

Southcentral Alaska Beekeeping Association

Alaska State Fair Judging

Color – 7 categories: Water White to Dark Amber (not a quality factor; Pfund or color plates used for color classification).

Appearance & suitability of container: clean, clear, filled to approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from top cover. One lb Glass Queenline jar **is required**.

Freedom from crystallization: some sources will crystallize sooner and easier than others.

Freedom from impurities: pollen grains, dust, propolis, wax particles, froth. Most impurities remain suspended.

Brightness: sign of clarity, particle-free, few or no air bubbles. (Reflects good filtering) Pour honey slowly to avoid mixing and incorporation of air bubbles.

Flavor & aroma: can detect smoke, fermentation, overheating.

Density: refractometer, moisture % (16-25%)
A refractometer measures the percentage of sucrose in an aqueous solution.