



# UF/IFAS Honey Judge Program Requirements and General Information

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## Program Overview

### History

The Honey Judge Program at the University of Florida began in 2008 under the name Welsh Honey Judge. It was structured after the programs offered by the University of Georgia through its Young Harris Beekeeping Institute and the Institute of Northern Ireland Beekeepers (INIB), both of which together introduced the Welsh Honey Judge Program to the United States (US) in 1999. In 2013, the US version of the Welsh Honey Judge Program underwent a significant revision, with the purpose of allowing program participants to acquire additional skills and knowledge in honey judging. This revision resulted in the addition of the new rank of Advanced (formerly Senior) Welsh Honey Judge. In 2019, the Florida version of the program underwent a further major revision. Rebranding under a new title, the UF/IFAS Honey Judge Program reestablished the value and prominence of honey judging and quality of value-added hive products. Furthermore, reevaluating the program led to clearer and more stringent requirements for the UF/IFAS Honey Judge Program, which is now among the most robust honey judging programs in the world.

### Purpose

The purpose of the UF/IFAS Honey Judge Program is to improve the overall quality and value of honey and other value-added hive products.

This purpose is addressed via four main program activities:

1. Training for program participants on the quality standards of honey and other value-added hive products through *introductory and advanced UF/IFAS Honey Judge Training workshops*.
2. Honey Shows where Entrants, Certified and Advanced Honey Judges enter their honey produce and other value-added hive products *to receive feedback* that helps to enhance the quality of their products.

3. Honey Shows where Certified and Advanced Honey Judges can hone and apply their skills to provide constructive feedback to beekeepers on honey and other value-added hive products.
4. Education and consultation services to beekeepers offered by Certified and Advanced Honey Judges.

These activities are executed with the intention of achieving the following objectives:

1. Train UF/IFAS Honey Judges:
  - a. Train at least four new Honey Judge Candidates annually.
  - b. Certify at least two new Certified Honey Judges annually.
  - c. Certify at least one new Advanced Honey Judge every other year.
2. Increase the quality of honey and/or other hive products of at least 30% of UF/IFAS Honey Show participants, as reported by beekeepers in surveys.
3. Increase the value of honey and/or other hive product sales produced by beekeepers by at least 10% in one year, following consultation from a Certified or Advanced Honey Judge as reported by consultees in surveys.

### UF/IFAS Honey Show Structure

UF/IFAS Honey Shows are held in conjunction with UF/IFAS Honey Bee Research and Extension Laboratory events. There are many roles to fill within UF/IFAS Honey Shows, all of which are important to the success of each show. Typically, shows will be judged by one or more Certified and/or Advanced Honey Judges, with one Honey Judge presiding as the official Honey Show Manager, and one Honey Judge presiding as the Head Judge. Honey Show Stewards and a Honey Show Secretary are present as well. Details of the roles within UF/IFAS Honey Shows are provided below. Other Honey Shows may have different duties or requirements for these positions.

- Honey Show Manager (sometimes referred to as a Superintendent): A Certified or Advanced Honey Judge who oversees the logistical operation of the UF/IFAS Honey Show from start to finish, including recruiting Honey Judges, Honey Show Stewards, and Volunteers, setup, scheduling, and cleanup (see Appendix I for complete duties).
- Honey Show Secretary: A Certified or Advanced Honey Judge who works closely with the Honey Show Manager and who is responsible for all judging paperwork, including entry labels, class forms, and award cards, among others (see Appendix I for complete duties).
- Honey Judge(s): Certified and/or Advanced Honey Judges who judge the UF IFAS Honey Show exhibits (see Appendix I for complete duties).
- Head Judge: One Advanced Honey Judge per show who oversees and has final say in the judging process, and who upholds judging standards (see Appendix I for complete duties).
- Honey Show Steward(s): Honey Judge Candidates, Certified and/or Advanced Honey Judges who assist the Honey Show Manager and assigned Judge(s) before, throughout, and following the UF/IFAS Honey Show (see Appendix I for complete duties).
- Volunteers: (see Appendix I for complete duties).

The UF/IFAS Honey Judge Board may waive some requirements of these positions at its discretion.

Certified and Advanced Honey Judges may have opportunities to steward or judge Honey Shows outside of UF/IFAS Honey Shows as well. Certified and Advanced Honey Judges available to judge/steward shows may choose to have their name and contact information posted on [www.UFhoneybee.com](http://www.UFhoneybee.com) > Extension > UF/IFAS Honey Judge Program”, thus making themselves available to anyone interested in having their Honey Show judged by a Certified or Advanced Honey

Judge. Typically, smaller, local shows will utilize Honey Judge Candidates as Honey Show Stewards and Certified Honey Judges as Honey Judges.

### **Program Fees**

Each level of training in the UF/IFAS Honey Judge Program is subject to registration fees. The fees cover the costs associated with administering the UF/IFAS Honey Judge Program, training, Honey Show, awards ceremony, certificates, testing, badges and rockers (see Appendix B, C) for all levels.

## **UF/IFAS Honey Judge Program Requirements**

There are three levels in the UF/IFAS Honey Judge Program:

- A) Honey Judge Candidate
- B) Certified Honey Judge
- C) Advanced Honey Judge

Below are the requirements for each level, a summary of which is found in Appendix A. The requirements for a given level can be completed simultaneously and in any order except where otherwise noted.

The Certified Honey Judge level can be completed in one year. It takes at least five additional years to achieve the rank of Advanced Honey Judge, although candidates for both levels may proceed through the certification process at their own pace. There is no time limit for the completion of the program requirements.

### **A. Honey Judge Candidate Requirements (Level 1)**

#### *1) Participate in an introductory honey judge training*

To become a Honey Judge Candidate, one must participate in an introductory honey judge training through the UF Honey Bee Research and Extension Laboratory. The training includes hands-on practice in preparing, showing, exhibiting, and judging honey bee-related products for the show bench. More information about when the introductory honey judge training is offered can be found at “[www.UFhoneybee.com](http://www.UFhoneybee.com) > Extension > UF/IFAS Honey Judge Program”.

### **B. Certified Honey Judge Requirements (Level 2)**

Individuals must complete six requirements prior to becoming a Certified Honey Judge. Requirements numbered one to six below *must* be completed before the Final Exam (Requirement 7) is taken.

#### *1) Become a Honey Judge Candidate (see Section A)*

#### *2) Participate in an advanced honey judge training*

To become a Certified Honey Judge, one must participate in an advanced honey judge training. The training, developed to refine the skills of experienced Certified Honey Judges, can only be provided by an Advanced Honey Judge. More information about when advanced

honey judge training is offered can be found at “[www.UFhoneybee.com](http://www.UFhoneybee.com) > Extension > UF/IFAS Honey Judge Program”.

3) *Steward three Honey Shows under three different Certified Honey Judges*

Honey Judge Candidates must document their experience as a Honey Show Steward at a minimum of three Honey Shows, each under the guidance of a *different* Certified or Advanced Honey Judge. Guidelines for Honey Show Stewards can be found in Appendix B. Opportunities for stewarding may be available at UF/IFAS Honey Shows. Please note that stewarding opportunities may be limited at these shows. Honey Judge Candidates may be invited to steward a Honey Show or may self-initiate a Honey Show and volunteer to steward. If Honey Judge Candidates elect to do this, they must cooperate with a recognized organization such as the Florida State Beekeepers Association (<https://flstatebeekeepers.com/>) (or equivalent), a local beekeepers association, or through a county or state fair. Honey Judge Candidates must notify the UF/IFAS Honey Judge Program Board when stewarding a show other than the UF/IFAS Honey Shows *prior* to serving as a Honey Show Steward. Certified and Advanced Honey Judges and Honey Show Stewards must wear proper Honey Judge attire (Appendix C). All stewarding activities should be documented in the Honey Judge Portfolio of Evidence (see Certified Honey Judge Requirement 5).

4) *Earn 75 exhibiting points by showing items in Honey Shows.*

Honey Judge Candidates must earn a minimum of 75 exhibiting points, which are accumulated by winning ribbons or prize cards at any UF/IFAS Honey Show or other Honey Shows as approved by the UF/IFAS Honey Judge Program Board (see Appendix D for how points are awarded). Some of these points should be earned by placing first, second, or third in at least six different exhibit types at the UF/IFAS Honey Show at which the Candidate is testing for the Certified Honey Judge level. Honey Judge Candidates must take first place at least five times. These six exhibits will be used as part of the Candidate’s Final Exam (see Certified Honey Judge Requirement 7). All exhibiting activities should be documented in the Honey Judge Portfolio of Evidence (see Honey Judge Requirement 5).

5) *Develop a Honey Judge Portfolio of Evidence.*

Honey Judge Candidates are encouraged to participate in as many organized Honey Shows as possible, both as a Honey Show Steward and as an Exhibitor. This participation should include exhibiting honey and hive products, judging small local shows, stewarding larger shows, etc.

Documentation of all Honey Show activities should be displayed professionally in a Honey Judge Portfolio of Evidence (e.g. organized by date in a three-ring binder or electronically with associated pieces of evidence). Each activity must be documented with 1) a completed Documentation of Participation form (Appendix E) and 2) one additional Documentation of Evidence (e.g. an invitation from the Honey Show Secretary, copies of prize cards, ribbons awarded, photographs of the Honey Judge Candidate at an event, sign-up list, article about the show in a local paper, etc.). All evidence must carry a signature of authenticity from the Honey Show Secretary or other show officer.

The first page of the Honey Judge Portfolio of Evidence should be a Portfolio of Evidence Cover Page (Appendix F) which is a compiled list of the Candidate’s achievements and

activities. The Honey Judge Portfolio of Evidence will be collected and reviewed during the Oral Exam process (see Certified Honey Judge Requirement 7).

Candidates also should begin assembling their Advanced Honey Judge Portfolio of Evidence early in the process, documenting participation in Honey Shows as a Honey Show Steward, Honey Judge, and Exhibitor.

6) *Assemble a Honey Judging Kit and Attire (see Appendix C).*

All Candidates must assemble a Honey Judging Kit. The kit must include certain items (Appendix G) that are important for judging honey. The Candidate must present the kit to the Advanced Honey Judge examiner during his/her Oral Exam (see Certified Honey Judge Requirement 7).

7) *Take and pass the Honey Judge Final Examination.*

Candidates who have completed requirements one to six of the Certified Honey Judge level (Level 2) will be eligible to take the Honey Judge Final Examination during a UF/IFAS Honey Bee Research and Extension Laboratory event. The Final Exam is composed of three parts:

- a. **Submission of exhibits:** Individuals who are taking the Final Exam for the Certified Honey Judge level, must enter at least three different exhibits into the Honey Show corresponding with their exam date. These three exhibits must include: (1) one entry of beeswax block or candles, (2) one entry of extracted honey, chunk honey, or creamed honey and (3) one entry of the candidate's own choice. The Candidate's choice entry can be selected from the respective Honey Show's schedule (i.e. what classes are available at that particular show) available before each UF/IFAS Honey Show, which can be found at "[www.UFhoneybee.com](http://www.UFhoneybee.com) > Extension > Bee College > Bee College Honey Show". The Black Jar class cannot be one of the Candidate's exhibits in the Final Exam. All three exhibits must be produced by the Candidate and include the number of jars or candles required for the entry.
- b. **Practical Training Assessment (PTA):** PTA will be carried out in the Honey Show arena. During the PTA of the Honey Judge exam, an Advanced Honey Judge will be the Examiner and ask the candidate to give a detailed commentary on his/her submitted entries (as well as other entries) in the Honey Show. The candidate must describe and/or show how they would judge the product and how they arrived at the results.
- c. **Oral Exam:** The Certified Honey Judge candidate must exhibit competency and understanding of the principals of UF/IFAS Honey Judging by examination from two Advanced Honey Judges. During this exam, the candidate will present his/her Honey Judge Judging Kit and must be dressed in Honey Judge attire. Furthermore, the candidate must be able to answer any question relating to the Honey Judge Judging Kit. Candidates will lose points if any items (Appendix G) are missing from their Honey Judge Judging Kit upon examination. During the examination, the

candidate will be expected to provide detailed answers to questions related to exhibits across the show bench.

Candidates must register for the Final Examination and pay any additional fees associated with the exam. **These exams are offered only at UF/IFAS Honey Bee Research and Extension Laboratory events.**

Candidates successfully completing all of the required steps will become Certified Honey Judges. New Certified Honey Judges will be awarded a UF/IFAS Honey Judge patch and an official certificate during a corresponding UF/IFAS Honey Bee Research and Extension awards ceremony.

### **C. Advanced Honey Judge Requirements (Level 3)**

Individuals must complete six requirements prior to becoming an Advanced Honey Judge. Requirements numbered one through five below *must* be completed before the Final Examination (Advanced Honey Judge Requirement 6) is taken.

1) *Be an active/participating Certified Honey Judge at Honey Shows for at least 5 years (see Section B on page 3).*

2) *Judge three Honey Shows under three different Advanced Honey Judges.*

Certified Honey Judges must document their experience as a Honey Show Judge at a minimum of three Honey Shows, each with a different Advanced Honey Judge presiding over the show (the requirement of three different Advanced Honey Judges may be exempt by the UF/IFAS Honey Judge Program Board, depending on the availability of Advanced Honey Judges). Each experience must include Practical Training Assessments (PTA) where Certified Honey Judges judge exhibits under the observation of an Advanced Honey Judge. Opportunities for judging may be available at UF/IFAS Honey Shows. Honey Shows that candidates have stewarded *before* being certified as a Certified Honey Judge do not count toward this requirement for obtaining the Advanced Honey Judge level. Certified Honey Judges must wear proper Honey Judge attire (Appendix C). All judging activities should be documented in the Advanced Honey Judge Portfolio of Evidence (see Advanced Honey Judge Requirement 4).

3) *Earn 85 exhibiting points by showing items in Honey Show(s).*

Certified Honey Judges must earn a minimum of 85 exhibiting points (Appendix D), which are accumulated by winning ribbons or prize cards at any UF/IFAS Honey Show, or other Honey Shows approved by the UF/IFAS Honey Judge Program Board. These points cannot include the 75 points required to become a Certified Honey Judge. Some of these points should be earned by placing first, second, or third in at least six different exhibit types at the UF/IFAS Honey Show at which the candidate is testing for the Advanced Honey Judge level. Certified Honey Judges must take first place at least five times. The exhibits entered are to be chosen from the list of honey and value-added hive products shown and should demonstrate proficiency and knowledge on hive and honey bee products across the show bench. All exhibiting activities should be documented in the Advanced Honey Judge Portfolio of Evidence (see Advanced Honey Judge Requirement 4).

#### *4) Develop a Honey Judge Portfolio of Evidence.*

Certified Honey Judges must document all Honey Show activities in an Advanced Honey Judge Portfolio of Evidence. Each activity must be documented with 1) a completed Documentation of Participation form (Appendix E) and 2) one additional Documentation of Evidence (e.g. an invitation from the Honey Show Secretary, copies of prize cards, ribbons awarded, photographs of a Honey Judge Show, sign-up list, article about the show in a local paper, etc.). All evidence must carry a signature of authenticity from the Honey Show Secretary or other show officer. All Portfolios of Evidence are expected to be assembled and presented in a professional manner (e.g. organized by date, digitally or in a 3-ring binder with associated pieces of evidence).

The first page of the Advanced Honey Judge Portfolio of Evidence should be a Portfolio of Evidence Cover Page (Appendix F) which is a compiled list of the Certified Honey Judges achievements and activities. The Advanced Honey Judge Portfolio of Evidence will be collected and reviewed during the Oral Exam process (see Advanced Honey Judge Requirement 6).

#### *5) Critique five personal exhibits.*

The Certified Honey Judge must produce a critique of their own and must assemble five exhibits which should be from their own honey and hive product exhibits (Appendix H). Multiple entries of the same type of exhibit are not allowed (for example, two of the five items cannot be liquid honey). The Certified Honey Judge must then write a critique (maximum of one page per critique) of each exhibit. These critiques must note any faults or problems that the Certified Honey Judge observes with their own exhibits as though they are judging them at a Honey Show. Individuals will lose points for any faults that the Certified Honey Judges do not note in their written critiques. The examiners will assess what quantity of points will be lost during the examination, depending on the scale of each error. Candidates who receive a score of 85 or higher will receive a passing grade.

The Certified Honey Judge must send his/her critiques by post or e-mail to the UF/IFAS Honey Judge Program Board or the examiner at least one week prior to the examination. These five exhibits and critiques will be examined and discussed during the Advanced Honey Judge Oral Exam (see Advanced Honey Judge Requirement 6).

Individuals taking the Final Exam for the Advanced Honey Judge level must enter three of the five exhibits into the UF/IFAS Honey Show for which they wrote critiques (see Advanced Honey Judge Requirement 5).

#### *6) Take and pass the Advanced Honey Judge Final Examination.*

Certified Honey Judges who have completed requirements one to five of the Advanced Honey Judge level will be eligible to take the Advanced Honey Judge Final Examination. Certified Honey Judge testing for the Advanced Honey Judge level will be conducted by two or more Advanced Honey Judge examiners at a UF/IFAS Honey Show. Individuals testing for the Advanced Honey Judge level must wear the official Honey Judge attire (Appendix C). The Final Exam is composed of Oral Exam A and B.

a. **Oral Exam A:** An Advanced Honey Judge will question the candidate who must exhibit competency and understanding of the principals of UF/IFAS Honey Judging. During this exam, the Certified Honey Judge will present their Honey Judging Kit and must be able to state when and how each item is used in a Honey Show. Individuals will lose points if any items are missing from their Honey Judging Kit (Appendix G) or if they are not wearing the complete Honey Judge attire (Appendix C). Additionally, the Certified Honey Judge's five critiqued exhibits will be reviewed and discussed. A cross-section of topics will be covered during the Oral Exam to confirm the Certified Honey Judge's knowledge of honey and hive product exhibits from across the show bench.

b. **Oral Exam B:** During the examination, individuals testing to become an Advanced Honey Judge will be asked to judge honey and hive products. These exhibits may include, but are not limited to, the exhibits listed in Appendix H. Furthermore, individuals may be asked to explain faults, provide positive remarks, and complete the judging process for any submitted exhibit. The examiners are free to ask questions related to UF/IFAS Honey Judging and about honey and hive products in general.

Candidates must register for their Final Examination and this may incur additional fees. **These exams are offered only at the UF/IFAS Honey Bee Research and Extension Laboratory.**

These six steps can be completed at the candidate's own pace but must begin at least one year after becoming a Certified Honey Judge. Candidates must be an active Certified Honey Judge for at least five years before becoming an Advanced Honey Judge. Upon successful completion, candidates will be certified as Advanced Honey Judges in the UF/IFAS Honey Judge Program. Advanced Honey Judges hold the highest rank in the UF/IFAS Honey Judge Program and are expected to serve as leaders and standard-bearers for judging honey and hive products in Florida, the US, and across the world.

## Program Administrative Board

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## Appendix A: Summary of Program Requirements

Program Level	Level Requirements	Minimum time to complete level
Honey Judge Candidate (Level 1)	1) Participate in a UF/IFAS introductory honey judge training	n/a
Certified Honey Judge (Level 2)	1) Achieve the level of Honey Judge Candidate 2) Participate in a UF/IFAS Advanced Honey Judge training 3) Steward three Honey Shows under three different UF/IFAS Certified Honey Judges 4) Earn 75 exhibiting points by showing items in Honey Shows 5) Develop a Certified Honey Judge Portfolio of Evidence 6) Assemble and present a Honey Judging Kit 7) Take and pass the Certified Honey Judge final examination	1 year
Advanced Honey Judge (Level 3)	1) Achieve the level of Certified Honey Judge, and be an active Certified Honey Judge for at least 5 years 2) Judge three Honey Shows under or alongside three different UF/IFAS Advanced Honey Judges 3) Earn 85 additional exhibiting points by showing items in Honey Shows 4) Develop an Advanced Honey Judge Portfolio of Evidence 5) Critique five personal exhibits 6) Take and pass the Advanced Honey Judge final examination	5 years

## **Appendix B: Advice and Guidelines for Honey Show Stewards**

Stewarding duties at any Honey Show must be performed with utmost care and attention. The main responsibility of a Honey Show Steward is to facilitate and support his/her assigned Honey Judge throughout the show. The Honey Show Steward should be available at all times during the show and remain in contact with the Honey Show Manager. The Honey Show Manager will assign each Honey Show Steward to a Honey Judge for the show. The only time Honey Show Stewards should be in contact with the Honey Show Secretary is during judging when they will present the results to the Honey Show Secretary, which will reduce the likelihood that Honey Show Stewards can see the names or other identifiable factors of Exhibitors.

The Honey Show Steward performs the following tasks:

1. Help the Honey Show Manager set up the Honey Show.
2. Accept Exhibitors' entries and place them on the correct show bench for showing.
3. Ensure that each exhibit is placed in the correct class for judging.
4. Make sure the Honey Judge has a table with a chair, one tumbler half filled with warm water, and a small bowl with warm water in which the Honey Judge can clean his/her fingers after tasting honey.
5. Make the Honey Judge aware of double entries (i.e. Exhibitors with multiple entries in one class) before he/she judges the class.
6. When the Honey Judge is judging honey for taste, make sure that his/her tasting rods are cleaned, wiped dry, and placed in the Honey Judge's clean tumbler.
7. Make the Honey Judge aware if he/she is judging a class in which you have entered an exhibit. Ask the Honey Judge if he/she would like you to step back until the judging of that class is completed.
8. Ensure that all cake exhibits are covered and placed in the correct position on the show bench.
9. Make sure that the items needed for judging are available (e.g. food gloves, scales, and cling film if required).
10. As the Honey Judge calls out winning numbers, write them down on the Honey Judge's feedback sheet. Hand the sheet and prize cards to the Honey Judge for signing only.
11. Collect and return the Honey Judge's signed feedback sheet and prize cards to the class envelope. Return the envelope to the Honey Show Secretary.
12. Make sure that winning exhibits, after being judged, are returned to the show bench and are displayed in the correct order with their prize cards.
13. When judging is complete, make sure that the show benches are clean and that all equipment is returned to the Honey Show Secretary.

Additional advice for Honey Show Stewards:

1. Study the rules and regulations before the show.
2. Arrive at the show before the show begins and be aware of the classes in the show. This will enable you to show the Honey Judge where the products are being staged.
3. Have a show schedule available and be aware of which classes your assigned Honey Judge is responsible for in the show, particularly if there is more than one Honey Judge.
4. Always carry a pencil and a pen with you at all times.
5. When the Honey Judge is judging an exhibit, under no circumstance should the Honey Judge Steward make any remark unless asked to do so by the Honey Judge.
6. Treat all remarks made by the Honey Judge and other Honey Judge Stewards during judging as confidential.

## Appendix C: Official UF/IFAS Honey Judge Attire

UF/IFAS Certified Honey Judges and Advanced Honey Judges must wear a white trilby style hat (Figure 1) and a white food coat (Figure 2). All should take care to dress in a professional manner under the official Honey Judge attire.



**Figure 1:** A UF/IFAS Honey Judge wears a white trilby hat



**Figure 2:** UF/IFAS Certified Honey Judges

## Appendix D: *Exhibition Points for Honey Show Exhibits*

<b>Table 1: Certified and Advanced Honey Judges</b> receive exhibition points for winning exhibits in a Honey Show.	
Place Card or Ribbon	Exhibition Points Earned
First	6 points
Second	5 points
Third	4 points
Fourth (Very Highly Commended)	3 points
Fifth (Highly Commended)	2 points
Sixth (Commendable)	1 point







## Appendix G: *Honey Judging Kit Items*

Below is a list of items needed to complete the Honey Judging Kit. Items should be organized in a doctor's bag or a small carrying case.

- At least three tasting glasses (200ml or 7-8 Fl oz)
- Corkscrew
- Honey hydrometer
- A set of standard grading glasses from INIB
- Hand towel
- Section template (4 x 4 standard wooden section) or 6-inch ruler
- Measuring tape at least 72 inches long
- Cake knife
- Magnifying glass
- Notebook, pencil, pen
- Flashlight
- Glass honey tasting rods (at least five)
- Two tumblers (200ml or 7 Fl oz)
- Small finger bowl
- White food coat
- White food hat
- Penknife
- Scissors
- Box of matches
- Damp cloth in plastic bag
- An apple and/or dry biscuit (as a palate cleanser)
- Tissues
- Show schedule
- A gauge or ruler for measuring weight marks
- Bacterial wipes
- pH test strips or pH test for sugar adulteration in honey
- Refractometer
- Flat Calibrated scale (platform scale weighing up to 1kg)
- Spring Calibrated scale
- 3ft piece of butcher's twine
- INIB Judging Templates (Cakes) (Wax Candles) (Mead)

## **Appendix H: *Exhibit Class Choices for Advanced Honey Judge Level***

Below is a list of the exhibit classes for exhibiting points and exhibit critiques from which Certified Honey Judges can choose when testing for the Advanced Honey Judge level:

- Liquid Honey
- Granulated, Soft Set or Creamed Honey
- Frame of Honey Suitable for Extraction
- Cut Comb and Sections
- Mead
- Beeswax Block
- Candles
- Displays
- Honey Cakes and Honey Sweetmeats
- Slides and Photographs
- Observation Hives

## **Appendix I: Roles and Titles in UF/IFAS Honey Judge Program and Honey Shows**

**Advanced Honey Judge:** A individual who completed all requirements of the Advanced Honey Judge level, which is considered Level 3 of the UF/IFAS Honey Judge Program. Advanced Honey Judges can judge Honey Shows (including UF/IFAS Honey Shows), as well as serve as a Honey Show Steward, Honey Show Secretary, Honey Show Manager, or Trainer/Examiner if asked. Advanced Honey Judges may also be allowed to judge larger, regional, or national shows. Only Advanced Honey Judges can lead introductory or advanced honey judge training courses and can serve as the Examiner in final exams for Certified Honey Judge and Advanced Honey Judge candidates.

**Certified Honey Judge:** An individual who has completed all the requirements of the Certified Honey Judge level, which is considered Level 2 of the UF/IFAS Honey Judge Program. Certified Honey Judges can judge Honey Shows (including UF/IFAS Honey Shows), as well as serve as a Honey Show Steward, Honey Show Secretary, Honey Show Manager at the digression of the Honey Show organizers and/or the UF/IFAS Honey Judge Program Board. Some larger, regional, or national shows may only allow Certified Honey Judges to act as Honey Show Stewards.

**Exhibitor:** Anyone who enters an exhibit into a Honey Show. No official training or certification is necessary to be an Exhibitor, although in many Honey Show classes, exhibits (or components of exhibits) must be produced by bees managed by the Exhibitor.

**Honey Show Manager:** A Certified or Advanced Honey Judge who oversees the logistical operation of the Honey Show from start to finish, including recruiting Honey Judges, Honey Show Stewards, and Volunteers, set up, scheduling, and clean up. The Honey Show Manager's role also includes making sure the Honey Judges are supported and the rules and regulations are adhered to by all.

**Honey Show Secretary:** The individual who manages the administrative aspects of the UF/IFAS Honey Shows and other Honey Shows, including: managing entries and prize cards, communicating with participants, and inviting Honey Judges and Honey Show Stewards.

**Honey Show Steward:** The individual who assists one or more Honey Judge(s) in a UF/IFAS Honey Show or other Honey Show. Stewarding duties include, but may not be limited to the tasks outlined in Appendix B. Honey Show Stewards in UF/IFAS Honey Shows must have obtained the rank of Honey Judge Candidate or higher (Certified and Advanced Honey Judges can also serve as Honey Show Stewards).

**Judge's Referee:** The individual must be neutral and not involved with the honey show who oversees and has final say in the judging process, should there be any dispute. This individual must uphold judging standards.

**Program Administrative Board:** A group of individuals who make programmatic decisions about the UF/IFAS Honey Judge Program and Honey Shows. The board sets goals and objectives for the program, can make changes to program requirements, and can allow exemptions to certain requirements in extenuating circumstance. Members of the board can also approve Honey Shows used for stewarding, judging and exhibiting points. Current members must approve new board

members. The UF/IFAS Honey Judge Board reserves the right to make changes when/where necessary.

**Program Manager:** The individual responsible for managing and coordinating many administrative aspects of the UF/IFAS Honey Judge Program, including: scheduling of training, maintaining participant records, and ordering supplies for the program.

**Volunteers:** These individuals will perform duties assigned by the Honey Show Manager. Volunteers would normally help set up and break down the show and help the Honey Show Secretary if required. Volunteers could be asked to step in as a Honey Show Steward if necessary and may perform other duties as assigned by the Honey Show Manager.