



4 October 2022

## Queensland Beekeepers' Association

### Weekly Varroa Mite Update – Week Ending 28/09/2022

The detection of *Varroa destructor* in Newcastle on the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 28th September 2022

#### Bee 123 data to date:

Total beekeepers reporting results	308
Total Hives checked	2698
Total hives reported	9588
Mites found or suspected	0

#### 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](#)
- Inspections to ensure compliance with permit conditions scheduled to commence 29/9/22.
- Scheduled compliance activities for all permitted activities to commence this week.
- The QBA is continuing its work with Biosecurity Queensland to identify solutions for the safe return of hives stranded outside of Queensland.

#### Upcoming Events:

- Industry webinar to be held in collaboration with QBA on hive movement and permits– Tentative date 11th Oct 7:00pm.
- Practical Day demonstration by Bee Biosecurity Officer booked for 6th Nov. with Ipswich and West Moreton Beekeepers

**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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