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American Foulbrood National Pest Management Plan

Governance Report Apiculture New Zealand (Inc)

Report 26 – February 2022

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Highlights Report

1. Plan Order Consultation

The Management Agency has completed the second round of consultation on 12 December 2021. 192 beekeepers attended one eight meetings held throughout the country and a further 45 attended one of five webinars. Feedback from the meetings was largely positive and a wide range of questions were asked.

The 5 diagnostic laboratories known to conduct AFB tests were consulted via sending a letter and organising a follow-up conference call or Zoom meeting. No significant concerns about the proposal to require diagnostic laboratories to supply all AFB test results were raised.

343 submissions have been received. The overall response to the proposed changes has been very positive with support ranging between 69% to 89% depending upon the proposed change.

Analysis of beekeepers written submissions is currently underway.

2. COVID-19

All Management Agency staff are now working from home in response the Omicron outbreak / Red Traffic Light.

The Trainer COVID Declaration Policy was revised to align with the COVID-19 Protection Framework and approved after consulting with Trainers. All AFB Recognition Trainers and participants are required to have a valid My Vaccine Pass.

The Management Agency recognises that the use of vaccine mandates to protect course participants from COVID-19 may also exclude some beekeepers from becoming trained to recognise and eliminate AFB. Consequently, the Management Agency has brought forward its plans to develop online training and is currently undertaking procurement to identify a suitable vendor.

3. Certificates of Inspection

2,650 (63.6%) of beekeepers have completed their COI for 2021. The Management Agency is prioritising default inspections for COI defaulters that own one or more apiaries in an AFB HotSpot.

4. Honey Surveillance

Planning for the 2022 Honey Surveillance programme has been completed. The Management Agency is planning to collect up to 982 honey samples from 318 beekeepers who have reported significantly less AFB over the previous three seasons than other beekeepers. These beekeepers collectively own over 506,000 colonies, over 60% of colonies on registered apiaries in New Zealand. Negative test results will enable the Management Agency to exclude apiaries owned by these beekeepers from AP2 inspections and enable the Management Agency to more effectively prioritise apiaries that are likely to have high levels of AFB.

5. Annual Report

The Annual Report for the 2020/21 levy year has been submitted to the Minister.

Management Agency 2021/22 Activity Report													
	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Total
# HiveHub portal logins	5,134	1,849	2,852	4,197	6,461	10,940	4,334	683					36,450
# 0800 AFB PMP phone calls	1529	706	458	601	808	1381	545	345					6,373
Outgoing	621	350	212	260	349	551	241	190					2,774
Incoming	908	356	246	341	459	830	304	155					3,599
# Help and support cases opened	1,302	342	542	620	1,198	2,641	692	337					7,674
# Help and support cases closed	1,436	363	498	564	1080	2,252	1023	379					7,595
Apiary Coordinators	1090	204	393	457	592	2,087	917	329					6,069
Administrator	302	134	56	75	84	92	65	28					836
Operations Managers	44	23	46	32	75	73	40	22					355
National Compliance Manager	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	0					4
# New Beekeeper Registrations	82	33	67	88	177	336	221	197					1,201
# Beekeepers Deregistered	272	80	72	78	118	211	81	34					946
# BK Employees granted HiveHub access	13	4	9	6	16	12	1	6					67
# New Apiary Registrations	392	302	570	526	686	1,276	975	1,458					6,185
# Apiary Deregistrations	748	356	776	397	350	853	464	620					4,564
# Colony Returns Completed	1,384	37	9	1	0	0	0	0					1,431
# ADRs Completed	1,674	157	15	5	2	0	0	0					1,853
#COIs completed	1	0	3	96	407	1,300	879	49					2,735
# Training Course Participants	41	56	68	65	95	117	0	0					442
# Full Course + Test Participants	33	34	40	42	62	85	0	0					296
# AFB Refresher Participants	8	22	28	23	33	32	0	0					146
# DECAs Approved	88	22	43	38	74	95	28	21					409
#Hobbyist	77	8	29	31	49	77	20	17					308
#Commercial	11	14	14	7	25	18	8	4					101
# AFB Notifications Reviewed	103	32	119	256	227	276	131	123					1,267
# Apiaries Inspected	183	23	131	282	327	419	184	70					1,619
# Surveillance	65	15	114	249	296	324	176	63					1,302
# Unregistered Apiary	6	5	9	15	15	25	5	7					87
# Default COI	109	3	7	0	0	0	0	0					119
# High Risk Beekeeper	0	0	0	15	12	69	1	0					97
# Monitoring Compliance with s122 Notice	2	0	0	1	4	1	1	0					9
# s128 Action on Default	1	0	1	2	0	0	1	0					5

Statistics as of 11 February 2022

Registered beekeepers	10,465
Registered apiaries	63,761
Colonies on registered apiaries	843,069
2021 ADRs submitted	9,303 (96.8%)
2021 ADRs submitted by 1 June	7,466 (77.0%)
2021 COI submitted	2,650 (63.6%)
2021 COI submitted by 15 December	2,604 (62.5%)
# Registered Beekeepers with DECA	5,375 (51.4%)

Note: The Hobbyist sector is continuing to grow while the Commercial sector is contracting. From February 2021 until February 2022:

- The number of registered beekeepers increased from 10,204 to 10,465,
- The number of registered apiaries increased from 61,989 to 63,761, but
- The number of colonies on registered apiaries decreased from 880,364 to 843,069

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