



 THE MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
NATIONAL AMERICAN FOULBROOD  
PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN

# AFB BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR 2023/24

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# PROPOSAL

## The proposal for American Foulbrood Beekeeper Levy for 2023/24 is to remain the same at **\$40 per beekeeper and \$1.70 per colony**

— September 2022

**American foulbrood (AFB) is a serious disease of honeybee worldwide and causes considerable economic losses. In the absence of effective disease controls AFB has caused a significant decrease in honeybee populations, beekeeping industries and agricultural production.**

Due to the serious impacts of AFB, New Zealand has legislation in the form of the National American Foulbrood Pest Management Plan (NPMP) to ensure that all beekeepers have legal obligations to eliminate AFB from their beehives. Implementation of the NPMP is funded by the American Foulbrood Beekeeper levy.

The Management Agency has initiated consultation with beekeepers to review the NPMP and prepare a proposal of potential modifications to ensure the NPMP is effective for the next 10 years. The draft proposal has been presented to beekeepers for their consideration as part of the third round of consultation. Submissions closed on 23 September 2022.

The Management Agency is now consulting on its budget for the 2023/24 levy year.

The Management Agency has considered the cost of the levy to beekeepers, the value of taking additional time to bed in recent improvements to the implementation of the NPMP and the current review of the NPMP when

proposing the rate of levy. The Management Agency is proposing that the rate of levy for the 2023/24 levy year should remain the same at \$40 (\$46 including GST) per beekeeper and \$1.70 (\$1.96 per colony).

We understand it is a challenging environment for many beekeepers and as with earlier advice, if you find yourself facing financial hardship please get in touch sooner rather than later.

The Management Agency forecasts that levy revenue for 2023/24 will fall by \$129,000 reflecting a forecast decline in the number of registered beekeepers and colonies. The Management Agency proposes to offset the reduced levy revenue by reducing expenditure by \$97,000.

The Management Agency will continue to provide beekeepers with the same standard of AFB elimination services as currently provided. Expenditure on the review of the plan order will reduce by \$90,000 as this project will be completed in 2022/23.

# HOW DO I MAKE A SUBMISSION?

## Key Dates

Consultation closes:

**5pm Sunday 9 October 2022**

Management Agency Board  
notifies decision:

**December 2022.**

## How can I have my say?

You can respond online by following the link at [afb.org.nz/budgets/](https://afb.org.nz/budgets/) or

Completing the attached submission form and posting it back to us at: **The Management Agency, PO Box 44282, Lower Hutt 5040.**

## Improvements we have made

The Management Agency expects to continue to deliver improved service to beekeepers including:

- Having two Operations Managers to ensure that The Management Agency has the capacity to investigate and respond to beekeeper notifications of non-compliance and AFB as well as managing the inspection of apiaries,
- Inspecting 2,400 (4%) apiaries each year,
- Testing 500 honey samples for AFB,
- Having adequate Apiary Coordinator resource to ensure that The Management Agency provides timely support to beekeepers during the months of peak demand associated with Annual Disease Returns and Certificates of Inspection, and
- HiveHub – ongoing support and maintenance

## The rate of levy is proposed to remain the same

The rate of levy is proposed to remain the same at \$40 (\$46 including GST) per beekeeper and \$1.70 (\$1.96 including GST) per bee colony owned by each beekeeper as at 31 March 2023.

## What will the levy be invested in?

Function	Current Budget (including cost recovered expenses)	Proposed Budget for 2023 / 24 Levy Year (including cost recovered expenses)
Training	<b>\$90,000</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ AFB Recognition courses</li> </ul>	<b>\$91,000</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ AFB Recognition courses</li> </ul>
Extension, Research and Communications	<b>\$72,000</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Suspect AFB laboratory tests</li> <li>○ AFB website upgrade</li> <li>○ ApiNZ Conference stand</li> <li>○ October and March Beekeeper Magazine, and</li> <li>○ AFB elimination communications and collateral including newsletter</li> </ul>	<b>\$41,000</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Suspect AFB laboratory tests</li> <li>○ AFB website</li> <li>○ ApiNZ Conference stand</li> <li>○ October and March Beekeeper Magazine, and</li> <li>○ AFB elimination communications and collateral including newsletter</li> </ul>
Apiary Register	<b>\$384,000</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ HiveHub</li> <li>○ Beekeeper registration / deregistration</li> <li>○ Apiary registration / deregistration</li> <li>○ Annual Disease Returns</li> <li>○ Certificates of Inspection</li> <li>○ DECA applications</li> </ul>	<b>\$383,000</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ HiveHub</li> <li>○ Beekeeper registration / deregistration</li> <li>○ Apiary registration / deregistration</li> <li>○ Annual Disease Returns</li> <li>○ Certificates of Inspection</li> <li>○ DECA applications</li> </ul>
Monitoring and Audit	<b>\$460,000</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Honey surveillance (500 tests)</li> <li>○ Apiary inspections (4% of apiaries)</li> </ul>	<b>\$464,000</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Honey surveillance (500 tests)</li> <li>○ Apiary inspections (4% of apiaries)</li> </ul>
Compliance and Enforcement	<b>\$117,000</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Unregistered apiaries</li> <li>○ Compliance actions on default</li> <li>○ Default Certificates of Inspection</li> <li>○ High Risk Beekeepers (beekeepers found to have &gt;10% AFB at the time of AP2 inspection)</li> </ul>	<b>\$126,000</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Unregistered apiaries</li> <li>○ Compliance actions on default</li> <li>○ Default Certificates of Inspection</li> <li>○ High Risk Beekeepers (beekeepers found to have &gt;10% AFB at the time of AP2 inspection)</li> </ul>
Review of NPMP	<b>\$90,000</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Review and improve the Biosecurity (National American Foulbrood Pest Management Plan) Order 1998</li> </ul>	<b>Nil</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Review of the Biosecurity (National American Foulbrood Pest Management Plan) Order 1998 completed in 2022/23</li> </ul>
Governance, Management, and Administration	<b>\$517,000</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Governance</li> <li>○ Management and Administration</li> <li>○ Accounting, audit, legal, insurance and banking</li> <li>○ Premises</li> <li>○ IT and Telecommunications</li> <li>○ Postage</li> <li>○ Depreciation</li> <li>○ Levy collection</li> </ul>	<b>\$528,000</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Governance</li> <li>○ Management and Administration</li> <li>○ Accounting, audit, legal, insurance and banking</li> <li>○ Premises</li> <li>○ IT and Telecommunications</li> <li>○ Postage</li> <li>○ Depreciation</li> <li>○ Levy collection</li> </ul>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,730,000</b>	<b>\$1,633,000</b>