

Facial Eczema Risk Bulletin

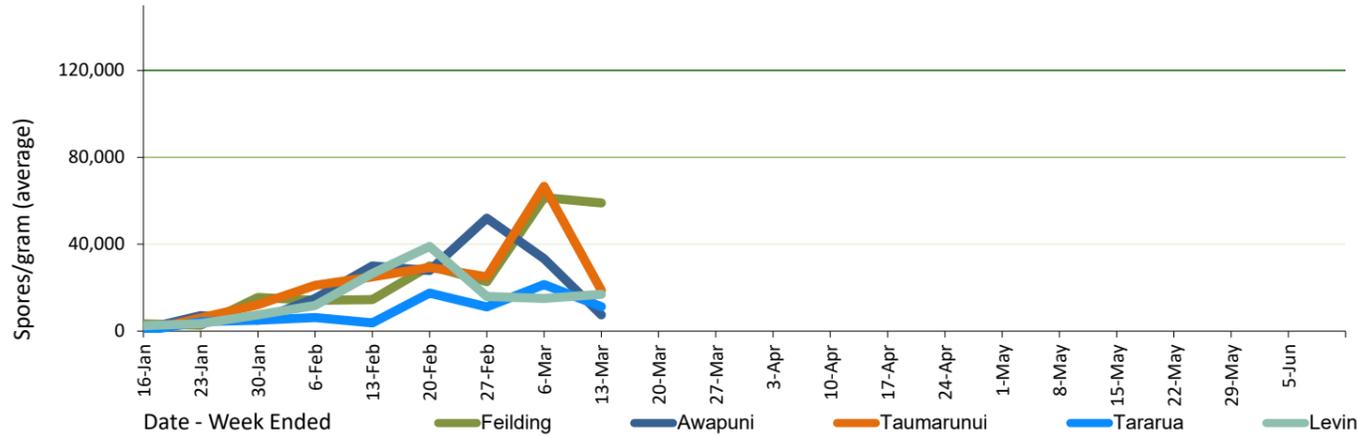
For week ended 13 March 2026



	Feilding	Awapuni	Tararua	Taumarunui	Levin
No. of sites monitored:	20	6	8	4	10
Average Spore Count:	60,000	10,000	10,000	20,000	20,000
Highest Spore Count:	730,000	15,000	50,000	40,000	35,000
Lowest Spore Count:	0	0	0	0	0
Facial Eczema Risk Rating:	HIGH	LOW	LOW	MED-HIGH	MED-HIGH
	(BASED ON AVERAGE SPORE COUNT)				

With temperatures fluctuating last week the spore counts are showing inconsistencies. Some sites have dropped and some have increased. It is important to test your own property to help you determine your own risk. Early signs of facial eczema affecting stock include increased restlessness, head shaking/rubbing, appetite decline, fall in milk yield, shade seeking, kicking off cups, and licking flanks and back. If you are unsure whether your zinc supplementation is working talk to us about blood testing to check zinc serum levels.

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	5,000	10,000	5,000	15,000	15,000												
Halcombe	5,000	0	5,000		5,000	65,000	10,000	30,000	0												
Makino	0	0	5,000	0	5,000	0	5,000	0	0												
Cheltenham Run-off	5,000		0	0	0	10,000	20,000														
Ohakea	0		20,000	0		10,000		85,000	0												
Pohangina Taonui Rd		0	0	0	5,000	10,000	5,000	60,000	55,000												
Pohangina Awahou		5,000	0	0	5,000	30,000	15,000	30,000	55,000												
Colyton		0	10,000	0	0	0	5,000	0	50,000												
Rongotea		5,000		0	5,000	0		60,000	30,000												
Bulls Irrigated			10,000	10,000	0	5,000	50,000	5,000	30,000												
Bulls Non Irrigated			35,000	85,000	105,000	30,000	150,000	50,000	10,000												
Bunnythorpe/Kelvin Gr		0	0	0	5,000	0	5,000	5,000													
Lockwood Road	0	15,000	0	0	0	60,000	20,000	25,000	60,000												
Reids Ln West Irrigated		0	0	10,000	0	10,000	0	5,000	0												
Reids Ln West Non Irrigated		0	0	0	0	5,000	10,000	10,000	10,000												
Awahuri			20,000	130,000	20,000	160,000	65,000	605,000	730,000												
AWAPUNI																					
Puke Puke	0	0		0	0	20,000	5,000	5,000													
Kair Nth	0	0	0	0	0	0			0												
Kair Sth	0								0												
Longburn	0		0	5,000	0	30,000	85,000	10,000	10,000												
Linton/Tokomaru	0	10,000	0	45,000	15,000	10,000	45,000	70,000	15,000												
Opiki	0	0	10,000	35,000	10,000	90,000	35,000	50,000	5,000												
Okuku Sth	10,000	5,000	15,000	5,000	180,000	30,000	90,000	20,000	15,000												
TARARUA																					
Eketahuna	0		0	20,000			5,000														
Alfredton		5,000	5,000		0	15,000	10,000		50,000												
Kaitawa		0	0	0	0	25,000	0	0	5,000												
Hamua	5,000	10,000	10,000	0	0	10,000	10,000	0	0												
Ballance	0	10,000	0	5,000	0	0	0	0	0												
Woodville	0	0	0	10,000	0	10,000	10,000	20,000	5,000												
Ruawhata	5,000	5,000	10,000	5,000	0	70,000	45,000	90,000	10,000												
Kohinui		5,000	5,000	10,000	30,000	5,000	15,000	25,000	10,000												
Kumeroa	5,000	0	15,000	0	0	5,000	5,000	15,000	10,000												
TAUMARUNUI																					
Ngapuke		0	10,000	10,000	20,000	60,000	50,000	190,000													
Ohura/Matiere			45,000	45,000	65,000	110,000	70,000	125,000													
Owhango			0	25,000	15,000	0	0	0	0												
Town - West			10,000	15,000	50,000	5,000	10,000	15,000	25,000												
Town - East			10,000	15,000	5,000	5,000	0	70,000	40,000												
Manunui	0			55,000																	
Ongarue	0		5,000	10,000	10,000	5,000	5,000	0	10,000												
Kirikau		0	5,000	5,000	10,000	20,000	40,000														
LEVIN																					
Shannon	0	0	0	0	5,000	20,000	0	15,000	0												
Ihakara	0	5,000	15,000	5,000	10,000	30,000	10,000	15,000	35,000												
Foxton	0	10,000	10,000	5,000	30,000	20,000	20,000	10,000	20,000												
Moutoa	0	0	5,000	10,000	5,000	15,000	20,000	10,000	30,000												
Waitarere	5,000	0	5,000	75,000	105,000	140,000	20,000	35,000	30,000												
Levin	0	0	0	0	15,000	5,000	25,000	20,000	10,000												
Ohau	15,000	20,000	20,000	10,000	25,000	30,000	0	20,000	15,000												
Manakau	5,000	0	10,000	10,000	70,000	50,000	35,000	20,000	20,000												
Otaki	0	0	5,000	0	0	55,000	0	0	0												
Te Horo	0	0	5,000	15,000	0	25,000	15,000	5,000	10,000												

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

