

# Facial Eczema Risk Bulletin

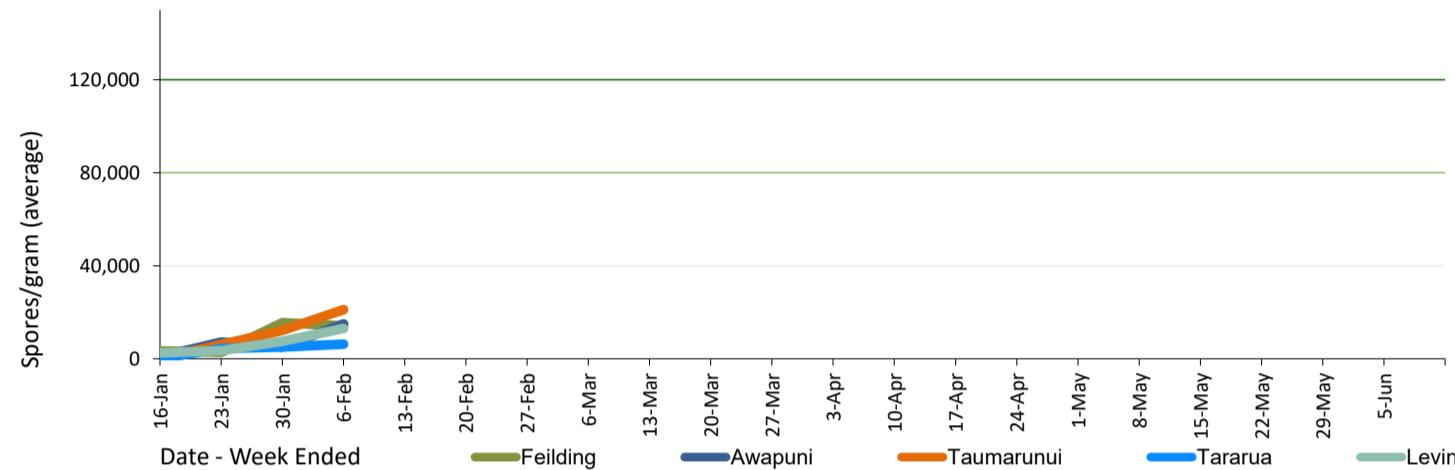
For week ended 6 February 2026



	Feilding	Awapuni	Tararua	Taumarunui	Levin
No. of sites monitored:	17	6	8	9	10
Average Spore Count:	15,000	15,000	5,000	20,000	15,000
Highest Spore Count:	130,000	45,000	20,000	55,000	75,000
Lowest Spore Count:	0	0	0	5,000	0
Facial Eczema Risk Rating:	<b>MED</b>	<b>MED</b> (BASED ON AVERAGE SPORE COUNT)	<b>LOW</b>	<b>MED</b>	<b>MED</b>

The risk rating in most areas is MEDIUM this week. The counts on the sentinel farms in the table below are starting to build a picture of the risk on the paddocks sampled. Hot spots are appearing and there are still a lot where zinc boluses can be held off or zinc on feed or in water can remain at low levels. Other conditions are starting to show on-farm with lungworm killing weaners so don't ignore coughing calves and if in doubt bring in faecal samples for us to check.

## FE Spore Count Trend 2026



## Facial Eczema Monitor Sites 2026

One-off spore counts are not included here

	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			5,000	5,000																
	Halcombe	5,000	0	5,000																	
	Makino	0	0	5,000	0																
	Cheltenham Run-off	5,000		0	0																
	Ohakea	0		20,000	0																
	Pohangina Taonui Rd			0	0	0															
	Pohangina Awahou	5,000		0	0																
	Colyton			0	10,000	0															
	Rongotea	5,000			0																
	Bulls Irrigated			10,000	10,000																
	Bulls Non Irrigated			35,000	85,000																
	Bunnythorpe/Kelvin Gr	0	0	0																	
	Lockwood Road	0	15,000	0	0																
	Reids Ln West <sup>Irrigated</sup>			0	0	10,000															
AWAPUNI	Reids Ln West <sup>Non Irrigated</sup>			0	0	0															
	Daltons Rd Awahuri			20,000	130,000																
	Puke Puke	0	0	0																	
	Kair Nth	0	0	0	0																
	Kair Sth	0																			
	Longburn	0		0	5,000																
	Linton/Tokomaru	0	10,000	0	45,000																
TARARUA	Opiki	0	0	10,000	35,000																
	Okuku Sth	10,000	5,000	15,000	5,000																
	Eketahuna	0		0	20,000																
	Alfreton		5,000	5,000																	
	Kaitawa		0	0	0																
	Hamua	5,000	10,000	10,000	0																
	Ballance	0	10,000	0	5,000																
TAUMARUNUI	Woodville	0	0	0	10,000																
	Ruawhata	5,000	5,000	10,000	5,000																
	Kohinui		5,000	5,000	10,000																
	Kumeroa	5,000	0	15,000	0																
	Ngapuke	0	10,000	10,000																	
	Ohura/Matiere		45,000	45,000																	
	Owhango		0	25,000																	
LEVIN	Town - West		10,000	15,000																	
	Town - East		10,000	15,000																	
	Manunui	0		55,000																	
	Ongarue	0		5,000	10,000																
	Kirikau	0	5,000	5,000																	
	Shannon	0	0	0	0																
	Ihakara	0	5,000	15,000	5,000																
LEVIN	Foxton	0	10,000	10,000	5,000																
	Moutoa	0	0	5,000	10,000																
	Waitarere	5,000	0	5,000	75,000																
	Levin	0	0	0	0																
	Ohau	15,000	20,000	20,000	10,000																
	Manakau	5,000	0	10,000	10,000																
	Otaki	0	0	5,000	0																
LEVIN	Te Horo	0	0	5,000	15,000																

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

## FACIAL ECZEMA MONITOR SITES BY BRANCH

