

# Syrup, Sorghum, and Honey

## **Sorghum and Maple Syrup:**

Individuals who produce **less than** 4,500 pounds, 500 gallons, or \$6,000 per year (whichever is least), are not usually required to obtain a commercial permit. However, they must properly label their product. Product labels should be submitted for review. (See page 10.)

## **Honey**

House Bill (HB) 400, signed into law and effective beginning on July 16, 2002 contains specific exemptions for some honey producers. Specifically, the law states that if a person sells less than one hundred fifty (150) gallons of honey in a year off the farm, the person is not required to process the honey in a certified honey house or food processing establishment. This exemption is equivalent to less than 1800 pounds of honey per year. Apiaries meeting this exemption would still need to comply with Kentucky's labeling requirements and operate in a safe and sanitary manner. They should also submit their labels. (See page 10.)

# Honey Labels

Labels for honey containers, as for all foods in Kentucky, are also regulated by the Department for Public Health, Food Safety Branch. The requirements for honey are labels listed below.

Identity of the product: HONEY

Net Quantity: For honey this is customarily stated in weight - ounces and grams, not volume.

- A **one pound** jar label should state Net Wt. 1 lb (454 g).
- A **two pound** jar should say Net Wt. 2 lb (908 g).
- A **one pint** jar should say Net Wt. 22 ounces (624 g) or Net Wt. 1.37 lb (624g).
- A **one quart** jar should say Net Wt. 44 ounces (1.2 kg) or Net Wt. 2.75 lb (1.2kg).

Name of manufacturer: This is your name or your company's name. If you are bottling honey purchased from another producer, the words "Bottled by", "Distributed by", or "Manufactured for" are also required with your name.

Address of Manufacturer: Your complete address including the street address, city, state, and zip code are required.