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**American Foulbrood National Pest Management Plan**

**Governance Report**

**Apiculture New Zealand (Inc)**

**Report 31 – February 2023**

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**Highlights Report**

1. **Plan Order Consultation**

The following work has been completed in preparation to submit the proposal to the Minister:

* Analysis of round three submissions
* Response to Round three submissions
* Round three consultation summary booklet
* Proposal to amend and extend the Biosecurity (National American Foulbrood Pest Management Plan) Order 1998
* Consultation summary report (for all three rounds of consultation)

These documents have been submitted to the Board for their consideration on 14 February 2023.

1. **Development of Online AFB Training**

The online recognition training course went live on 21 November, and the online refresher course went live on 5 December. The new classroom-based refresher will be used from February 2023 onwards.

44 participants had completed the online training course and a further 95 students completed the online refresher course by the end of January 2023. Participant feedback on both courses has been positive.

1. **Certificates of Inspection**

2,640 beekeepers completed a COI prior to 15 December 2022. A further 160 beekeepers have completed a late COI up until 7 February 2023.

All beekeepers that had defaulted on their COI obligations were sent a default notice on 16 December 2022, and a follow-up default notice 19 January 2023 advised beekeepers that the Management Agency would inspect their colonies on default should they fail to complete a late COI by 17 February 2023.

As of 7 February 2023, 975 beekeepers are in default of their COI obligations. They own 9,841 colonies on 1,734 apiaries.



**Statistics as of 7 February 2023**

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| Registered beekeepers | 10,103 |
| Registered apiaries  | 60,622 |
| Colonies on registered apiaries | 720,576 |
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| 2022 ADRs submitted | 9,092 |
| 2022 ADRs submitted by 1 June | 6,922 (71.7%) |
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| 2022 COI submitted | 2,800 |
| 2021 COI submitted by 15 December | 2,640 |
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| # Registered Beekeepers with DECA | 5,329 (52.8%) |

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

* The number of registered beekeepers declined from 10,465 to 10,103
* The number of registered apiaries declined from 63,761 to 60,622, and
* The number of colonies on registered apiaries decreased from 843,069 to 720,576.

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