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# **American Foulbrood National Pest Management Plan**

## **Governance Report Apiculture New Zealand (Inc)**

**Report 30 – November 2022**

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## **Highlights Report**

### **1. Plan Order Consultation**

The third round of consultation was initiated on 15 August 2022. Approximately 136 beekeepers attended 10 meetings:

- 17/08/22: Southern Hub, Invercargill
- 18/08/22: Waikato Domestic Beekeepers Association, Hamilton
- 23/08/22: Canterbury Hub, Christchurch
- 25/08/22: Tairāwhiti Hub, Gisborne and Ruatoria
- 02/09/22: Bay of Plenty Hub, Tauranga
- 07/09/22: Kaitia
- 13/09/22: Nelson Hub, Nelson
- 16/09/22: Southern Discussion Group, Dunedin
- 21/09/22: Otaki Buzz Club, Otaki.

A further 59 beekeepers attended one of the 3 webinars offered.

Meetings were also organised via video conference with the five diagnostic laboratories affected by the proposed new rule requiring diagnostic laboratories to supply AFB test results to the Management Agency.

290 submissions were received by the close of consultation on 23 September 2022.

These submissions have been analysed in preparation for consideration by the Management Agency Board on 15 November 2022.

Subsequent to consideration of submissions by the Management Agency Board the proposal to amend the Biosecurity (National American Foulbrood Pest Management Plan) Order 1998 will be finalised for submission to the Minister for Biosecurity.

### **2. 2023/24 Budget Consultation**

Collateral for the 2023/24 Budget consultation was prepared and 2023/24 budget consultation was initiated after the close of plan order consultation on 26 September 2022.

19 submissions were received by the close of consultation on 9 October 2022.

These submissions have been analysed in preparation for consideration by the Management Agency Board on 15 November 2022.

Subsequent to consideration of submissions by the Management Agency Board the Management Agency will announce the 2023/24 rate of levy in December 2022.

### **3. Development of Online AFB Training**

Development of new online AFB Recognition and Refresher training is nearing completion and are expected to be deployed by December 2022. As part of this project the Management Agency has also reviewed and improved the classroom-based training course and videos. Classroom-based training courses transitioned to the new course materials effective 17 September 2022.

AFB Recognition Course Trainers have provided positive feedback about the new training courses.

### **4. Certificates of Inspection**

Non-DECA holders were informed of the requirement to complete a Certificate of Inspection on 25 August 2022. 470 Certificates of Inspection had been completed by the end of October, down slightly from the 507 completed in the same period the year before.

The Management Agency has sent out email and SMS reminders. Weekly email reminders and fortnightly SMS reminders are planned for November.

Management Agency 2022/23 Activity Report													
	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Total
# HiveHub portal logins	4,721	2,058	2,744	4,130	5,964								19,617
# 0800 AFB PMP phone calls	1217	612	554	572	629								3,584
Outgoing	419	223	235	242	247								1,366
Incoming	798	389	319	330	382								2,218
# Help and support cases opened	1,206	516	486	548	852								3,608
# Help and support cases closed	1,057	708	444	576	786								3,571
Apiary Coordinators	805	397	299	463	677								2,641
Administrator	220	290	121	71	71								773
Operations Managers	31	17	23	41	22								134
National Compliance Manager	0	4	1	1	1								7
# New Beekeeper Registrations	34	28	31	89	154								336
# Beekeepers Deregistered	282	121	106	87	108								704
# BK Employees granted HiveHub access	2	1	2	7	5								17
# New Apiary Registrations	298	230	290	431	585								1,834
# Apiary Deregistrations	836	511	420	489	580								2,836
# Colony Returns Completed	1,549	129	4	1	0								1,683
# ADRs Completed	1,781	369	13	5	4								2,172
#COIs completed	1	1	10	127	331								470
# Training Course Participants	43	29	44	104	91								311
# Full Course + Test Participants	39	24	38	32	53								186
# AFB Refresher Participants	4	5	6	72	38								125
# DECAs Approved	28	21	31	42	49								171
#Hobbyist	22	12	28	35	42								139
#Commercial	6	9	3	7	7								32
# AFB Notifications Reviewed	122	35	120	332	233								842
# Apiaries Inspected	163	72	176	459	481								1,351
# Surveillance	130	43	162	414	456								1,205
# Unregistered Apiary	4	8	11	17	13								53
# Default COI	24	19	1	0	0								44
# High Risk Beekeeper	2	0	1	19	7								29
# Monitoring Compliance with s122 Notice	2	1	0	3	0								6
# s128 Action on Default	1	1	1	6	5								14

### Statistics as of 2 November 2022

Registered beekeepers	9,902
Registered apiaries	60,392
Colonies on registered apiaries	718,587
2022 ADRs submitted	9,072
2022 ADRs submitted by 1 June	6,922 (71.7%)
2022 COI submitted	528
2021 COI submitted by 15 December	NA
# Registered Beekeepers with DECA	5,204 (52.6%)

Note: The beekeeping industry and particularly the commercial sector is continuing to contract. From November 2021 until November 2022:

- The number of registered beekeepers declined from 10,003 to 9,902
- The number of registered apiaries declined from 61,465 to 60,392, and
- The number of colonies on registered apiaries decreased from 797,655 to 718,587

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