



21 September 2022

Queensland Beekeepers' Association

Weekly Varroa Mite Update – Week Ending 20/09/2022

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 20th September 2022

Bee 123 data to date:

Total beekeepers reporting results	290
Total Hives checked	2612
Total hives reported	9079
Mites found or suspected	0

Key Points:

- There was 1 new detection of Varroa mite in NSW reported on 18 September. The new detection was located within the existing red eradication zone in the Newcastle area. A beekeeper called in the result after completing surveillance at home. This brings total infected premises across NSW to 100.
- Queensland's movement control order (MCO) remains in place.
- Biosecurity Queensland Officers continue to respond to potential breaches.
- Moving supers and equipment to Queensland from the General Emergency Surveillance Zone ('blue zone) for irradiation, requires a [biosecurity instrument permit](#) (BIP). To apply for a biosecurity instrument permit visit <https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/business-priorities/biosecurity/policy-legislation-regulation/biosecurity-instrument-permit> Please allow 3-5 days for applications to be processed.
- DAF continues to record and monitor surveillance results on the Bee 123 reporting page of the DAF website and encourages all beekeepers who have not yet done a test and reported the results to DAF to do so as soon as possible.

- Biosecurity Queensland is continuing surveillance activities in the Wide Bay/Burnett area checking on hives in Avocados and Macadamias. We sincerely express our thanks to the QBA members who've granted permission for their hives to be involved in this exercise. In the past the QBA have advocated for a practical pest and disease surveillance exercise in large-scale annual pollination events. Given the increasing demand for managed hives for pollination and what we believe will be a successful outcome of the current exercise, Biosecurity Queensland may have more appetite to run annual surveillance operations in the future.

Upcoming Events:

QBA Brisbane Branch Meeting

When: Saturday 24th of September 2022, 2:00PM

Where: DAF Research Facility, 26-40 Delancey St Cleveland

Open to: QBA Brisbane Branch members and Local Affiliate Club Executive.

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>

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