

**Sec. 22-33-C10a. Quality seal grade standards for honey**

(a) Honey products marketed under the Connecticut Quality Seal shall meet the requirements of the general regulations pertaining to the Connecticut Quality Seal Program and the additional regulations as set forth in this section.

**(b) Definitions.**

(1) Extracted honey. Honey that has been physically removed from the comb.  
(2) Crystallized honey. Honey that is or has begun the natural process of granulation.  
(3) Creamed honey. Processed honey that is granulated, fine-grained, opaque and in a spreadable form, the only ingredient being honey.

(4) Comb. A structure of thin walled cells constructed from beeswax to hold honey.

(5) Combed honey. Honey that is in the comb.

(6) Capped honeycomb. Cells filled with honey that are totally sealed with a layer of wax.

(7) Chunk honey. A package containing cut comb honey which has been submerged in extracted honey.

(c) All honey products shall not be crystallized unless labeled to indicate crystallized honey. Each container of crystallized or crystallizing honey shall bear such a label.

(d) All honey products shall be free from dirt or objectionable materials, such as beeparts or wax.

(e) All off-tasting honey such as honey dew, fermented or burnt tasting honey shall not be permitted to bear the Quality Seal.

(f) All extracted honey products shall have a moisture content equal to or less than 18%.

(g) All extracted honey products shall be 100% pure unadulterated honey, must not contain beeparts or wax.

(h) All forms of comb honey shall be at least 90% capped. All forms of comb honey shall have a minimal amount of bruised, broken or irregular comb.

(i) Creamed honey shall be completely crystallized and fine-grained.

(j) Chunk honey shall be at least 90% capped with a minimal amount of bruised, broken or irregular comb.

(k) All storage and consumer containers shall be clean and sanitized.

(l) The facility and equipment in which honey products are processed shall be kept clean and sanitary.

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