

# Facial Eczema Risk Bulletin

For week ended 23 Jan 2026

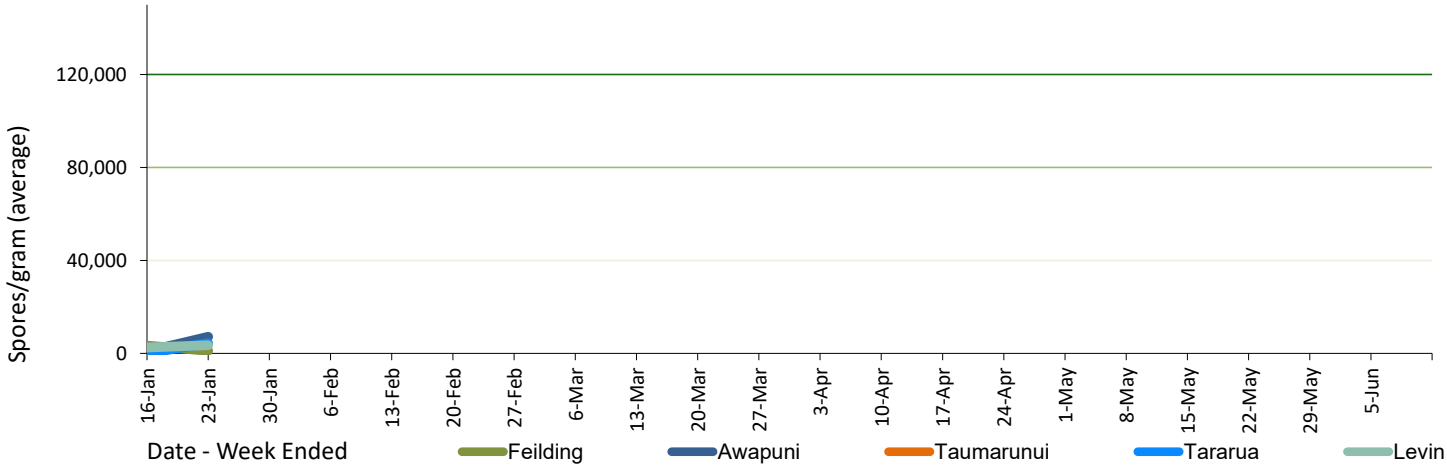


	Feilding	Awapuni	Tararua	Taumarunui	Levin
No. of sites monitored:	9	7	8	2	10
Average Spore Count:	0	5,000	5,000	0	5,000
Highest Spore Count:	5,000	20,000	10,000	0	20,000
Lowest Spore Count:	0	0	0	0	0
Facial Eczema Risk Rating:	LOW	LOW	LOW	LOW	LOW
	(BASED ON AVERAGE SPORE COUNT)				

The spore count risk in all areas is LOW.

There are a few hot spots beginning to show - the Ohau site in Levin has moved from 15,000 to 20,000 and animals grazing pasture at these levels should have zinc in place to protect the liver. Zinc at low levels in water or on feed should be lifted and boluses should be administered if not already done. There has been considerable rainfall in some areas but rain does not wash away risk. If a spore base exists and the temperature is warm an explosive event can occur. Ingestion of spores by stock grazing low enough can result in severe liver damage, immediate production decline, delayed (10-14 days later) photosensitisation. Longer term though the FE risk may have decreased because such rainfall may have kick started autumn pasture growth.

FE Spore Count Trend 2026



Facial Eczema Monitor Sites 2026																One-off spore counts are not included here							
Wk ended		16-Jan	23-Jan	30-Jan	6-Feb	13-Feb	20-Feb	27-Feb	6-Mar	13-Mar	20-Mar	27-Mar	3-Apr	10-Apr	17-Apr	24-Apr	1-May	8-May	15-May	22-May	29-May	5-Jun	
FEILDING	Apiti																						
	Halcombe	5,000	0																				
	Makino	0	0																				
	Cheltenham Run-off	5,000																					
	Ohakea	0																					
	Pohangina Taonui Rd			0																			
	Pohangina Awahou		5,000																				
	Colyton			0																			
	Rongotea																						
	Bulls Irrigated																						
	Bulls Non Irrigated																						
	Bunnythorpe/Kelvin Gr			0																			
	Lockwood Road	0																					
	Reids Ln West <sup>Irrigated</sup>			0																			
	Reids Ln West <sup>Non Irrigated</sup>			0																			
	Daltons Rd Awahuri																						
AWAPUNI	Puke Puke	0	0																				
	Kair Nth	0	0																				
	Kair Sth	0																					
	Longburn	0																					
	Linton/Tokomaru	0	10,000																				
	Opiki	0	0																				
	Okuku Sth	10,000	5,000																				
TARARUA	Eketahuna	0																					
	Alfredton		5,000																				
	Kaitawa		0																				
	Hamua	5,000	10,000																				
	Ballance	0	10,000																				
	Woodville	0	0																				
	Ruawhata	5,000	5,000																				
	Kohinui		5,000																				
Kumeroa	5,000	0																					
TAUMARUNUI	Ngapuke		0																				
	Ohura/Matiere																						
	Owhango																						
	Town - West																						
	Town - East																						
	Manunui	0																					
	Ongarue	0																					
	Kirikau			0																			
LEVIN	Shannon	0	0																				
	Ihakara	0	5,000																				
	Foxton	0	10,000																				
	Moutoa	0	0																				
	Waitarere	5,000	0																				
	Levin	0	0																				
	Ohau	15,000	20,000																				
	Manakau	5,000	0																				
	Otaki	0	0																				
	Te Horo	0	0																				

Spore counts can vary greatly between properties and even between paddocks. We encourage farmers to bring in grass samples to get a more accurate idea of the facial eczema risk on their own property. Contact your local Totally Vets, Tararua Veterinary Services or Levin & Horowhenua Veterinary Centre branch if you would like more information on bringing in your own samples for testing.

FACIAL ECZEMA MONITOR SITES BY BRANCH

