

# Facial Eczema Risk Bulletin

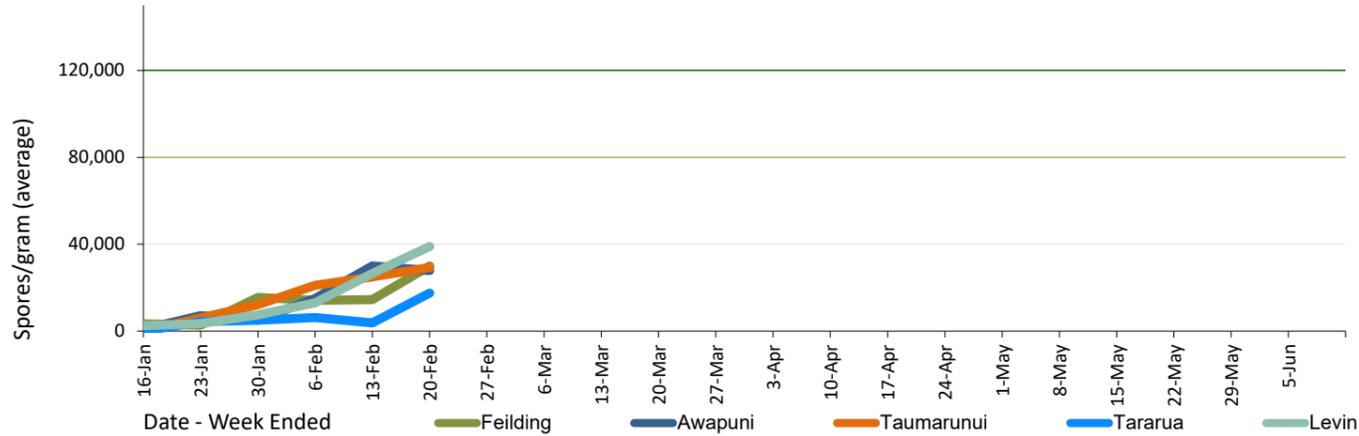
For week ended 20 February 2026



|                            | Feilding    | Awapuni                        | Tararua         | Taumarunui  | Levin       |
|----------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| No. of sites monitored:    | 20          | 7                              | 8               | 7           | 10          |
| Average Spore Count:       | 30,000      | 30,000                         | 20,000          | 30,000      | 40,000      |
| Highest Spore Count:       | 185,000     | 90,000                         | 70,000          | 110,000     | 140,000     |
| Lowest Spore Count:        | 0           | 0                              | 0               | 0           | 5,000       |
| Facial Eczema Risk Rating: | <b>HIGH</b> | <b>HIGH</b>                    | <b>MED-HIGH</b> | <b>HIGH</b> | <b>HIGH</b> |
|                            |             | (BASED ON AVERAGE SPORE COUNT) |                 |             |             |

All areas are recording an average of HIGH or MED-HIGH. There are still a lot of paddocks that are not at this risk level so bring in grass from your farm to assess your risk level. The highest spore count this week was 185,000 on a non-sentinel farm on the north side of Feilding other high counts from our sentinel farms are recorded below. A one off high count above 30,000 can affect the liver and zinc should be at full rates in water or feed and zinc boluses should be administered. A few weeks at slightly lower levels of 15,000-20,000 can have an accumulative effect and this advice also applies for those farms. If you have any questions don't hesitate to give us a call or speak with your vet if they are on farm.

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 |  |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--|
| <b>FEILDING</b>   | Apiti                       |           |        | 5,000  | 5,000   | 5,000   | 10,000  |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
|                   | Halcombe                    | 5,000     | 0      | 5,000  |         | 5,000   | 65,000  |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
|                   | Makino                      | 0         | 0      | 5,000  | 0       | 5,000   | 0       |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
|                   | Cheltenham Run-off          | 5,000     |        | 0      | 0       | 0       | 10,000  |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
|                   | Ohakea                      | 0         |        | 20,000 | 0       |         | 10,000  |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
|                   | Pohangina Taonui Rd         |           | 0      | 0      | 0       | 5,000   | 10,000  |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
|                   | Pohangina Awahou            |           | 5,000  | 0      | 0       | 5,000   | 30,000  |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
|                   | Colyton                     |           | 0      | 10,000 | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0      |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
|                   | Rongotea                    |           | 5,000  |        | 0       | 5,000   | 0       |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
|                   | Bulls Irrigated             |           |        | 10,000 | 10,000  | 0       | 5,000   |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
|                   | Bulls Non Irrigated         |           |        | 35,000 | 85,000  | 105,000 | 30,000  |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
|                   | Bunnythorpe/Kelvin Gr       |           |        | 0      | 0       | 0       | 5,000   | 0      |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
|                   | Lockwood Road               | 0         | 15,000 | 0      | 0       | 0       | 0       | 60,000 |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
|                   | Reids Ln West Irrigated     |           | 0      | 0      | 10,000  | 0       | 10,000  |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
|                   | Reids Ln West Non Irrigated |           | 0      | 0      | 0       | 0       | 5,000   |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
|                   | Awahuri                     |           |        | 20,000 | 130,000 | 20,000  | 160,000 |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
| <b>AWAPUNI</b>    | Puke Puke                   | 0         | 0      |        | 0       | 0       | 20,000  |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
|                   | Kair Nth                    | 0         | 0      | 0      | 0       | 0       | 0       |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
|                   | Kair Sth                    | 0         |        |        |         |         |         |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
|                   | Longburn                    | 0         |        | 0      | 5,000   | 0       | 30,000  |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
|                   | Linton/Tokomaru             | 0         | 10,000 | 0      | 45,000  | 15,000  | 10,000  |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
|                   | Opiki                       | 0         | 0      | 10,000 | 35,000  | 10,000  | 90,000  |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
|                   | Okuku Sth                   | 10,000    | 5,000  | 15,000 | 5,000   | 180,000 | 30,000  |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
|                   | <b>TARARUA</b>              | Eketahuna | 0      |        | 0       | 20,000  |         |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
| Alfredton         |                             |           | 5,000  | 5,000  |         | 0       | 15,000  |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
| Kaitawa           |                             |           | 0      | 0      | 0       | 0       | 25,000  |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
| Hamua             |                             | 5,000     | 10,000 | 10,000 | 0       | 0       | 10,000  |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
| Ballance          |                             | 0         | 10,000 | 0      | 5,000   | 0       | 0       |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
| Woodville         |                             | 0         | 0      | 0      | 10,000  | 0       | 10,000  |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
| Ruawhata          |                             | 5,000     | 5,000  | 10,000 | 5,000   | 0       | 70,000  |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
| Kohinui           |                             |           | 5,000  | 5,000  | 10,000  | 30,000  | 5,000   |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
| Kumeroa           |                             | 5,000     | 0      | 15,000 | 0       | 0       | 5,000   |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
| <b>TAUMARUNUI</b> | Ngapuke                     |           | 0      | 10,000 | 10,000  | 20,000  | 60,000  |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
|                   | Ohura/Matiere               |           |        | 45,000 | 45,000  | 65,000  | 110,000 |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
|                   | Owhango                     |           |        | 0      | 25,000  | 15,000  | 0       |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
|                   | Town - West                 |           |        | 10,000 | 15,000  | 50,000  | 5,000   |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
|                   | Town - East                 |           |        | 10,000 | 15,000  | 5,000   | 5,000   |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
|                   | Manunui                     | 0         |        |        | 55,000  |         |         |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
|                   | Ongarue                     | 0         |        | 5,000  | 10,000  | 10,000  | 5,000   |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
|                   | Kirikau                     |           | 0      | 5,000  | 5,000   | 10,000  | 20,000  |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
| <b>LEVIN</b>      | Shannon                     | 0         | 0      | 0      | 0       | 5,000   | 20,000  |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
|                   | Ihakara                     | 0         | 5,000  | 15,000 | 5,000   | 10,000  | 30,000  |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
|                   | Foxtan                      | 0         | 10,000 | 10,000 | 5,000   | 30,000  | 20,000  |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
|                   | Moutoa                      | 0         | 0      | 5,000  | 10,000  | 5,000   | 15,000  |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
|                   | Waitarere                   | 5,000     | 0      | 5,000  | 75,000  | 105,000 | 140,000 |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
|                   | Levin                       | 0         | 0      | 0      | 0       | 15,000  | 5,000   |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
|                   | Ohau                        | 15,000    | 20,000 | 20,000 | 10,000  | 25,000  | 30,000  |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
|                   | Manakau                     | 5,000     | 0      | 10,000 | 10,000  | 70,000  | 50,000  |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
|                   | Otaki                       | 0         | 0      | 5,000  | 0       | 0       | 55,000  |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |
|                   | Te Horo                     | 0         | 0      | 5,000  | 15,000  | 0       | 25,000  |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |        |        |        |       |  |

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

