

# AFB Inspector Activity Highlights

## 2016/17

### 1 NORTHLAND

- Helped commercial beekeeper with major AFB problem
- Three AP2's inspecting in areas where lot of AFB has been reported
- Follow-ups on complaints about unregistered hives
- Targeting and inspecting Col defaulters

### 2 AUCKLAND REGION

- In the past a very bad area for AFB, especially around city
- Three AP2's working systematically across the region inspecting in areas where a lot of AFB has been reported
- The AP2's have made excellent progress in reducing the amount of AFB
- Particularly encouraging in Northshore area where no AFB was found in last round of inspections

### 3 WAIKATO

- Targeted Morrinsville area after lot of AFB reported
- Inspections carried out in Hamilton city in AFB hot spots
- Taihape area follow-up of a lot of reported AFB

### 4 BAY OF PLENTY

- Inspections carried out on a number of relatively new beekeepers reporting a lot of AFB
- Follow-up on a number of unregistered apiaries
- Targeted Opotiki where a lot of new beekeepers are moving into the area
- Targeted an area around Rotorua where a hobbyist had an AFB dead-out robbed out

### 5 GISBORNE/EAST CAPE

- Two AP2's inspecting known AFB problems and beekeepers
- Also inspections carried out in East Cape area based on anonymous tipoff
- In the past was a bad region for AFB but has improved greatly now for AFB

### 6 TARANAKI

- In the past major AFB problem in New Plymouth city
- Inspectors have managed to clean this area up
- AP2 systematically working through Taranaki region targeting reported AFB areas
- AFB is much lower now in this area

### 7 WANGANUI

- Inspector found AFB infected hive that was dumped alongside commercial outfits and hive traced back to owner
- Number of beekeepers targeted with known AFB problems

### 8 HAWKES BAY

- AP2's inspecting a number of AFB hot spots
- Inspected a number of apiaries with abandoned hives where AFB was showing up
- Targeted a number of Col Defaulters who have reported AFB or near AFB finds
- Inspecting hives of new beekeeper with disease problem
- Inspecting neglected/abandoned apiaries
- Follow-up inspections on Havelock North AFB outbreak

### 9 WELLINGTON/WAIRARAPA

- Major inspection work carried out in this region by three inspectors targeting known bad areas for AFB
- Massive effort carried out to try to eliminate AFB in this region with a large number of diseased hives recently found and destroyed
- Follow-up on unregistered beekeeper selling diseased hives on TradeMe
- Wairarapa appears to be a very bad area for AFB and will be targeted more in the future. Found in last round of inspections

### 10 NELSON

- Follow-up on complaint from beekeeper suggesting that another beekeeper had a disease problem. No AFB was found in this particular beekeeper's outfit but some AFB was found in a neighbouring beekeeper's hives
- Lot of AFB found and destroyed as a result of inspections based on tracing information from known AFB sources
- Destroyed feral hive reported to be diseased

### 12 WEST COAST

- AP2's inspecting large numbers of apiaries where a lot of AFB has been reported
- AP2 found diseased hive that beekeeper failed to destroy under direction
- MPI Investigator following up on this breach

### 13 CANTERBURY

- Number of inspections in North Canterbury targeting beekeepers with known AFB problems
- Working with commercial beekeepers who are reporting increases in AFB in certain areas
- Inspections carried out on beekeeper whose honey returned very high AFB spore counts after routine testing

### 14 OTAGO

- Inspecting and cleaning up a large number of abandoned hives belonging to commercial beekeeper
- Major outbreak in Dunedin beekeeper's outfit that has now been cleaned up

### 15 SOUTHLAND

- Problem in Invercargill with beekeeper leasing out unregistered hives

### GENERAL

- Additional disease problems created due to large increase in new beekeepers and hive numbers
- Also large hive movements across the NI as beekeepers chase manuka flows and move AFB infected hives around
- All the inspections have generated a lot of extra work for the Lab and AQ, i.e. AFB tests, issuing Notices to Destroy, etc.

Special thanks from the Management Agency to all the AP2's for all their efforts!

