

Queensland hive surveillance program

Welcome to the Queensland beekeeper hive surveillance program. Thank you for helping to keep our bees healthy and free from pests and diseases. The information you provide will assist Biosecurity Queensland in understanding the spread and distribution of pests and diseases and the surveillance efforts currently being undertaken by beekeepers. This information will greatly assistin preparedness for and management of bee pests and diseases.

As part of your welcome kit you will be provided with a sugar shake/alcohol wash jar, filter paper, sample submission jars and forms and factsheets on how to check your hive for pests and diseases, how to identify and manage bee pests and diseases and how to report them using the portal.



In return we require that you:

- Perform a sugar shake or alcohol wash on at least one of your hives in October and April for the next 2 years
- Report the outcome of your sugar shake or alcohol wash using the Hive Surveillance Online Portal. You can access the portal using the below QR code or the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries Website https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/contact/report-a-biosecurity-pest-or-disease?form=hive_surveillance-1553075



 Report notifiable pests to the DAF hotline 13 25 23 in addition to reporting them through the portal (with the exception of American Foulbrood (AFB) for which portal reporting is sufficient)

You are encouraged to check all of your hives and to check them more often than twice a year (preferably every 4-6 weeks) and to submit the outcome of the checks through the online portal. This will assist us

in having a better understanding of the prevalence and distribution of bee pests and diseases in Queensland and a greater ability to target and manage these pests and diseases. Upon receiving your completed sign on form we will contact you to determine if you require further training and to organise a training session with you. If you already feel confident undertaking a hive check and reporting through the Hive Surveillance Portal you are welcome to start doing this at any time.

If you are unable to undertake a sugar shake or alcohol wash during October or April please advise the Bee Biosecurity Officer

(<u>bee.biosecurity@daf.qld.gov.au</u>) with the approximate date that you will undertake the hive surveillance.

If you no longer have bees please log onto the Hive Surveillance Portal and choose the option "I am no longer a beekeeper" and we will remove you from the program.

If you wish to sign on to the program, please send a scanned copy of the form to Bee.Biosecurity@daf.qld.gov.au .

Alternatively, you can mail a printed copy to Bee Biosecurity Officer GPO Box 267 Brisbane, Qld 4001













Hive surveillance program sign on

Name				
Hive Idei	cification Number (HIN)			
Phone n	mber			
E-mail				
Postal ac	Iress			
Will you	bees be exclusively located at your home or other fixed addr	ess?		
Multiple locations \square Home address \square Other fixed address				
Fixed address of bees				
-	hobby or al beekeeper?			
Hobby □	Commercial			
Approxir	ately how many hives do you have?			

How confident are you that you can identify the following bee pests and diseases?

Pest or disease	I don't think I could identify	I have some confidence I could identify	I am very confident I could identify
American Foulbrood			
European Foulbrood			
Varroa mites			
Tropilaelaps mites			
Nosema			
Chalkbrood			
Sacbrood			
☐ I agree to undert		over the next two y	ear period and









