

Honey Requirements

Registration

Hives in Connecticut must be registered with and inspected by the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (Connecticut General Statutes Sections 22-89 through 22-90, inclusive).

The apiary inspection and registration program is designed to prevent the introduction or establishment of honey bee diseases, parasites or undesirable races of honey bees. Apiary inspection is the only way to accurately assess the health of the bee colony. The owners of beehives containing live honey bees that are located within Connecticut must register the location of the beehives with the Office of the State Entomologist each year on or before October first. To comply with the requirements, write to:

Office of the State Entomologist
Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station
P. O. Box 1106
New Haven, CT 06504-1106

E-mail Mark Creighton apiary-inspector-mark.creighton@ct.gov

call (203) 974-8485 during any weekday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.

There is no fee for registration or inspection. The Department of Consumer Protection, Foods and Standards Division will conduct an inspection for labeling purposes, upon request.

Product labeling

Honey sold in Connecticut must be labeled with the following information:

- Common name in bold letters, (e.g.: **HONEY**)
- Net quantity in both English and metric—descriptive terms such as “Approximate” or “Full ounce” are not allowed
- Declaration of responsibility (manufacturer or packager name and address)
- Content statement (if any additional ingredients have been added).

For further information or label review contact:

Department of Consumer Protection
Division of Food and Standards
165 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106
Phone: (860) 713-6160
Fax: (860) 713-7237

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