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"Honey" is defined in Chapter 3715 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) to mean, "The nectar and saccharine exudation of plants that has been gathered, modified, and stored in a honeycomb by honey bees." (per Ohio Dept of Agriculture)



## Honey labeling requirements

Regardless of whether the honey is sold from a market or grocery store, it must have a label that includes the following:

- Statement of identity: the common name of the food product
- **Net quantity of contents:** If sold on-site the label must declare net weight in US Customary System (ounces). If sold off-site it must have both (ounces and grams).
- Ingredient list: Honey is a single ingredient food; an ingredient list is not required.
- Statement of responsibility: the name and address of the business

The label should be glued or "secured" to the container. If nutrient claims are made, the product must bear all required nutritional information in the form of the Nutrition Facts panel and comply with code 21 CFR Part 101.

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