



6 October 2022

Queensland Beekeepers' Association

Weekly Varroa Mite Update – Week Ending 06/10/2022

The detection of *Varroa destructor* in Newcastle on the 22nd June 2022 has created much anxiety within the Australian beekeeping industry. In an effort to streamline our communications to our members the QBA will now offer weekly updates to our members and affiliate clubs giving insight into our current areas of focus.

We actively encourage all beekeepers to undertake varroa mite surveillance activities on managed hives and report the results (including negative results) to the Bee 123 portal. For more information on the Bee 123 portal please click [here](#).

Weekly Update 6th October 2022

Bee 123 data to date:

Total beekeepers reporting results	320
Total Hives checked	2782
Total hives reported	9837
Total No. of Recreational Beekeeper Surveys:	231
Total No. of Commercial Beekeeper Surveys:	86
Mites found or suspected	0

Bundaberg Pollination Event Varroa Mite Surveillance:

**Surveillance activities: alcohol wash, drone uncapping and frame inspection.*

Total Apiaries/Beekeepers tested:	8
Total Hives Inspected:	224
Total Hives Present at surveillance locations:	2413
Total No. locations/properties surveyed:	8

Key Points:

- Biosecurity Instrument Permits for movement into in Qld of beehive supers for extraction & used hives for irradiation from the NSW GEZ ('Blue Zone') have been developed and are being issued.
 - Information on permit conditions and information have been added to the [DAF eHub](#)
 - 15 permits issued
 - 5 not approved
 - 4 in progress (all within expected time frame)
- There have been two treatment facility (2) compliance inspections with positive outcomes.

- Scheduled compliance activities for all permitted activities to commence this week.
- Risk assessments for permits currently being developed:
 - Movement of Queen bees from interstate and NSW blue zone.
 - Harmonised movement of hives NSW blue zone to VIC, SA & QLD.
 - Movement of apiary equipment and PPE from interstate and NSW blue zone for irradiation for endemic bee pest control and back into NSW and/or to stay in QLD.
 - Movement of used/dead hives from the NSW red and purple zones to QLD for irradiation for endemic bee pest control and back into NSW and/or to stay in QLD.
 -

Upcoming Events:

- An industry webinar will be held in collaboration with the Queensland Beekeepers Association on 11 October 2022 on hive movement requirements and movement permits.
- Practical Day demonstrations by Biosecurity Queensland's Bee Biosecurity Officer are scheduled:
 - 6 November 2022 with Ipswich and West Moreton Beekeepers at Ipswich.
 - 19 November 2022 with Gold Coast Regional Beekeepers at Nerang.

Past Events:

The recording of AHBIC's online webinar held on 31 August 2022 can now be watched from your computer or electronic device. Please [click here](#) to watch the presentation.

QBA Membership:

The Queensland Beekeepers' Association warmly welcome new members to our organisation. To complete an application for membership please visit <https://members.qbabees.org.au/join-us/>

When completing your application, please nominate your preferred branch of the QBA.

Useful Information Links:

QBA Varroa mite portal - <https://members.qbabees.org.au/QBA-Varroa-Mite-Portal>

DAF Engagement Hub - <https://daf.engagementhub.com.au/varroa-mite>

NSW DPI - <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/emergencies/biosecurity/current-situation/varroa-mite-emergency-response>

Subscribe to Biosecurity E-Alerts – [Click here](#).