

Facial Eczema Risk Bulletin

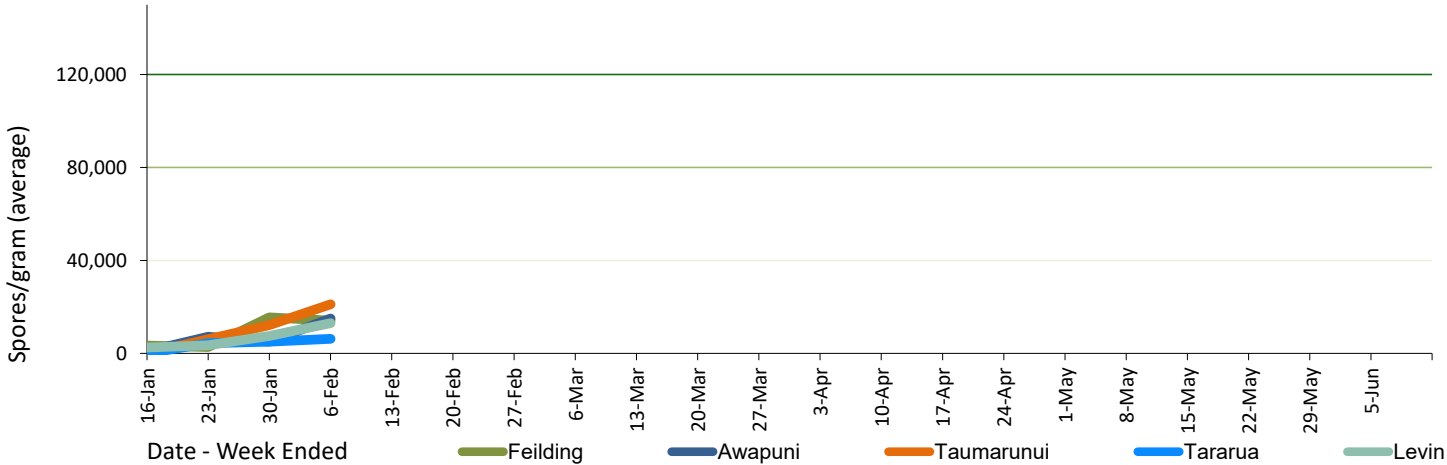
For week ended 6 February 2026



	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:	MED	MED	LOW	MED	MED
	(BASED ON AVERAGE SPORE COUNT)				

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

	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			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 Irrigated		0	0	10,000																	
	Reids Ln West Non Irrigated			0	0	0																
	Daltons Rd Awahuri			20,000	130,000																	
AWAPUNI	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																	
	Opiki	0	0	10,000	35,000																	
	Okuku Sth	10,000	5,000	15,000	5,000																	
TARARUA	Eketahuna	0		0	20,000																	
	Alfredton		5,000	5,000																		
	Kaitawa		0	0	0																	
	Hamua	5,000	10,000	10,000	0																	
	Ballance	0	10,000	0	5,000																	
	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																	
TAUMARUNUI	Ngapuke		0	10,000	10,000																	
	Ohura/Matiere			45,000	45,000																	
	Owhango			0	25,000																	
	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																	
LEVIN	Shannon	0	0	0	0																	
	Ihakara	0	5,000	15,000	5,000																	
	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																	
	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 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

