

# Oregon Label Requirements For Extracted Honey

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## General Label Requirements (Federal and Oregon)

1. Product Identity: "HONEY" must be prominent and not less than 1/2 the size of the largest font used.
2. Net Weight in Avoirdupois and Metric must be in bottom 1/3 of the label  
Note: avoirdupois must be in ounces, metric weight is in (grams), use parens around the grams  
One pound of honey would be labeled: 16 oz (454 g)
3. If there are any added ingredients (for example flavoring), the jar no longer contains 100% Honey and an ingredient list must be provided.
4. Name and Address of Manufacturer  
Note: must be physical address or web site with street address - P.O. box is not allowed (see note 1)
5. Smallest print size: lower case "o" is equal to or greater than 1/16 inch.

## **Farm Direct – (Oregon House Bill 2336)**

**"Honey which the beekeeper produces, extracts, and sells directly to retail customers "**

## Farm Direct Venue Examples:

Farmer's Markets	Buying Clubs
Roadside Stands	Church Bazaars
CSA organizations	Drop Sites

## Farm Direct Label Requirements

1. General Label Requirements (see above)
2. **"THIS PRODUCT IS NOT PREPARED IN AN INSPECTED FOOD ESTABLISHMENT."**
3. **"NOT FOR RESALE"** (2. and 3. must be bold, in caps. Little "o" of the font used no less than 1/16 inch)

## Requirements For Type of Enterprise

### **20 Hives or fewer** (need exemption – form on p.2 of this document)

General Label Information  
No inspection required, no licensing required, no fees  
May wholesale direct to retail stores (see note 2)

### **> 20 Hives** and elects to have no hive inspection

Farm Direct Label Requirements and general labeling requirements on label  
No inspection required, no licensing required, no fees  
May only sell direct to consumer in Farm Direct venues. (see note 3)

### **>20 hives** (commercial honey producer)

Required Label Information  
Inspection required, licensing required, fees required  
May sell retail (consumer direct) and wholesale

## Resources:

- 1) FDA Guidelines (2014 draft)  
<http://www.fda.gov/food/guidanceregulation/guidancedocumentsregulatoryinformation/labelingnutrition/ucm389501.htm>
- 2) Honey.com (these may update) [www.honey.com/honey-industry/honey-testing-and-regulations/honey-labeling](http://www.honey.com/honey-industry/honey-testing-and-regulations/honey-labeling)

## Notes:

- 1) The street address must be stated on the label or in a current directory. Many firms have placed their street address (which can be the manufacturing address, or separate physical office that is accessible to the public) on their website. Although the terms "website" or "Internet" are not found in federal labeling law, the FDA has not contested such listings and are likely accepting websites as a current directory.
- 2) Retail stores are wholesale accounts. Retail sales are only directly to the consumer, but hobby producers (20 hives or less) may wholesale to stores.
- 3) May consign to other agricultural producers, not stores. Some produce stands would qualify as agricultural producers that can consign honey sales.  
Wholesale to stores is prohibited unless licensed and inspected.