

Facial Eczema Risk Bulletin

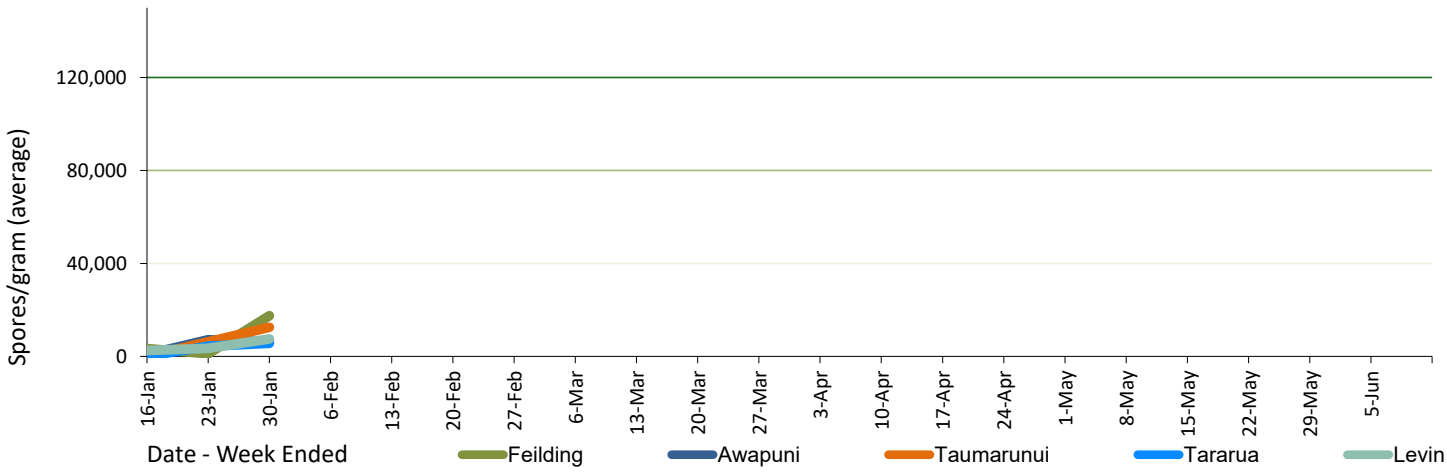
For week ended 30 Jan 2026



	Feilding	Awapuni	Tararua	Taumarunui	Levin
No. of sites monitored:	16	4	8	7	10
Average Spore Count:	20,000	10,000	5,000	10,000	10,000
Highest Spore Count:	110,000	15,000	15,000	45,000	20,000
Lowest Spore Count:	0	0	0	0	0
Facial Eczema Risk Rating:	MED	LOW	LOW	LOW	LOW
	(BASED ON AVERAGE SPORE COUNT)				

A few hot spots are starting to show up across the region. Two paddocks on a non-sentinel farm in Kopane recorded 75,000 and 110,000, and sentinel farms in Bulls and Matiere/Ohura were 35,000 and 45,000 respectively. The Ohau site at Levin has had three weeks at 15,000 to 20,000. Spores ingested at these levels for several weeks will be affecting the liver even though you may not be seeing symptoms at this point. All animals grazing paddocks at these levels should be protected with zinc whether by bolus, in the water, or in feed. Talk to us about the best option to suit your farming system if you have not already done so, don't wait until your own spore counts rise before starting a conversation.

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	5,000																			
	Makino	0	0																				
	Cheltenham Run-off	5,000		0																			
	Ohakea	0																					
	Pohangina Taonui Rd			0	0																		
	Pohangina Awahou		5,000	0																			
	Colyton		0	10,000																			
	Rongotea		5,000																				
	Bulls Irrigated			10,000																			
	Bulls Non Irrigated			35,000																			
	Bunnythorpe/Kelvin Gr			0	0																		
	Lockwood Road	0	15,000																				
	Reids Ln West ^{Irrigated}			0	0																		
	Reids Ln West ^{Non Irrigated}			0	0																		
	Daltons Rd Awahuri			20,000																			
AWAPUNI	Puke Puke	0	0																				
	Kair Nth	0	0	0																			
	Kair Sth	0																					
	Longburn	0																					
	Linton/Tokomaru	0	10,000	0																			
	Opiki	0	0	10,000																			
	Okuku Sth	10,000	5,000	15,000																			
TARARUA	Eketahuna	0																					
	Alfredton		5,000	5,000																			
	Kaitawa		0	0																			
	Hamua	5,000	10,000	10,000																			
	Ballance	0	10,000	0																			
	Woodville	0	0	0																			
	Ruawhata	5,000	5,000	10,000																			
	Kohinui		5,000	5,000																			
	Kumeroa	5,000	0	15,000																			
TAUMARUNUI	Ngapuke		0	10,000																			
	Ohura/Matiere			45,000																			
	Owhango			0																			
	Town - West			10,000																			
	Town - East			10,000																			
	Manunui	0																					
	Ongarue	0		5,000																			
	Kirikau		0	5,000																			
LEVIN	Shannon	0	0	0																			
	Ihakara	0	5,000	15,000																			
	Foxton	0	10,000	10,000																			
	Moutoa	0	0	5,000																			
	Waitarere	5,000	0	5,000																			
	Levin	0	0	0																			
	Ohau	15,000	20,000	20,000																			
	Manakau	5,000	0	10,000																			
	Otaki	0	0	5,000																			
	Te Horo	0	0	5,000																			

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

