPH for a free review:

Email Address:
virginia.hamilton@ky.gov

Mailing Address:
Virginia Hamilton, R.S.
KY DPH Food Safety Branch
275 East Main Street,
Mail Stop: HS 1C-F
Frankfort, Kentucky 40621

Beekeepers may check in their honey and/or products to sell at the West Wing honey booth on the following days and times:

- Sunday, August 15th, from 12:00 p.m. EDT until 3:00 p.m. EDT. *(Note: Do not show up early and drop off your honey and/or products without obtaining an inventory slip)*
- Monday, August 16th - Wednesday, August 18th, from 10:00 a.m. EDT until 4:00 p.m. EDT.
- During the Fair, honey may be checked in daily from 12:00p.m. EDT until 6:00 p.m. EDT. *(Note: please check with the booth manager(s) prior to re-stocking your honey to see if it is needed. If management says there is ample stock of your honey, do **NOT** bring any additional honey to the booth)*
- Please make sure to obtain a receipt for any products submitted for sale.

KSBA volunteers will sell your honey at the previously published state fair prices. The supplier will receive 70% of the selling price. Once the Fair ends and the remaining unsold inventory is counted, you will be mailed a check for the dollar amount of your honey that was sold on your behalf. All producers should check with the honey booth manager(s) as the state fair winds down to see if any of their honey and/or products were not sold. Beekeepers must pick up any unsold honey and/or products on the last day of the state fair, **August 29, between 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. EDT.**



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Thomas Ballinger, President of KSBA, and Scott Moore, Program Manager of CKHP, will be the honey booth managers for all KSBA state fair activities. **Per the KSBA by-laws, the honey booth manager(s) is the sole authority on the honey and products sold at the booth and also the management of the booth.** This includes the acceptance and inventory of honey and/or products provided by a producer, overseeing the daily operation of the honey booth, inventory management and all financial accounting. Should the managers decide that any honey being sold is adulterated, fermented, mislabeled, or for any other reason not meeting FDA, KDA, KDPH or KSBA guidelines, they may pull the honey from the table and it will be returned to the owner/producer. The managers or their appointees will check in, inventory and price label all honey and/or products brought to be sold at the state fair.

Any disputes concerning the honey booth operation and/or honey sales will be addressed in writing (via email is acceptable) to the Secretary of the KSBA (kybeesecretary@gmail.com). At that time the issue will be arbitrated as defined in the KSBA Constitution, Article X (standing committees), Section 1, Subsection B – Kentucky State Fair Honey Booth Sales.

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